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BLANCHARD E. AMSTUTZ
September 1, 1919–January 1, 2013

Blanchard was born on September 1, 1919 in Hayes Center, Nebraska. He is a graduate of Ft. Wayne Bible College and Taylor University, where he earned a degree in religion. He

later graduated with his Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary.

Blanchard married his wife, Verna (Simmerman), in 1947 at South Ashland Methodist Church and they were involved in evangelism through the years together. They pastored churches in Kansas and Michigan before coming back to Kentucky. From 1966 to 1975, Blanchard worked for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, serving as the crusade director for several of Billy Graham's associate evangelists such as John Wesley White, Lane Adams, Howard Jones and Ralph Bell. Blanchard became a full-time local pastor in 1980, serving the Melrose United Methodist Church. The following year, he became an associate member of the Kentucky Conference.

Blanchard and Verna also served the Liberty and Eminence Churches before retiring in 1990. Even after retirement from local church ministry, Blanchard and Verna kept busy with their own interdenominational evangelistic ministry in which they conducted revival and evangelistic services. Verna had graduated from the former Asbury College with a degree in music, organ, piano and voice. They both received pacemakers but still kept busy. Verna once said, "We wore out the first ones." Blanchard chuckled, "We have to be careful we don't get our wires crossed."

For the past several years they served as voluntary chaplains at the Federal Correctional Institution in Summit before moving to live with their son, Blanchard Jr. in Coon Rapids, Minnesota.

Blanchard passed from this life on January 1, 2013 at the age of 93.



KENNETH ALLEN BROWN
March 29, 1928 – January 6, 2013

Kenneth Allen Brown was born in Glasgow, Kentucky to Rev. P. O. Brown and Mary Jane Walbert. He made a profession of faith in Christ at age twenty. He was married to Joyce

Bailey on February 23, 1952, and together they had three children. Over the next few years, Ken began to feel a call to the ministry; he attended Lindsey Wilson College and became an associate member of the Louisville Conference. He was given his first appointment to the Clarkson circuit in 1957. After serving there, he served the Glasgow circuit, Pickett's charge, Summerville charge, St. Andrew in Campbellsville, Tompkinsville circuit, French Valley/Mt. Pleasant, Burkesville/Marrowbone, Overdale, Munfordville/Mt. Beulah, and the Scottsville circuit. He served 27 churches until retiring due to heart disease in 1992. He spent the rest of his life in Glasgow and was a part of the Glasgow United Methodist Church.

He was an evangelist at heart. In his ministry, he was invited by churches and colleagues to hold revival meetings. We can only imagine the reunions in heaven of those whose lives he impacted while on this earth. He missed the pulpit and being a pastor until his death. In the last years of his life, he became home-bound as his health failed.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce, his son, Chaplain Lt. Colonel Michael Brown, United States Air Force, and his daughters Patricia Bush and Leslie Witt. Ken also had five granddaughters and one step-granddaughter. Ginger, his oldest granddaughter, preceded him in death in 1995. He is survived by one grandson, three great granddaughters, and one step-great grandson.

Ken prayed for one more Christmas to spend with his family. He shared Christmas 2012 with his them. Family had a chance to express their love, for the time was near. He entered the hospital on January 5th. On January 6th, he told his family that it would be his last day. After visitors and phone calls that day, he said it was time. He called his wife and daughter to his side and told them he loved them. His daughter whispered in his ear, "Daddy, it is OK for you to let go and be with Jesus." A few minutes later, Ken said, "Just let go," and he entered into the presence of the Lord. Praise be to God for His perfect timing.



GARY LIONEL CASE, SR.
August 4, 1935–November 22, 2012

Rev. Gary L. Case Sr. was born August 4, 1935 in Elizabeth, Indiana. Gary was a graduate of Elizabeth High School, class of 1953. He loved playing basketball and often bragged about winning the Harrison County Tourney for two years! On May 19, 1956, he married Viola Farnsley and they had three children: Gary Jr., Kim, and Perry. He also had six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

While attending a revival in 1962, Gary accepted Christ and began to sense a call to ministry. In 1965, he was appointed to pastor four Methodist churches in Southern Indiana and would serve nine churches in the years that followed. Gary graduated from Asbury College (1971) and from Asbury Theological Seminary (1975). For one of his seminary courses, he traveled to India to study the church. This experience profoundly influenced his life and ignited a passion for world-wide evangelism. In 1976, he was ordained as an elder in the Louisville Conference of the United Methodist Church and received the appointment of conference evangelist. In the year ahead, he gathered faithful supporters to launch Gary Case Evangelistic Ministries, Inc. and set out on a journey of evangelism that spanned over 20 years. He faithfully proclaimed the good news through revivals, mission conferences, evangelistic services, camp meetings, and missionary work in 20 countries and over 30 states.

During retirement years, Gary and Viola wintered in Florida where Gary enjoyed leading the Bible class at Avon Park Camp. Gary experienced great joy in serving God through preaching the good news, teaching the word, and discipling believers. He had a gift of pointing people to Christ and inspiring them to live lives for the Kingdom.

Gary enjoyed gathering with the family to celebrate Christmas and he insisted on the annual “Christmas Quiz,” which would remind everyone of the true meaning of Christmas. He also enjoyed occasional tea parties with his grandchildren and giving them rides on his John Deere lawnmower.

Gary died on November 22, 2012. While on this earth, he followed God, loved his family, valued relationships, and fulfilled the great commission, locally and around the world.



HAROLD WINSTON DORSEY
December 31, 1916–June 5, 2012

The Reverend Doctor Harold Winston Dorsey died June 5, 2012. He was in his 95th year. Born in Shelby County, KY, in 1916, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Kentucky Wesleyan College and his Master of Divinity in 1941 from Emory University's Candler School of Theology. Kentucky Wesleyan honored him in 1959 with his Doctorate of Divinity Degree.

His years of service as a minister in The United Methodist Church began with a five-point circuit in Owen and Henry Counties and included pastorates in Eminence, Irvine, Nicholasville, Prestonsburg, Pikeville, Epworth/Lexington, and Ashland. He was District Superintendent of The Danville District and The Lexington District. His related involvement included Chairman of the Board of Pensions, Board of Directors of Pikeville Methodist Hospital, Lexington's Good Samaritan Hospital, Board of Directors of Kentucky Wesleyan College, Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, Hinton Rural Life Board, World Methodist Council, Kentucky United Methodist Foundation Board of Directors, and Director of the Good Samaritan Foundation.

In 1957, he was a short term missionary to Japan. His additional community service included Chaplain of both the Prestonsburg Fire Department and later The Pike County Rescue Squad, Chairman of the Disaster Committee of the Floyd County Red Cross and later Chairman of the Rehabilitation Committee during the 1957 Flood, spokesperson for the flood control before the U.S. Congressional hearings securing the Fishtrap Dam and flood control of The Big Sandy River. He received numerous awards and recognitions throughout his lifetime of service, including Kentucky Colonel, Man of the Mountains Floyd County Hall of Fame, recipient of “Hero, Saints & Legends” Award, and Outstanding Alumnus of Kentucky Wesleyan College.

He is survived by a niece, Mrs. Lee (Rebecca) Heaton of Louisville; two nephews, Roy Hancock Dorsey, Jr. and his wife Tish Dorsey of Fort Thomas and Owen Earle Dorsey and his wife Linda Greenwood Dorsey of Atlanta, Georgia.; his sister-in-law, Mrs. Roy Hancock (Marilyn Owen) Dorsey, Sr. of Fort Thomas, Kentucky.; two great-nephews; four great nieces; six great-great-nephews; six great-great nieces; and his cousins, Emma Jean Hancock Nash and Dorothy Hancock Segretto of Shelbyville, Kentucky.



FINIS BERYL FENTRESS, JR.

July 4, 1945 – June 23, 2012

Born in Louisville, Beryl spent his childhood attending Epworth United Methodist Church. Beryl credited his Christian upbringing to his parents and maternal grandmother, among others. A former pastor, Rev. Jonathan Booher, was instrumental in his decision to accept God's call to ministry. Beryl graduated from Louisville Male High School, then joined the U.S. Navy. While stationed at Moffett Field Naval Air Station in California, he met and married his wife of 47 years, the former Karen Overton of Pacifica, California. After returning to Louisville, Beryl worked full time for the U.S. Postal Service, raising a family and attending night classes at the University of Louisville, earning a bachelor's degree.

Beryl had a ready smile and great sense of humor, loving God and his neighbors. He was always ready to share his love of God with people. Beryl accepted God's call to ministry while walking his mail route one day. He was so excited that he knocked on the door of the next person on his route to share this momentous decision. Beryl went on to attend Asbury Seminary, earning a Master of Divinity. He spent his active ministry serving churches in the former Louisville and merged Kentucky Conferences. Beryl was the proud father of Amy, Sean, and Megan and doting grandfather of five wonderful grandsons. He felt blessed to spend his retirement years attending and serving in the church where he grew up.

Near the end of his long illness, Karen was reading to Beryl from *The Upper Room*, in which the author was discussing his favorite Psalm. When Karen asked Beryl which Psalm was his favorite, he responded "100!" with a clear voice, even after suffering many strokes. He is missed by his family and friends, but they are glad Beryl has entered his eternal home and is praising God. They look forward to being together again.

SUZY YEN HAM-SON

January 19, 1943–August 3, 2012

Suzy was born on January 19, 1943. She married Paul Jung Ham on March 18, 1972. Suzy served as pastor of the Louisville Korean United Methodist Church and at First Korean United Methodist Church from 1990 to 2000. Suzy received her deacon's orders in 1992 and her elder's orders in 1994.

She died following a courageous five year battle with colon cancer.

She is survived by Paul; three sons, Tony, James and David; daughters-in-law, Jennifer and Jaina; and grandchildren, Theo, Natalie and Jameson.



ALVIN EDWARD HERRON

April 7, 1913–November 5, 2012

Alvin Herron was called to preach in 1945. At the time, he lived with his wife Beatrice Doyle Herron, four sons and one daughter on a farm outside Glasgow, Kentucky. They sold the farm and Alvin soon finished his high school diploma and attended Emory University during summers.

Alvin served charges in the former Louisville Conference, his first charge being at Stephenport. He later served at Cub Run, Hiseville, Clarkson, Franklin, and Bowling Green Circuit. He also served at Grand Rivers during the time of the construction of the Barkley Dam, while two of his sons were employed in the construction of the dam. The last charge Alvin served was at Slaughters.

His children remember trips to see the barges moving down the Ohio as well as the various church members who paid them special attention. One of his daughters writes, "Being a preacher's kid had a lot more advantages than disadvantages. Many happy years were spent going from church to church and moving from town to town, even though there were tears shed each time we had to move. There was never enough money but always love for all of us."

In 1974, when Alvin retired from ministry, he and Beatrice bought a home in Park City. This was located near Mammoth Cave National Park. Both Alvin and Beatrice were born on land which is now Mammoth Cave National Park. Both their parents had to sell their land to the United States' Interior Department to make way for the national park. In the 1930's, 1940's, and 1950's, the Herrons had family homecomings every 4th of July at the park.

Alvin never truly retired from preaching. He was often called by preachers to hold revivals at their churches. On his calling card were the words, "If Life has been good to you, pass it on." Alvin died at the age of 99 and 7 months on November 5, 2012. His daughter reports Alvin was ready to go home to be with Jesus and see Beatrice; his eldest son, Joe, and a daughter, Gloria Jean, who died when she was just five years of age.

God blessed the entire Herron family during the years of this wonderful ministry and guided them in the work to further His kingdom.



SAM C. KNOX

October 16, 1932–April 9, 2013

Sam C. Knox was born to Charlie C. Knox and Ada Hodge and reared in a small farming community in Union County, South Carolina. During childhood, his family attended Bethlehem Methodist Church; he told how he felt called to preach at the age of 12. It was a curvy path leading him to fulfill that call. After marrying his first wife, Lovina Sanders, at the age of 18, he joined the Marines and served at Camp Pendleton in California. Upon his discharge he attended Newberry College in Newberry, South Carolina, earning a biology degree, thus entering the education field for a time. Possessing a deep spiritual hunger for an intimate relationship with God, he went through several years of emotional unsettlement until he found the Savior.

After finding Jesus Christ as his Savior, like Abraham, Sam and a friend, Austin Wilkes, journeyed to an unknown location. Upon arriving on the campus of Asbury Seminary, the first person they met was John Lewis, Director of the Methodist Mountain Mission. Both men were hired in the summer of 1961 and assigned different locales. Sam began his 53 years of pastoring in Breathitt County with two churches under the mission. Here he was introduced to the "moonshine drinking, gun carrying, brass-knuckled young men of Kentucky who wanted to get rid of that preacher man." Sam told his daughter he would keep a pistol on the pulpit and the county sheriff in the last pew during those first rough years. This assignment was followed by Hindman, West Point and Hillview, Carthage and California, Seddon (Maysville), Mt. Sterling, Covenant (Middlesboro), and Community (Prestonsburg), from which he officially retired. After a short rest, Sam pastored the Red House United Methodist Church until June of 2012, at which point he was preaching from a stool.

There was one daughter by his first marriage, Rebecca Shiryl Robinson (William "Mike"), who was blessed to call Sam her father. That first marriage ended with Lovina's death in February 1973. Sam married Myra Noffsinger in October 1973, who preceded him in death in January 2007. Grateful for having shared his life are his daughter and son-in-law, two grandchildren (Wendy and Jason), as well as several nieces, nephews and the many friends from the areas where he lived.

Sam died on April 9, 2013, at the age of 80, while living with his daughter and son-in-law near Jeffersonville, Kentucky.



**THOMAS KENERLY
MACDONELL, III**

April 30, 1957–December 24, 2012

Thomas Kenerly MacDonell, III went to his celestial home on his favorite day of the year, December 24, 2012, surrounded by people who loved him. Tom was born a Methodist in the tradition of his paternal grandmother's family. He accepted the call to ministry and transferred to Kentucky Wesleyan College. While at Kentucky Wesleyan, and less than a month into his first appointment, he was in a catastrophic motor vehicle accident that would change his life completely.

Despite suffering a closed head injury that could have left a less determined spirit helpless, he completed college at KWC, seminary at Southern Baptist Seminary and most of a master's degree in Community Agency Counseling at Western Kentucky University.

Life was not to hold him to the congregational ministry. He pursued a career at Hardin Memorial Hospital doing various patient care jobs which turned into his greatest ministry. He was loved by his coworkers and his patients, who always commented what a wonderful spirit Tom had. He assisted with church services on Sundays on the nursing facility at HMH, as well as assisting the chaplain with some of his duties.

Tom was married to his college sweetheart, Donna Ratliff MacDonell, for 32 years. They have two daughters: Amy Elizabeth, a seminary student at Louisville Seminary, and Susan Kenerly, an artist employed by Kentucky Mudworks. He also served on various committees and assisted with many projects at Memorial and Springfield United Methodist Churches. Tom was active in the formation of the Cancer Support Group at Memorial United Methodist Church, a group dedicated to assisting survivors and families of those with cancer. He himself battled lung cancer for twelve years with grace and perseverance. Much of that time was spent in service to other people, for Tom had the heart of a servant.

Tom took great comfort in Romans 8:28, "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose."



DELORES RAE "DEE" MURPHY

August 30, 1940–September 27, 2012

Delores was born August 30th, 1940, in Wenatchee, Washington. She received the call into ministry at Radcliff United Methodist and later enrolled at Kentucky Wesleyan College. She graduated from Kentucky Wesleyan in 1981 with a Bachelor of Arts in Religion/Philosophy. She later graduated from Methodist Theological School in Ohio in 1985, earning a Master of Divinity.

She became a deacon in 1983 and elder in 1987. Delores served on the District Committee on Ministry, twice on the Conference Board of Global Ministries, twice on Archives and History, the Meade County Ministries Association and at the 1984 General Conference in Baltimore. Dee served as pastor at Short Creek, Duff, Canaan (Ohio), Millers Chapel, Soule Chapel, Gamaliel, Edgewood, Kirkmansville, Fairview, Sonora, Muldraugh and Bethel United Methodist Churches for 24 years of ministry.

She retired from ministry in 2007 and went to be with the Lord on September 27th, 2012. Burial was at Evergreen-Walshelle in Seattle, Washington.



WELBY O. PATTEN
July 4, 1918–May 14, 2012

Born in Casey County, Kentucky, to Bill and Meg Patten, Welby was the fourth of five children. When he was 14, Welby's father died, leaving the running of the family farm to Welby, his mother and younger sister. It was a hard life for so young a man, but Welby knew God had a plan for him so he did his job with honor and respect.

Welby lived close to the home of his future wife, Elizabeth, and they often walked to the Salem Church together. Welby served in the Air Force until he contracted T.B. and spend 18 months in a hospital in Washington. No family members came to visit him because of distance and the high cost of travel. With God's love and grace, Welby survived and was discharged.

With the help of the G.I. bill, Welby was able to attend Lindsey Wilson College and go to seminary. Welby and Elizabeth were married on July 20, 1946. They had two children, David and Judy. Judy remembers her Dad talking about his ministry at Betsy Lane and Vogel Day, Perryville, Lawrenceburg, Whitesburg, Vanceburg, Maysville, Newport, Walton, Corbin and Lynch. He was a role model to his children. Although he was strict, he prayed for his children and loved them. Recollections include him getting up in the middle of the night to visit someone in the hospital or nursing home. Welby would travel 100 miles to take someone home. It seems there was always someone in need of a meal, gas or lodging. They were all treated with love and respect. He was loyal to the Lord, his family, the church and many different people. As a father and husband, he was a great provider. The family might not have had everything wanted, but, with Dad and God's help, they had everything needed.

Welby and Elizabeth were married for 49 years before Elizabeth's death on July 6, 1996. Welby lived in Winchester until being diagnosed with an Alzheimer-type of dementia. There were days when he knew his family and other days when he did not, but he was always sheltered in God's arms. He died on May 14, 2012, at the age of 93. He leaves behind two children, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Welby is at home with the Lord, Elizabeth and one grandchild. He was a hero, God's servant and a soldier in the army of God.



PAUL CARTER PEPOON
June 10, 1924–September 9, 2012

Paul Carter Pepon was born on June 10, 1924, in Vineland, New Jersey. His father, Rev. Charles Pepon, from Medicine Lodge, Kansas, crossed the miles and met his mother, Marjorie Mills, who was from Harrogate, England. They named him Paul and dedicated him to the Lord's service. He grew up with a brother, Mark, and sisters, Doris and Eunice. He was the first one up, reading Kitchener in the Sudan and Tom Sawyer by the kitchen stove. He was baptized in East Pond at Southport Long Island, New York. He went to Pinebrook Christian Camp in Pennsylvania; he visited parishioners making "pastoral" calls for his dad, the pastor. The thing he valued most in others was faithfulness. He won an oratorical contest in high school and later described his life as "always sermonizing." His father was the minister he remembers most and was most influenced by him as he presented the "primacy of scripture." He graduated from Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, because his parents were willing to give "great sacrifice." He was sworn into the Army in Chicago and served 3 years, 3 weeks during WWII. Eighteen months were spent overseas. God protected him during shellings, when he was nearly washed overboard at sea, and when a tank turned over his fox hole and nearly filled it with dirt.

After the war, he attended Gordon Divinity and graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary. He married Deloris Irene Snyder in Greenbank, West Virginia on July 4, 1961. He described Deloris as a woman with dignity, conservativeness and orderliness. Paul was a strong conservative, just like his father. He loved to play the piano, the organ and sing. Paul and Deloris shared their musical gifts in many congregations. His spiritual strengths were his reliance on scripture, prayer and fasting. His spiritual goals were to show more love, think no evil and be slow to wrath. Paul's most treasured possession was his heavily marked and underlined Bible. Paul gave credit to his mom, his dad, and a seminary professor, Dr. Rose, for having the most spiritual influence on his life. He served in the pulpit for more than 50 years in North Dakota, West Virginia and Kentucky. He is survived by his five children: Jeff, Dale, Laura, Seth and Hannah.



GEORGE LEMORE RUSSELL

December 20, 1921–October 12, 2012

George Lemore Russell was born on December 20, 1921 in Marion, Mississippi. He joined the St. Peter Methodist Church at an early age and later served as the interim pastor.

George attended school in Meridian, Mississippi, received a Bachelor of Arts from Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi an M.Div. from Garrett Evangelical Seminary in Evanston, Illinois and an honorary Doctor of Divinity from National Theological Seminary, Baltimore, Maryland.

He was a World War II army veteran, serving two years overseas and two years stateside during which time he felt the first calling to Christian ministry. After finishing his ministerial requirements, George served churches in Mississippi and Alabama. In 1976, he transferred to the Kentucky Conference and served Wesley and Jimtown Methodist Churches in Lexington. After eight years in ministry at these churches, George became the associate director to the Kentucky Conference Council on Ministries, retiring in 1987.

After retirement, because of a minority ministerial shortage, George served the Scott United Methodist Church in Maysville where he organized the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Fund and was instrumental in getting part of Highway AA named for Dr. King.

George departed this life on October 12, 2012. Grateful for having shared his life are his wife, Eunice; son, William; members of Eunices' extended family; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



JOHN D. SPAULDING

July 21, 1930–September 21, 2012

John D. Spaulding was born July 21, 1930 in Erie, Pennsylvania and died on September 21, 2012. John was a graduate of Austin Peay State University and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He was married to the former Joyce Bensing for 61 years and they served the Louisville and Kentucky Conferences for well over 40 years.

John's appointments include North Cadiz Circuit, Sonora, Clifton Heights, Davidson Memorial (Shepherdsville), Woodlawn (Owensboro), Columbia First, Broadway (Bowling Green), Middletown, Scottsville First, Summit Heights, and Shively. John was one of the singular personalities of our annual conference. He was always the life of the party, greeting every circumstance with his signature laugh and a bright smile.

John possessed a giving spirit. He was an effective pastor who made a difference in the lives of countless people. John offered himself so that others might benefit. Upon his death, John's grandson aptly stated that his granddad's life was "a life lived for others." John was a mentor to many and, in particular, to those who were just entering the ranks of the clergy. He lived the joys and travails of the itineracy, which very well may explain his sensitivity to the challenges and well-being of clergy families.

John preached with conviction. He was resolute about many things and was not bashful about sharing them. He particularly supported the downtrodden and lifted the dispossessed. To no one's surprise, he and Joyce supported some twenty-five foster children over the years, adopting three of them.

John closed every worship service with the immortal words of the Apostle Paul from Ephesians 3:20-21. "Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more that all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen" or as John would have put it, "Amen and Amen."

The power of God was at work within the life of John Spaulding. That same power helped him to overcome, enabled him to persevere, and empowered him to lead. John is deeply missed by his loving family and a whole host of friends who held him with highest regard.

Submitted by his son-in-law, Tom Grieb



REVEREND JONI K. (HENNEY) WATKINS

December 21, 1955-June 28, 2012

Joni went home to be with Jesus on June 28, 2012. She was surrounded by her family. Joni was a beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend. She is survived by her loving husband of twenty years, Stephen H. Watkins; sons, Andrew D. and Jon-Michael L.; father, DeWitt Henney (Janet); brothers, Michael Henney (Cathy), Lee Henney (Charla) and Jonathan Henney (Lesley); and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Joni was born on December 21, 1955, in Cleveland, Ohio. She graduated from Ballard High School in 1974, and then from Murray State with a degree in agriculture. Later in life, she received her calling and attended the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary where she earned a Master of Religious Arts. She was a commissioned deacon in the United Methodist Church.

Joni served as the Director of Operations at the Portland Promise Center, a mission outreach of the Kentucky Annual Conference, for many years. She was a longstanding member of IFMA and was actively involved in the Louisville Emmaus and REC Communities. She also served the Portland Promise Center Community of Faith, Celebrate Recovery and the Portland Orchard.

While working at the Portland Promise Center, Joni and Steve moved to Portland with their two young sons, Drew and Jon-Michael. God gave her the first glimpse of the people she would come to love and hold ever so dear. Joni, Steve and a friend from Portland started buying houses in the neighborhood to rehab and rent to the community as safe and affordable housing. Any profit was reinvested into renovations and more opportunities. Whenever possible, the work they could not complete themselves would be contracted to Portland residents. Steve and Joni's investment in the community didn't stop there either.

Joni started aggressively pursuing her education in "end of life" ministries. She used this skill to help people who were terminally ill have a voice in their own destiny. She was instrumental in bringing the gospel to people who had never been exposed to it and helping them find peace. She helped them get their affairs in order and talked to them about what was happening in a real and humane way. During her own illness, she modeled Christ's grace and peace to all around her. She was loved very much and is dearly missed. We anticipate our reunion with her in Christ's presence.



WALTER KENNETH WILLIAMS

November 10, 1935-August 22, 2012

Walter was born on November 10, 1935, near Monticello, Kentucky. While he attended Lindsey Wilson College, Walter pastored Bethlehem and Fountain Run United Methodist Churches, graduating in 1957. He served the Short Creek Church while attending Kentucky Wesleyan, receiving his bachelor's degree in 1959. He graduated from seminary at Emory University in 1962 and served as pastor in Somerville, Kentucky.

In 1962, Walter became a chaplain in the United States Army; prior to that, he served in the National Guard and Army Reserves. Assignments include Korea, Vietnam, Germany and Fort Gordon, Georgia. He attended Chaplains Career Course in Brooklyn, New York and was assigned to Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Walter completed a year of graduate work in Drug and Alcohol Abuse at Berkley University and was assigned to Fort Wadsworth, New York as faculty of the United States Army Chaplain School and as Chief of the Export Training Division and Adjunct Professor at Long Island University. He retired in 1982 as a Lieutenant Colonel from Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Awards include: The Bronze Star five times while in Vietnam; National Defense Service Medal; Army Commendations Medal with OC'L; RVN Campaign Medal; Vietnam Service Medal with four Service Stars, Two Overseas Service Bars; RVN Cross of Gallantry Unit Citation with Palm; Air Medal; Meritorious Unit Citation; Civil Action Honor Medal First Class; Armed Forces Reserve Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; Overseas Service Ribbon, W/1; Army SVC Ribbon.

Walter is survived by his wife, Mary; son, Douglas (wife, Tony); daughter, Teresa; six grandsons; sister, Polly; two brothers, John and Douglas, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

This highly regarded Kentuckian, devout Christian, husband and father who served God, the church and his country as pastor and teacher will be remembered for the many contributions made to family, friends, community and country. Walter went from this life to the next on August 22, 2012.

SPOUSES

ADEE CONKLIN BUTLER, JR.
LUVENIA CAISTER
EDNA CLEM
EDNA GROTTENTHALER CRENSHAW
JO ANN VANDA COLLINS
OLENE T. GADDIS
BETTY FRANCES HALBROOK
LOUISE TURNER HILL
CLARA HULSE
HELEN CARNES HUMBLE
ANNE KELLEY KUNNECKE
PEARL CADDY NICHOLAS
SYLVIA O'NEAL
GLADYS OSBORNE
NANCY RUTH KRAHWINKEL ROGERS
HELEN DAVIS SEAMANDS
DOROTHY RANDOLPH THOMAS
AUDREY K. DURR MASON-WILLIAMS



ADEE CONKLIN BUTLER, JR.
January 24, 1935–June 10, 2012

Adee Conklin Butler Jr. was born to Rev. Adee Conklin Butler and Jessie Mae Norment Butler on January 24, 1935, in Memphis Tennessee. His family moved to Louisville

on December 7, 1941, when Adee Sr. became pastor at Young's Chapel. In 1950, Adee Sr. became ill, resigning as pastor at Young's Chapel and taking the role of Presiding Elder in the A.M.E. Conference. Adee Jr. served as his father's driver, spending weekends escorting him to churches. He also attended Lincoln Institute and worked on the family farm in Anchorage, Kentucky.

In 1951, Rev. Butler died, leaving Adee, as the oldest son, to care for the family on the farm while going to school. He graduated from Lincoln Institute in 1953. The family moved back to Louisville and into the former Cotter Homes. Adee graduated from Bellarmine College with a bachelor's degree. He started to attend the University of Louisville Law School, but wanted to own a business. He went on to serve for a time in the U.S. Army and then worked several jobs, including the postal service, before entering a business venture with his soon-to-be brother-in-law.

On June 20, 1958, Adee married Margaret Springer, whom he had met when they were children together in Sunday school at Young's Chapel. Margaret always acknowledged having a crush on the tall, handsome, bow-legged Adee, who always found a way to be near Margaret.

Adee spent 51 years becoming a respected and prominent businessman on the west end of Louisville, building a business and running several ventures, including a sundry shop, car wash, apartment buildings and homes. Following a debilitating stroke in 2002, Adee still realized his dream of owning and running a farm. Margaret and Adee found a spot near Pleasureville, Kentucky to build a house and barns. They raised a variety of animals and worked the land themselves. He encouraged the interests of his grandchildren and cheered them on in his remaining days.

Adee passed from this life on June 10, 2012 at the age of 77.



LUVENIA CAISTER
November 5, 1921–October 30, 2012

Luvenia A. (Lavena) Caister, widow of Louis Caister, died on October 30, 2012 in Indianapolis at the age of 91.

Lavena met Louis at a prayer meeting in 1944 and they were married in November, 1945, in Saginaw, Michigan. Throughout their marriage, they served United Methodist Churches in Michigan and Kentucky; Asbury University (formerly Asbury College) and Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore; Barrington College, Barrington, Rhode Island; Malone College, Canton, Ohio; and the Community Church of Greenwood, Indiana. Louis died in 1994.

Lavena loved the Community Church of Greenwood and was active there until her last illness. She is survived by her daughter, Sharlee; one son, Daniel; grandchildren, Erin, Lauren, and Seth; great-grandchildren, Caleb, Maya and Amelia; and close family friend, Ed Rivera.



EDNA CLEM
April 24, 1926–December 26, 2012

Edna was the daughter of a prominent New England family and the great-granddaughter of sea captain Darius Weeks, who was the subject of the book, *Two*

Years on Shipboard, but Edna chose not to boast about her heritage. As she was preparing to leave her life of privilege in Vermont, her Aunt Lettie professed that God had His hand on her life and encouraged her to be baptized before embarking on God's calling.

Lavon Clem confessed later he came to the Methodist Church because he followed Edna there. He said, "God knew what I needed and He sent Edna to me. She was the most intelligent person I ever met and she treated me like an equal." In her presence, he felt bright and capable.

Edna and Lavon met in California in 1954. As they grew to know each other they grew in their love and belief in each other. Although Lavon was the one given the honor as a pastor, it was Edna who often deserved more recognition.

Edna was not always happy about the life they shared together. When Lavon was called to Hindman, Kentucky, she obediently submitted to God's will but she did not like it, so for two weeks she refused to pray. She just didn't want to talk to God because she didn't like what He was telling her. Yet even in this case, Edna tried to follow the instructions from Micah 4:6, "To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Edna did not boast about her family heritage, but she lived and continues to live as the daughter of the King Most High; God our Heavenly Father.



**EDNA GROTTENTHALER
 CRENSHAW**
March 9, 1920–February 14, 2013

Edna was born on March 9, 1920, the youngest child of Edward Clark and Myrtle Stark Grottenthaler. She never knew her father, who was an

engineer on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad and was killed in a train accident in October 1919. She had two brothers and two sisters.

She spent her adult life serving in ministry as a United Methodist minister's wife alongside her husband, Donnie N. ("Preacher") Crenshaw. Edna Crenshaw attended Ahrens Trade School, where she learned the skills to become a secretary. Most of her career was spent as secretary and assistant to the Chief of the Criminal Investigations Division of the Internal Revenue Service in Louisville, and from which she would retire in 1987.

She met and married Preacher in 1942, who was a welder at Jefferson Boat Yards at the time. She took delight that she was selected to personally christen an LST with attendant fanfare during World War II. After her husband returned from Europe following World War II, she supported them while he obtained his college and seminary degrees. United Methodist Churches served by Edna and Preacher in the Louisville area are: Kenwood (Epiphany), Brandenburg, Audubon Park, Buechel, Watkins, and St. Johns. She was active throughout, helping in the office, the choir, and teaching Sunday school.

She raised two children, Deborah C. Westbrook (Robert Ashbaugh) and Donnie (Buzz) Crenshaw (Dawn Landreth) and also leaves a daughter of the heart, Jackie Worley (Wes Worley). Edna Crenshaw's legacy is her life as a devout Christian, her service in support of six churches, and her love of family. A service in celebration of Edna's life was held at Watkins Memorial United Methodist Church, 9800 Westport Road in Louisville, Kentucky on Sunday, February 14, 2013.



JO ANN VANDA COLLINS
January 10, 1931–August 14, 2012

Jo Ann Vanda Collins, retired educator, passed away on August 14, 2012. She was born on January 10, 1931, in Madisonville, to Joseph and Thea Anne. Her mother was one of the first female graduates of Kentucky Wesleyan College, so education was a big part of her life. Her father was a Methodist minister. Jo Ann graduated from Lindsey Wilson College in 1950.

Jo Ann raised five children with William Kelley until his death in 1987. She was the strength for her family through William's illnesses. Forced to work to support her family, Jo Ann finished her bachelor's degree and then later obtained a master's degree from Eastern Kentucky University. Jo Ann loved teaching English, reading and special education in Wayne County and Monticello. She also volunteered to teach disadvantaged children during the summer months.

Jo Ann married Rev. John Smiley Collins in 1992, providing love and support in their ministry. She had special talents as a quilter and organist, volunteering as accompanist at many churches. Jo Ann established the Collins-Vanada scholarship fund at Lindsey Wilson College to help students aspiring to God's calling to spiritual vocations.

Following the death of Rev. Collins in 2010, Jo Ann moved to Colorado to help her oldest son with his spiritual growth and development. She was a member of the Red Hat Society after moving to LaJunta, Colorado.



OLENE T. GADDIS
August 12, 1920–January 5, 2013

Olene Gaddis of Campbellsville, daughter of Milton Tungate and Elnora Herron Tungate was born in Taylor County, Kentucky, on August 12, 1920. She died on Saturday, January 5, 2013, at age 92. Olene professed faith in Christ and was a member of First United Methodist Church in Campbellsville.

She was united in marriage to Rev. Irvin Gaddis on January 20, 1940. Irvin died on March 1, 1990.

Olene is survived by one son, Rev Gerald Gaddis and wife, Mary, of Henderson, Kentucky; daughter-in-law, Betty Gaddis of Alabama; seven grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and many relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her son, Rev. Coy Gaddis.

Olene always put others first. She spent her life in pursuit of making life easier for others. She had a contagious friendly smile. She loved her family and church family. Fishing was her favorite activity. She would go into her backyard late at night after a gentle rain and take a flashlight to gather night crawlers. The next day her husband, Irvin, would drop her off at the lake and she would fish all day. Irvin would pick her up before nightfall and usually with a string full of Bluegills.

Olene was a kind person. She was a wonderful mother, wife and friend. It was always a joy to be in her presence. God's love was very evident in her life.



BETTY FRANCES HALBROOK

August 10, 1925–January 29, 2013

We celebrate the life of Betty Francis Halbrook, who departed this world for a better one on January 29, 2013. She was born in Sardis, Kentucky on August 10, 1925, and married Kenneth

Halbrook in

July 1943.

Betty graduated from Morehead State College with a degree in elementary education and taught in various school districts in Kentucky for 30 years. She lived her life in dedication to God, her husband and her family. Betty's other interests included gardening and participation in prayer groups, church choirs, Bible studies and the Women's Society of Christian Service.

Betty was faithful in her service as a minister's wife for 41 years in the Kentucky Conference of the Methodist Church, later the United Methodist Church. Serving alongside her husband, Rev. Kenneth Halbrook, who passed away on April 15, 2006, she is survived by her son, John (Bonnie); daughter, Virginia Young (Harold); seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Betty lived her life in service to the Lord and with great Christian love. She touched many other lives through her educational career, her church commitments, and in her Christian influence in the raising of her children. She will be greatly missed by her family and many others.

Submitted by John Halbrook

LOUISE TURNER HILL

September 26, 1918–September 3, 2012

Louise Turner Hill was born on September 26, 1918, in Harrison County, Kentucky, the youngest of three children, to Hayes and Stella Turner. After the death of her father when she was four years old, her mother had to work extremely hard to raise three children on her own.

Louise attended high school at Midway's Kentucky Female Orphan's School, graduating in 1937. After graduation, she moved back to her hometown of Cynthiana, Kentucky, and began working as a clerk in Newberry's Dime Store. It was there she met her future husband, H.T. Hill. She enjoyed telling the story of how he began coming in frequently to buy shoe polish from her. He loved to tell everyone how he "met a million dollar baby" in a five and ten cent store! The couple was married on May 13, 1939.

H.T. was called into the ministry and served 30 years plus as a United Methodist minister. He and Louise were blessed with three children, Kenneth, Faith and Melody, during the course of their fifty-five year marriage. Eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren completed the family.

Louise loved to cook and for many years she prepared Sunday dinner for the family. She loved having company and visiting with her friends. Another one of her pastimes was reading. She loved books, but only read the Christian variety; none with "bad" words were acceptable to her. Her mornings always started with her devotions, reading the Bible and The Upper Room.

Throughout the years, Louise shone as a wonderful example of a minister's wife. She was always willing to take an active role in the many churches they served, from Sunday school teacher to leading various women's groups. She and H.T. loved to sing together and shared their musical gifts with many congregations over the years.

Louise was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Flemingsburg, Kentucky, and attended regularly until her illness. Although she could no longer attend in person, she continued to support her church with her prayers and her tithing. She always made sure the check to the church was the first one written each month.

Louise was a shining example of a Christian wife, mother, grandmother and companion in ministry. Her life touched many and she will live on in our hearts forever. She died on September 3, 2012.



CLARA HULSE

August 16, 1922 - November 9, 2012

Clara Dorcas (Taylor) Hulse, 90, of Lewisport, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at the Owensboro Medical Health System as the result of an earlier fall. Family members were at her

side when she passed.

She found joy and fulfillment as the wife of the Rev. Charles Hulse; mother of three daughters, Sharon "Shay" Akin (Jerry), Suzanne James (Don), and Sarah Wuertz (Dave); grandmother of seven; and great-grandmother of five. She was deeply committed to her relationship with God, and faithfully served in ministry with Charles at their churches in Shepherdsville, Upton, Albany, Hodgenville, Shawnee (Louisville), Marion, Trinity Towers (Owensboro) and for the nine years he served as conference evangelist. After retirement, they became members of the Lewisport UMC.

Clara and Charles would have been married 68 years the week of her death. They enjoyed telling the story of their meeting and courtship. Charles' father, the late Rev. Frank Hulse, became ill with the flu, which required his young, newly-ordained son Charles to take his place preaching in the revival services at the Lewisport church. It was there that Charles spotted Clara in the congregation and gladly accepted the opportunity to formally meet her at the home of a couple following the service. A year later they were married. The punch line of the story always followed, "Look at where the flu can lead!"

In her younger years, Clara was a pianist and organist at the various churches they served, and throughout her life she enjoyed teaching piano to family and friends. She dedicated her later years to faithfully caring for Charles, following his multiple strokes.

Whereas her body was buried in the Lewisport Cemetery, Clara herself is now with her King. She has been greeted with, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter now into the joy of your Lord."

HELEN CARNES HUMBLE

February 29, 1928-November 5, 2012

Helen was born on February 29, 1928 to Walter and Margie Wheat Carnes in Jamestown, Kentucky. She married Samuel Humble in 1946. Helen became a minister's wife in 1954, as Sam served the Brooksville Methodist Church.

Helen was a volunteer of the AGAPE Service Foundation, which Sam founded. Sam died in September 1981. Following his death, Helen was an active member of Stevenson's Chapel United Methodist Church.

Helen and Samuel had four sons: Jerry (Margaret), Mike (Janice), Steve, and Bob (Sandi).

Mike remembers his mother saying, "I look back and marvel at how God sustained us on so little. God gave us a good name, which is worth more than gold (Proverbs 22:1 & 3:34), Remember that God has your names engraved in the palm of His hand if you belong to Him (Isaiah 40:26)."

Helen is survived by her children, their wives, eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Helen went from this life to the next on November 5, 2012.

ANNE KELLEY KUNNECKE

January 30, 1934- April 9, 2013

Anne was born on January 30, 1934, to Joseph and Georgia (Crutchfield) Kelley in Macon, Georgia.

Anne married David Kunnecke, Sr. on June 25, 1970. They were married for 22 years. Together David and Anne served churches in the former Louisville Conference, starting at the High Plains Charge in 1982. They also ministered together at Clarkson, Davis Chapel, Coffeys Chapel, Boling Chapel, Wesley Meadows, Chandlers Chapel and Shiloh. Anne played the piano in each church they served and she loved painting and pottery.

David became ill in 1991 and went on disability Leave before his death in late 1992. Anne remained active in the church following David's death and finally moved to Corydon, Indiana to be near her daughter. Anne constantly preached to her family the theme of "faith, family and friends."

Anne passed from this life to the next on April 9, 2013, at the age of 79. Those grateful for having shared her life are: her daughter Lisa; two sons, Robert and John; a stepson, David; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

PEARL CADDY NICHOLAS

May 13, 1930- December 6, 2012

Pearl Caddy Nicholas was born May 13, 1930, to Percy and Clara Caddy in Detroit, MI. She was one of seven children. She graduated from Royal Oak High School and Asbury University. In her senior year of college, Pearl met Ted Nicholas, an Asbury Seminary student; they met in September, were engaged in February and married in June 1953.

Whenever Ted received a new appointment, Pearl would look for a teaching job. She taught U. S. History, World History, World Geography and Spanish. She also worked in the churches Ted served. Pearl would proofread the bulletin, feed the young people on Sunday night or entertain church members in the parsonage.

It is her love of history, teaching and discovering new things through travel, and her skills as a hostess and helpmate that have made the last years of her life difficult for her friends and family. Over twelve years they have watched her lose her sense of direction, the ability to read her beloved Bible, even the skills needed to cook a meal as she struggled with Alzheimer's-like dementia. The legacy of Pearl Nicholas is not this horrible disease she battled, but the love she showed to those around her. Just like the woman in Proverbs 31, Pearl took care of her home, she provided for her household, she did commerce in the city, and she made her home a haven for others. She was a helpmate to her husband and a teacher to her children and grandchildren. Her family will call her blessed and thank God for her presence in their lives.



SYLVIA O'NEAL

November 17, 1920-September 24, 2012

For 74 years, Sylvia O'Neal was a loving wife to Rev. Norman T. O'Neal and loving mother to her three sons, Donny, Norman Jr., and Joey (Joe).

For 63 of those years, the main priorities in her life were her family and service as a minister's wife. She rarely missed a service or church function, and was always there for comfort and support for Norman and the church. She wasn't called into the ministry as Norman was but, nevertheless, she served just as dutifully, with as much or more compassion and love for the Methodist church and her church family as any ordained minister. It's said that behind every great minister there is an even greater minister's wife. That was Sylvia. She approached life like she did when she quilted so many of her quilts. Each stitch was made with love, care, importance and attention to detail, just like she approached everyone she met. Everyone was important.

So, when thinking of Sylvia's memory today, say a prayer of thanks to every minister's wife who endured the same sermon countless times; who had to move off and leave friends over and over again; who had to bite her tongue over comments made by members regarding sermons, their kids, and even personal attacks living in that bubble ministers families live in; who tolerated the calls taking her man away at all hours and holidays to take care of a member, often putting the church family before her own, leaving her to guard and take care of the home front. Remember the undying love, compassion, and service these wives give to the Methodist church every day, for they are the support that helps each minister to succeed. In honor of Sylvia today, thank a minister's wife, for they endure much, yet are rarely ever thanked for their loving, loyal and dedicated service.



GLADYS OSBORNE

May 28, 1917-April 23, 2012

Gladys Morgan Osborne, 94, went to be with the Lord Monday, April 23, 2012, in Hamilton, Ohio. She was born May 28, 1917, in Brodhead, Kentucky. She met

Rev. A.L. Osborne at a tent meeting in Brodhead in March of 1936, and they were married on July 24, 1936. Gladys was a devoted wife and mother and followed her itinerant preacher-husband wherever he was sent as a Methodist minister. She loved the United Methodist Church and made generous contributions to it. She loved working with the youth in all the churches they served. Her husband, Rev. Osborne, went to be with the Lord on April 12, 1992.

Gladys always said that God listened to her heart when she could not put her prayers into words. One of her favorite songs was, "Listen to Our Hearts" by Geoff Moore and Steven Curtis Chapman. The song says: "How do you explain? How do you describe? A love that goes from east to west and runs deep as it is wide? You know all our hopes, Lord, you know all our fears. And words cannot express the love we feel, but we long for you to hear. So listen to our hearts." She started a prayer ministry that reached around the world and which she continued after she became a resident of Mercy Health-Schroder in Hamilton, Ohio. Gladys leaves her devoted daughter Carolyn (Maurice) Allen of Hamilton, Ohio; sisters, Dorothy (Bill) Dishon of Covington, Kentucky, and Ruth Brossart of Florida; grandchildren Amy (Joe) Boian of Hamilton, Ohio and Heather (Steve) Gabbard of Burlington, Kentucky. She is also survived by great-grandchildren Cayley and Ashlyn Boian of Hamilton, Ohio.

Funeral services were in Latonia, Kentucky on Friday, April 27, 2012 with burial in Floral Hills Cemetery in Taylor Mill, Kentucky.



**NANCY RUTH KRAHWINKEL
ROGERS**

December 27, 1938–June 17, 2012

Nancy was born December 27, 1938, in Owensboro, Kentucky. She graduated from Daviess County High School in 1956. After graduation, she enrolled in Kentucky Wesleyan College. In 1958, she began teaching in the Daviess County School system. On November 27, 1958, she and Charles T. Rogers were united in marriage in Wesleyan Heights UMC. They had three children: Charles Jr. (Stacy), Mark (Teresa) and Carla Skarupa (John). Their grandchildren are: Amanda Hampton, Jessica Eubanks, Emily Rogers, Andrea Rogers, Kara Eubanks (in Heaven), Paige Rogers, Kyle Eubanks, and Dalton Eubanks.

On February 28, 1975, Nancy graduated from the Danville School of Practical Nursing. She worked at the hospital in Lebanon, Kentucky and at Wesley Manor in Louisville. Nancy received her RN degree from Kentucky Wesleyan College in 1986. She worked at Daviess County Hospital in Owensboro, Baptist East in Louisville, and The Medical Center in Bowling Green.

Nancy received numerous awards during her years as an RN. She loved her work and received many cards and letters thanking her for dedication, loyalty, and, most importantly, her wonderful patient care. Nancy was also very active in the churches they served. She was always ready and willing to do what she could.

Due to health problems, Nancy had to retire in 1998. Even though her last two years were spent in a power chair or a wheel chair, she never gave up; she never complained. Nancy went to see her doctor in Nashville two weeks before she died. She asked him if he could do more surgery on her back. He put his arms around her and said, "Nancy, you will get your new body when you get to Heaven."

Nancy got her new body on Sunday evening, June 17, 2012.

Nancy's funeral was held on June 20, 2012 in Bowling Green. The service was conducted by her son, Rev. Mark Rogers, assisted by her Pastor Dr. David Grout, a dear friend, Rev. Michael Holian, and a longtime friend, Rev. Norman Ramsey.

"And then one day I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain. And then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns."

—Gloria & William Gaither



HELEN DAVIS SEAMANDS

October 20, 1922–January 3, 2013

Helen Davis Seamands, 90, widow of the late David A. Seamands, died on January 3, 2013, at the Holloway Home of Wesley Village in Wilmore. Born October 20, 1922, in Nicholas County, Kentucky, she was the daughter of the late Rev. Warner P. and Jessica Hillis Davis. She was a graduate of Asbury University, a missionary, devoted pastor's wife, mother of three, grandmother of nine, and great-grandmother of fifteen.

She and her husband, David, served 16 years as missionaries to south India with the Board of Mission of the Methodist Church. Upon returning to the United States, David was appointed pastor to the Wilmore United Methodist Church and later taught at Asbury Theological Seminary. Helen's gift was hospitality, and part of that gift was transforming every place she lived into a place of beauty and grace. Fresh-cut flowers and the beautiful, restful environment of her home, to which everyone was welcomed, was part of the way she served others. Many parishioners enjoyed her delicious, home-cooked meals, and her wry sense of humor. She was a small group leader in Marriage Enrichment Weekends and led a weekly Bible study for the wives of Asbury Seminary students. Seminary wives wrote her letters to tell her that she had been an example for them as they entered ministry with their husbands. Her love of the music and poetry of hymns was an inspiration to her family, and she memorized many of the hymns of Charles Wesley. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.



DOROTHY RANDOLPH THOMAS

April 2, 1918–January 9, 2013

Dorothy Randolph was born April 2, 1918, in Trigg County, Kentucky to Homer Clay and Bessie Randolph. She had three younger brothers, Earl, Robert and “Boots,” who all became musicians. Dorothy died January 9, 2013, at the age of 94 in Louisville, Kentucky, having moved from Leitchfield in December of 2012. Dorothy moved to Leitchfield in 1974 when her husband, the Rev. Benjamin Carloss Thomas, became the pastor of the United Methodist congregation in Leitchfield. Poor health required his retirement in 1975 before his death at his Trigg County home on June 30, 1976.

Dorothy was an active member of the Leitchfield congregation until her health declined in 2005. She was a retired teacher having taught in Princeton, Glasgow and Leitchfield. It was a joy for Dorothy to attend Sunday school and the UMW. She was a faithful member of the Leitchfield congregation from 1974 until her death in 2013.

Dorothy Randolph and Benjamin Carloss Thomas were married November 8, 1936. Dorothy came from a musical family, having joined her brothers in many community musical events. Ben and Dorothy lived in Eddyville, Munfordville, Bardstown and Louisville (four appointments). They shared with Marshall and Sarah Owen, Phillip and Alynne Mcaffé, T.D. and Rowena Everitt and Russell, Anna & Jimmy Dean Ireland during their ministry.

Dorothy is survived by her son Donald (a stained glass artist) of Louisville; two grandchildren, Brian D. Thomas and Yvette Hicks-Thomas of Princeton, KY; three great-grandchildren; and also nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Benjamin, her parents and three brothers; Homer Louis (Boots) Randolph—Mr. Sax, Earl Maurice Randolph and Richard Reginald Randolph.

Funeral services were held in January, 2013, in the Dermitt Funeral Home of Leitchfield with the Rev. Fred C. Whitmore and the Rev. David Harting officiating. Burial of the cremains were in the Bethel Cemetery in Trigg County KY. Dorothy was a very organized person and planned every detail of her funeral, which included a eulogy of the Randolph and Thomas family given by the daughter of Boots Randolph. Well done, good and faithful servant.



AUDREY K. DURR MASON-WILLIAMS

July 6, 1931–February 8, 2013

Audrey K. Durr Mason-Williams was born in Lorain, Ohio, to William and Mary Lou Charles. Her brother, Ezzard Charles, was the late Former Heavyweight Boxing Champion.

At the age of 26, Audrey and her late husband, Rev. John C. Durr, moved to Owensboro. Audrey was employed by Davco Rest Home for more than 40 years. In those years, she worked and studied her way from kitchen aide to licensed administrator of the facility.

She was a longtime member of Center Street Baptist Church, where activities included serving as president of the Mothers’ Board and director of the youth choir. Audrey was named a Kentucky Colonel and was a member of Independent Ladies. Audrey enjoyed reading, was an avid sports fan and loved to spend time with her family. She was also known for hosting countless parties and social functions for her extended family of co-workers and residents at Davco.

Audrey passed from this life on February 8, 2013, at the age of 81.

B. ROLL OF THE HONORED DEAD

NAMES OF CLERGY AND SPOUSES OF CLERGY WHO HAVE DIED SINCE THE MERGER ON AUGUST 19, 1996, OF THE FORMER KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND THE FORMER LOUISVILLE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOTE: For a record of all "Honored Dead" from the two former conferences prior to their merger, see that chapter in the respective 1996 Journals of the Kentucky Annual Conference and Louisville Annual Conference.

CLERGY

Name	Entered Service	Died
Robert Kasey Hulse	1938	6-2-96
Bobby Hendricks	1985	9-9-96
Ralph L. Lewis	1966	9-10-96
William F. Pettus	1928	12-30-96
Stoy Lee Geary	1961	1-14-97
Charles Clyde Walker	1939	1-15-97
Thomas A. Nankivell	1950	3-24-97
Leon Wesley	1963	5-5-97
Chester Deacon	1949	5-31-97
Willard Brown	1968	8-11-97
Joseph Humble	1955	9-8-97
Lee Ward	1952	9-11-97
Earl Edwards	1957	9-21-97
Allen A. Fredrick		10-6-97
Francis Randall Hill	1943	12-4-97
Carl McCubbin	1953	1-22-98
Philip A. McAfee	1934	1-25-98
J. Howard Ritchie		2-5-98
Carvil Scott	1958	2-11-98
Joe M. Alexander	1965	2-25-98
James A. Norsworthy	1950	3-5-98
J. Paul Shepherd	1941	4-25-98
Rickey Lynn Costelow	1993	5-9-98
Albert W. Sweazy	1938	6-16-98
Alvis W. Lee	1941	6-26-98
Earl Claude Roberts	1954	7-9-98
Thomas Clinton Morrison	1935	9-1-98
James Knifley	1973	9-3-98
Paul L. Keneipp	1952	9-10-98
Roscoe J. Tarter	1933	10-5-98
Ronald Joseph Masters	1952	10-16-98
J. A. Dickerson		12-8-98
W. Taft Thrasher	1943	2-9-99
Chester Lee Lafferty	1989	2-17-99

Benjamin F. Sanford	1988 (trnsf)	2-22-99
William Dennis Strader	1959	5-8-99
Avery Wheat	1952	5-13-99
Jean Washer	1995	
Donald G. Mackie	1988	8-16-99
Robert L. Graham	1977	9-24-99
Allen L. Fraser	1941	10-30-99
William Robert Wood	1951	11-14-99
Richard Ramsey	1944	11-22-99
Noble Copeland	1977	12-9-99
Dudley L. Fish	1950	2-2-00
Leonard E. Sumner	1948	3-11-00
E. Arthur Russell	1968	3-20-00
Walter W. Garriott	1938	4-9-00
Wendell Overstreet	1966	6-7-00
William Pearson	1962	6-19-00
William H. Daniels	1977	7-8-00
John P. Carr	1946	8-18-00
Charles Webster	1960	9-13-00
Oda S. Wright	1949	10-9-00
Samuel C. Adkins	1973	11-23-00
D. Lamar Mattingly	1947	11-28-00
Edward E. Pickerill	1955	12-19-00
G. Russell Ireland	1934	12-20-00
Robert L. Anderson	1937	1-14-01
William R. Price	1961	2-6-01
William W. Slider	1939	4-6-01
Harry A. Pullen	1938	4-16-01
Robert Shaver	1937	5-26-01
Everett E. Hudson	1938	6-13-01
Frank Jones	1952	7-30-01
Joseph D. Claybourne	1967	11-12-01
George Edward Hart, Jr.	1949	11-15-01
Benjamin C. Hendren, Jr.	1982	1-8-02
William E. Morris	1944	1-16-02
Elby Ray Rich	1970	1-19-02
Allan Kent Harman	2000	2-15-02
Elza Morgan	1947	2-24-02
Thomas Charles Fornash, Sr.	1951	3-30-02
John C. Bassett	1942	4-20-02
Benis G. Carnes	1947	5-17-02
Monroe A. Lowe	1951	6-6-02
James N. Orr	1991	10-17-02
Deborah Sue Whitmer	1989	11-6-02
James Thomas Fryman	1951	11-9-02

Lawrence R. Buskirk	1948	11-13-02
James Baldwin Stilz	1953	11-26-02
Otis Melton	1952	12-11-02
Lester Bow Carter	1959	1-10-03
David Alther	1961	1-21-03
Donald A. Payton	1969	1-23-03
Leslie M. Myers	1954	1-29-03
James True Harmon	1936	2-27-03
Lewis Wilson Woodward	1941	3-2-03
George Harold Hobbs, Sr.	1961	3-8-03
William M. Rountree	1965	5-26-03
Jerry A. Smith	1971	7-24-03
Ralph A. Helm	1962	8-17-03
Russel L. Bow	1943	10-2-03
Alfred C. Robbins	1962	10-5-03
Dale Dixon	1955	11-4-03
James S. Gwinn	1938	11-17-03
John C. Kerce	1963	11-26-03
Gracie B. Moore	1962	12-5-03
Marietta Mansfield	1959	12-22-03
James N. Dill	1952	2-3-04
Ralph G. Wesley	1935	4-3-04
Eugene P. Gibson	1949	4-16-04
Malcolm Couch	1964	5-2-04
Jacob Dye	1966	5-16-04
Robert W. Gardner	1947	5-21-04
Steadman Bagby	1930	5-26-04
A. Carl Matter	1979	5-28-04
William Hamlett	1969	5-31-04
Paul McMurrin	1962	11-15-04
Donald Herren	1947	12-4-04
Boyd D. Wilson	1955	12-17-04
Edward Brandeberry	1947	12-18-04
Chandler E. Ford	1958	12-24-04
Clarence Atherton	1982	1-14-05
Valis Hill	1942	1-22-05
Leonard Flener	1960	2-24-05
L. Rodford McDonald	1936	3-19-05
W. Frank Roberson	1901	3-27-05
Jasper Harmon	1944	4-9-05
Roger Kusche	1949	4-26-05
Dorothy Shannon	1982	8-21-05
Ted Shipp	1980	9-18-05
James Thornbury Wells	1946	10-23-05
Kenneth C. Halbbrook	1948	4-15-06

Rual T. Perkins	1938	6-19-06
Calvin H. Campbell	1950	4-30-06
David A. Seamands	1941	7-29-06
Walter T. Jones	1943	7-30-06
Herbert Kittinger	1954	9-1-06
James Kemp	1977	9-7-06
Riley Guffey	1956	10-8-06
Mildred Watson	1961	11-1-06
Alvin J. Gilliam	1941	11-20-06
Thomas A. Cooper	1967	11-24-06
Adrian J. Roberts	1948	12-3-06
Robert Ward Wilson	1985	2-11-07
Jerry Lynn Whitley	1963	2-20-07
Sherri A. Chapin	1995	4-23-07
James H. Godsey	1948	5-4-07
Albert C. Allen	1935	6-15-07
Denton Powell Royster	1937	6-29-07
Jonathan Davenport	2006	8-4-07
John W. Gray	1958	8-24-07
H. Daniel Armstrong	1967	9-19-07
James A. Lyle	1949	1-17-08
S. Reid Thompson	1944	2-17-08
Kermit Flener	1948	2-23-08
Robert Nelson	1984	3-18-08
William James	1941	4-14-08
Wayne A. Sparks	1966	6-4-08
Paul Royster	1948	6-10-08
John L. Coomer	1932	6-28-08
Paul Stoneking	1944	7-2-08
Wilbur Morris	1955	7-10-08
J. Howard Olds	1964	7-23-08
Calvin Coolidge Cornelius	1952	7-25-08
Harold Tatman	1953	9-6-08
James Robert Dunlop	1977	9-25-08
Thomas Ben Sexton	1982	11-12-08
John James Reilly	1984	12-21-08
Doris Moreland Jones	1962	12-27-08
Roy C. Hunt	1954	2-10-09
Wallace E. Thomas	1957	2-27-09
Bernard L. Allen	1959	2-28-09
William Leslie Chapman	1947	3-13-09
Thomas "T.D." Everett, Jr.	1941	4-22-09
Walter Thomas Applegate	1959	4-26-09
Timothy S. Chamberlain	1953	5-1-09
Mark Walz	1981	8-27-09

John Clinton Brinson	1940	8-30-09
J. C. Thorpe	1964	9-3-09
James Douglas Wilcoxson	1967	10-3-09
Mahlon Miller	1948	12-19-09
Hugh E. Delaney	1944	1-31-10
Russell K. Taylor	1952	2-6-10
James C. Bush	1968	4-14-10
A. Wayne Lyle	5-28-67	6-14-10
John Smiley Collins	9-23-51	7-6-10
W. Arvil Allen	5-1-52	9-15-10
F. Bennett Hulse	9-17-44	11-29-10
Thomas O. Harrison	6-6-35	12-13-10
Raymond K. Brinegar	6-11-76	1-21-11
James Mullins	6-1-87	2-24-11
Donald Durham	11-10-44	3-12-11
Charles Music	6-14-59	3-12-11
Reathel Haven	6-21-57	3-15-11
Donald O. Riggs	6-1-82	6-8-11
J. Harold Coomer	5-30-65	6-19-11
George Neel	5-28-79	8-2-11
James Robert Bouser	5-20-78	8-13-11
William J. Evans	5-30-65	8-24-11
Clyde Bethel Babb	5-30-60	8-27-11
Charles Robert Elswick	8-30-39	12-1-11
Norman T. O'Neal	9-14-47	12-11-11
Raymond W. Gibson	6-11-67	12-13-11
Robert C. Pugh	8-31-47	12-17-11
Gayle Daniel Williams	6-6-65	4-4-12
Welby Otis Patten	8-19-51	5-14-12
Harold W. Dorsey	9-5-41	6-5-12
Finis (Beryl) Fentress, Jr.	12-31-77	6-23-12
Joni K. Watkins	6-20-10	6-28-12
Suzy Yen Ham-Son	7-1-91	8-3-12
Walter Kenneth Williams	9-1-55	8-22-12
Paul Carter Pepoon	6-1-65	9-2-12
John D. Spaulding	9-21-52	9-21-12
Delores Rae "Dee" Murphy	12-24-12	9-27-12
George Lemore Russell	9-1-76	10-12-12
Alvin Edward Herron	9-14-47	11-5-12
Gary Lionel Case, Sr.	5-20-75	11-22-12
Thomas K. MacDonell, III	6-1-84	12-24-12
Blanchard E. Amstutz	6-6-80	1-1-13
Kenneth Allen Brown	6-21-57	1-6-13
Sam C. Knox	6-5-64	4-9-13

SPOUSES OF CLERGY

Name	Died
Rhubena Lawhorn	2-7-95
Allie Carr	8-8-95
Sarah Evelyn Mace Sweazy	6-11-96
Elizabeth Mills Patten	7-6-96
Mary Elizabeth Sharp	8-5-96
Jessie Beavin	12-12-96
James Leslie Watson	12-19-96
Eleanor Kerce	1-10-97
Maggie Young	1-11-97
Mary Lucille Nichols	1-22-97
Nelda H. Whitaker	1-23-97
Hattie F. Southern	2-12-97
Henrietta Sledge	3-5-97
Hilda Harrod	3-22-97
Arenetta Clayborne	5-2-97
Virginia Johnson	5-12-97
Margaret Chandler	6-12-97
Helene S. Royster	7-21-97
Velma H. Owen	8-21-97
Catherine C. Maxfield	9-19-97
Ruby Shaver	10-20-97
Genie McPeak	10-27-97
Fern Smith	12-22-97
Eulalie Chandler Staples	1-15-98
Mary Kathern Parker	2-4-98
Prudie Harrell	2-7-98
Clarice Woodward	2-23-98
Marie Ford	3-21-98
Ann Krebs Sears	7-19-98
Hazel Kelley	8-20-98
Katherine Hunt	9-3-98
Mabel W. Gardner	10-7-98
Margaret LaFon	12-18-98
Martha Ferne C. Johnson	3-6-99
Zella Lee	3-19-99
Kathryn Shaver Weldon	4-2-99
Pearl Davis	4-9-99
Emma Toombs	5-10-99
Odelia Walker	7-9-99
Allibe Downs	7-24-99
Lucille Kays	8-1-99
Eva Jones	8-20-99

Wilma Harman	8-20-99
Ilene McCubbin	9-16-99
Emma Ruth Fryman	11-28-99
Helen Fossett	12-7-99
Eulalia Flener	1-25-00
Catherine Frederick	1-31-00
Daisy Greene	2-9-00
Ethel Scott	3-10-00
Rowena Norton	5-19-00
Nora Poore	7-23-00
Dimple Capps Short	7-28-00
Eula Mae Matthews	8-22-00
Gladys Scott	8-26-00
Margaret Jones	9-10-00
Dorothy Pauline Thrasher	9-14-00
Maranda Lacks	10-6-00
Beatrice Herron	10-19-00
Mary Denton	11-17-00
Elsie Earlywine	11-19-00
Glenna Hurt	12-11-00
Norma Tanner	12-19-00
Katherine Mitchell	1-26-01
Flora Morgan	3-7-01
Barbara M. Rankin	4-6-01
Irene C. Dorsey	4-13-01
Christine Vincent	5-18-01
Faustine Madison	8-29-01
Calcia Lyle	9-28-01
Dora Antle	11-24-01
Ruth Milburn	11-29-01
Maggie Kittinger	1-2-02
Genevieve Baker	1-16-02
Eugenia Hill	2-15-02
Annie Walker	2-22-02
Sallie Riddle	3-15-02
Margaret Hightower	3-27-02
Mary Weddle	3-29-02
Martha Adkins	3-31-02
Thelma Lyle	4-14-02
Mary Chenault	4-17-02
Lora Bassett	4-29-02
Wanda Ward Barnes	5-1-02
Elsie Ritchie	5-5-02
Opal Garriott	6-1-02
Cora Judd Gilmore	6-21-02

Clara Pickerill	7-5-02
Roberta Dillon Williams	10-3-02
Georgia Scott Wheat	10-29-02
Nellie Lucille Smith Williams	11-3-02
Beulah Mae Bradley Clay Plummer	11-26-02
Armedia Sneed Hamlett	11-28-02
Bobbie Johnson Culp	12-7-02
Cora Ann Whitley	1-3-03
Marguerite Buchanan	3-20-03
Thelma (Sally) Sights Callender	4-5-03
Nadine Skagges Pettus	4-13-03
Jessie Helm	4-20-03
Helen Bruton Melton	5-1-03
Mary Fulkerson	5-2-03
Helen Young Crafton Williams	6-4-03
Jessie Hicks	6-17-03
Elsie Louise Dwyer Rogers	7-5-03
William Kendrick Ewing	7-19-03
Dorothy Mattingly	8-27-03
Martha Kathryn Pendleton Keeney	9-1-03
Evelyn Vanderpool	10-11-03
Annabelle Sims Rice	10-20-03
Mary Carlyle Vass Elswick	11-7-03
Mary Mills	12-3-03
Helen Mildred Pomeroy Hilbun	2-2-04
Marie Whalen	4-21-04
Rosalie Shepherd	5-16-04
Dorothy Harrison	5-26-04
May Alther	9-21-04
Barbara Kniffen	12-6-04
Zenobia Totten	3-3-05
Helen Walker	3-10-05
Ozell Huffman	4-2-05
Kathryn Chandler Rose	5-7-05
Virginia Philpot	8-28-05
C. Lee Delaney	9-15-05
Sada Hart Tarter	10-12-05
Mildred Dye	11-16-05
Betty Steinmetz	
Pauline McIntosh Graddy	1-12-06
Laverne May Pugh	2-5-06
Gladys Irene Karrick Norsworthy	2-11-06
Grace Bentley	2-27-06
Edith Anderson	3-2-06
Lucretia Helm	3-28-06

Miller Doris Ramsey Wood	3-29-06
Cornelia Williams Walker	5-10-06
Opal Frances Pullen	5-26-06
Sharon Snider	8-20-06
Sarah E. Upchurch	8-26-06
Dorothy Epley	10-20-06
Myra Knox	1-6-07
Elizabeth Bertrand	1-20-07
Melissa Mansfield	5-15-07
Betty Garnett	5-16-07
Bessie Yates	5-16-07
Martha Morris	7-4-07
Dorothy Bowling	8-4-07
Patricia Johnson Jones	8-19-07
Nina Coop	8-31-07
Lula Mae Jones	9-1-07
Mary Woodward	9-7-07
Rosalie Woodward	10-23-07
Alyne McAfee	11-6-07
Lillian Wiley	11-7-07
Ann Smith	12-3-07
Opal Nankivell	12-9-07
Sally Vibbert	12-25-07
Lottie Gardner	2-19-08
Mamie Harris	3-31-08
Ernest Ward Shannon	7-24-08
Emma Deacon	7-28-08
Marjorie Brookshire	8-15-08
Frances Carnes Allen	9-5-08
Estella M. Cooper	9-26-08
Carol Gilmore Smith	10-13-08
Anita R. Mynear	10-22-08
Dorothy Couch	10-30-08
Jean Slider	12-23-08
Carolyn Hulse	1-31-09
Mary Shirley Rich	2-1-09
Margaret Baker	2-2-09
Thelma Reeves	2-20-09
Mary Jo Phillips	3-6-09
Mary Evelyn Cooper Hammonds	4-21-09
Beatrice Adams	10-4-09
Ella Mae Quinn Bottoms	6-19-09
Johanna Silvers Drewry	6-27-09
Thelma Lorine McGaha Morris	7-8-09
Ovalene A. Hale	7-29-09

Anna Mae Lyons	7-23-09
Ruby Haven	1-2-10
Hattie Alice Roberts	2-16-10
Effie Lovelace	4-26-11
Nadine Fraser	5-18-10
Francis Lucille Chilton Pearson	7-24-10
Allan Durand Stephens	12-14-10
Linda Voils Sullivan	1-22-11
Mitzi Jan Rowan	3-20-11
Marian Brackett Keneipp	2-21-11
Virginia Denise Mitchell Holmes	3-23-11
Donnie Lorene Gilliam	4-27-11
Virginia Ramsey	6-13-11
Alice Hensley Perkins	7-2-11
Julia Biggs	7-5-11
Roxie Bow	7-26-11
Phoebe Webster	9-11-11
Emma Jean Sewell	9-19-11
Deloris Pepoon	10-1-11
Mary Elizabeth Gardner	11-8-11
Patricia Elaine Smith	11-19-11
Esther Mae Russell	11-29-11
Margaret E. Orr	1-13-12
Bettie Jean Denison	1-24-12
Evelyn Weir	1-24-12
Edna Prentis	3-7-12
Gladys Osborne	04-23-12
Adee C. Butler	6-10-12
Nancy Ruth K. Rogers	06-17-12
Jo Ann V. Collins	08-14-12
Louise T. Hill	09-03-12
Sylvia O'Neal	09-24-12
Luvenia Caister	10-30-12
Helen C. Humble	11-05-12
Clara Hulse	11-09-12
Pearl Caddy Nicholas	12-06-12
Edna Clem	12-26-12
Helen Davis Seamands	01-03-13
Olene T. Gaddis	01-05-13
Dorothy R. Thomas	01-09-13
Betty Frances Halbrook	01-29-13
Audrey K. Durr Mason-Williams	02-08-13
Edna G. Crenshaw	02-14-13
Anne Kelley Kunnecke	04-09-13



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