



Brother Jaracz will be remembered as a dedicated and loyal servant of Jehovah, wholeheartedly focused on theocratic activities. He was a loving and caring husband to Melita as they looked to put others' interests ahead of their own. This sincere interest in others was shown by his deep concern that all be dealt with fairly and mercifully. Additionally, his tireless love and concern for people were reflected in his zeal for the field ministry. He encouraged many to see for themselves that "the blessing of Jehovah" is what makes one truly rich.—Proverbs 10:22.

Although deeply saddened by our loss, we rejoice in Brother Jaracz' loyal service to Jehovah over many decades. We are confident that Brother Jaracz has 'proved himself faithful even to death and has received the crown of life' as promised at Revelation 2:10. We are also reminded of Revelation 14:13, where we are assured that 'the things he did have gone right with him.'



THEODORE JARACZ

SEPTEMBER 28, 1925 - JUNE 9, 2010

Brother Ted Jaracz of the Governing Body finished his earthly course on Wednesday morning, June 9, 2010. He was 84 years of age. He is survived by Melita Jaracz, his wife of 53 years, as well as by one sister and nephews and nieces.

Born on September 28, 1925, in Pike County, Kentucky, Brother Jaracz symbolized his dedication to Jehovah at the age of 15, on August 10, 1941. At the age of 17, he entered the regular pioneer work, thus beginning a long career of nearly 67 years in full-time service. In 1946, at the age of 20, Brother Jaracz was invited to attend the seventh class of Gilead. After graduation, Brother Jaracz was assigned to serve as a traveling overseer in the Cleveland, Ohio, area. Thereafter, in 1951, he was assigned to the Australia branch, where he served as the branch servant. The *1983 Yearbook* describes Brother Jaracz as having “greatly encouraged the brothers throughout [Australia] by his zeal for theocratic orderliness and a fine lead in the field.” After returning to the United States, Brother Jaracz married Melita Lasko on December 10, 1956. They began their married life in the traveling work, diligently serving circuits and districts covering a large part of the United States. In late 1974, Brother Jaracz was invited to become a member of the Governing Body.

