

# Rev. S. K. Emurian, 94, Prominent Presbyterian

NORFOLK — The Rev. Sisag Krikor Emurian, 94, a Presbyterian pastor and mission worker in the Tidewater area for nearly half a century, died Wednesday in a Staunton hospital.

He had lived in the Sunnyside Presbyterian Home at Massanetta Springs, near Harrisonburg, since March.

He came to Norfolk as a war

work secretary of the Central YMCA in 1918 and remained to serve more than 14 Presbyterian congregations in Norfolk, Cape Charles, Portsmouth and elsewhere in the Tidewater area.

Until shortly before his death, he was active in singing, playing and composing music and preaching as a supply minister.

Born in the parsonage of a little town, Moonjisoan, Asia Minor, he came to the United States in 1898 to study at Oberlin College in Ohio.

Surviving are a son, the Rev. Ernest K. Emurian, pastor of Cherrydale Methodist Church in Arlington, and a sister, Mrs. Eunice Haigh of Bay Village, Ohio.

He received a B.A. degree in 1894 from Anatolia College, an American-supported Congregational school in Marsovan, Asia Minor. He stayed at the college four years as professor of music and choral director.

He graduated in 1901 from Oberlin Theological Seminary with a bachelor of divinity degree. For many years afterwards he was a song leader and evangelist singer in many states. He became an American citizen in 1907 in Cleveland. He married Miss Grace R. Jenanyan of Philadelphia in 1909. In June 1966 the Emurians celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. She died in September 1966.

After serving as a war worker at Norfolk's Central YMCA, he became pastor of Park Avenue Presbyterian Church and



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held numerous other local pastorates until this year.

He was pioneer gospel singer with Radio Station WTAR. He also composed many hymns, anthems, and choruses, the most memorable being "The Lord's Prayer," composed in 1910. His "God's Best From Me" is in many hymnals today.

He was the recipient of many civic honors in recognition of 50 years of service in the Norfolk area. He lived at 1707 St. Dennis Ave., Norfolk, until last March.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday in Lafayette Presbyterian Church, Norfolk. Burial will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Suffolk. Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home has charge.

The body will be in the church at noon Friday. The family will be at the funeral home tonight from 7 to 10.