

XI. Memoirs

Clergy

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Kenneth C. Halbrook

May 1, 1925 - April 15, 2006

We celebrate the life of Kenneth C. Halbrook who passed away April 15, 2006 at the age of 81. Rev. Halbrook served 41 years in the Kentucky Conference, influencing many lives.

His first ministry began during his senior year at Asbury College when he and several other students preached on the streets of Lexington, Kentucky on Saturday afternoons.

He began his student ministry at Jonesville while attending Asbury Seminary. He and his wife Betty with their two children, John and Virginia, traveled there from Wilmore each weekend, returning every Tuesday to resume classes.

After graduating in 1951 from seminary, he took his first conference appointment at the Williamsburg Methodist Church. His next appointment in 1953 was the Science Hill Methodist Church. After a year of service there, his next appointment of four years was in Stone, Kentucky.

Following Stone he served at the Central Methodist Church in Maysville for five years. He was then appointed to the Pikeville United Methodist Church where he pastored for eight years.

He served another eight years at LaGrange United Methodist Church. His last appointment before retirement was at Corbin United Methodist Church.

Ken Halbrook's special gift was his ability and energy to rehabilitate several of the churches where he served. A unique and rewarding appointment was at LaGrange where he preached a second service each Sunday at Kynett Methodist, an African-American church, immediately following his morning service at LaGrange.

Rev. Halbrook will not only be remembered lovingly by his family but also numerous friends and former parishioners throughout the state.

Submitted by John Halbrook (son)



Rual T. Perkins

August 4, 1914 – July 19, 2005

Rual T. Perkins was born into a farming family in Green County, Kentucky on August 4, 1914. He worked hard all his life, in all areas of his life – getting his education at Lindsey Wilson College and Kentucky Wesleyan College during the Great Depression, serving as an Army Chaplain in the South Pacific during WWII, returning from war to get his degree from Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, and serving churches in Monticello, Albany, Sturgis, Louisville, Russellville, Paducah, and Campbellsville. He served as District Superintendent of the Campbellsville District and as Conference Council on Ministries Director. He took great pride in the work of the Volunteers in Missions. In his “retirement,” he worked tirelessly at Kavanaugh Life Enrichment Center and later at Acton Campground in Campbellsville.

He was married and widowed four times to his wives Lela Slagle, Juanita Conn, Etta Chandler, and Mary Frances Brown. His daughter Florence Greathouse preceded him in death. He is survived by a son, John Perkins, of Defoe, Kentucky; daughters Nelda Mohr of Fredericksburg, Virginia and Pauletta Matthews of Louisville, Kentucky; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Rual spent the last 48 hours of his life in the palliative care unit of the hospital with his children around him. During those long hours, all that could be heard was his labored breathing. In the night as a recording of old gospel hymns played, he made sounds in rhythm with the hymns as if he were singing along. He died a few hours later. Our family is certain that he was literally praising God with his last breath.

His funeral was held at St. Paul United Methodist Church on July 22, 2006 with his friends Ron Sauer, Ed Henry and Kent Lewis assisting with the services and Howard Olds delivering the meditation.

Submitted by Paulette Perkins Matthews (daughter)



Dorothy Shannon

August 21, 2005

For those of you who knew my mom, Rev. Dorothy Shannon was a one of a kind original. She liked to do things her way which may at times seem a little strange to others. Dorothy had a heart after God who wanted to serve Him and teach others about the unconditional love of Jesus.

Mom had a tough backbone. I know this is one reason of many reasons God called my mother into the ministry long before women were accepted in ministry. Every church my mom served she always faced someone who was opposed to women in ministry and before my mom left those churches the ones who opposed her at first became her strongest supporters.

Another thing about my mom was her ability to listen. When you talked to my mom you knew for certain that she was listening to you and would always give an appropriate response. I learned later the reason my mom could give such good advice was that she would be listening to someone else before she spoke. She was listening to God. My mother had an unbelievable gift of discernment. I remember hearing my mom say that she heard from God over and over again. At times it seemed like mom had a direct line to God and he would speak to her. Now I know mom's secret to hearing from God! Pray, read the word, receive the Holy Spirit and listen to God speak to you spirit to spirit.

Over the last few months I talked to my mom about a lot of different things. One topic we talked about is making a difference in your world. I can say with all certainty that my mom (Dorothy) made a difference in her world, whether she realized it or not.

During the last night of my mom's life when my mom was hurting so bad she said something to me that I had to correct her about. She said, "Gregory I don't think I made much of a difference in my world." My response was simply this, "Mom when you get to heaven I think you are going to be surprised at the number of people who line up to say thank you for making a difference in my life."

One of the reasons I feel like my mom thought this way was something that happened years ago at an Annual Conference Meeting at Morehead State University. It was the year I was ordained a Deacon. For whatever reason when the Pastors came to Conference if you were an Elder you got a blue ribbon, if you were a Deacon or Associate you got a Red ribbon and if you were a Local Pastor you got a White ribbon. I remember Mom saying on different occasions I am a third class preacher. I would always correct her and say, "No Mom, a piece of paper doesn't make you a First Class preacher. Only the Spirit of God living in you makes you First Class and if that is the case then you are a First Class preacher in my book!"

During the final moment of my mom's life her eyes lit up like she was seeing the most incredible sight she had ever seen. I noticed her mouth moving as if she was talking to someone just over my dad's shoulder. I don't know exactly what or who she saw, I wish she could have told us, but I have a pretty good idea that she was seeing the lights of heaven.

We are thankful for all the churches our mom Dorothy served over the years: Ruddles Mills UMC, Mt. Pleasant UMC, Barterville UMC, Oakland Mills UMC, and Herrington UMC. Thank you for accepting our mom as your pastor.

Submitted by Rev. Greg Shannon, Ward Shannon and Delanna Turley (children)



Ted Shipp

November 3, 1950 - September 18, 2005

Ted Shipp was born in Owensboro, KY on November 3, 1950 to Charles J. and Martha Shultz Shipp. Ted stepped from life into life Sunday, September 18, 2005.

Ted and his sister, Barbara, grew up in Greenville, Kentucky. The church influenced his life in his early years as his grandfather and an uncle were both pastors. He responded to God's call on his life and attended Brescia College where he received his B.S. Ted received both his M. Div. and his D. Min. from Wesleyan Theological Seminary, American University in Washington DC.

Ted's first appointment was in 1980. The next twenty-five years of his life were devoted to enriching the communities in which he served. He was completely committed to lead the church in growing a Christ-like world and helping people live like Jesus.

Ted loved his family. He was the proud and devoted father of Samuel Hayes Shipp and Ella Grace Shipp. Both survive him, along with his father Dr. Charles J. Shipp and his sister, Barbara Ruffalo.

Ted was an avid golf and tennis player. Pastorates include Greenville, Springfield, Kirk Memorial, Maceo, Russell Springs, Sturgis, Faith (BG), Gateway Community and Trinity where he was actively serving at his death.

A Memorial service was held at the Greenville United Methodist Church. Rev. Vernon Purdue officiated.

Submitted by Charles J. Shipp (father)



James Thornbury Wells

September 9, 1927 - October 23, 2005

Faithful servant. Dynamic preacher. Wonderful singer. Piercing intellect. Devoted husband, father and grandfather. These are among the many words which describe our dear departed brother, Jim Wells.

He was born on September 9, 1927 in Ashland, Kentucky, the sixth of eight children. There was a Christian home. His mother, Emma, always made sure her children were in church on Sundays. His father, O. C. Wells, worked hard on the C&O Railroad. In later years he could speak with people of every background, because he never forgot the humble roots of his Depression era upbringing. His youth was spent in the Boy Scouts, the Junior ROTC and keeping his younger brothers out of trouble.

Jim was converted to Christ at the age of 16 and one year later he heard God's call to the ministry. He attended Asbury College and after graduating attended Asbury Seminary. While there, he met the love of his life, Maxine Robbins. They were married in 1951. Their fifty-four years together brought three children into the world – Ramona, Mark and Timothy.

Jim was ordained a deacon in 1951 and an elder in 1952. While still in seminary, he served the first 12 churches in all seven districts of the Kentucky Conference. Among the highlights of his ministry were several major building programs, a mission trip to Haiti, serving as evangelist to the Kavanaugh Camp Meeting and, especially, his pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 1975.

In truth, it was a family ministry. Maxine, Ramona and Tim in the choir, Mark at the piano and "Brother Jim" in the pulpit. Few had the command of the English language as did Jim Wells. His well crafted prayers and sermons were eloquent and effective and reflected his commitment to evangelical Christianity.

But his true legacy is the legion of souls won to the service of Christ. This includes two who went on to become United Methodist Bishops. Indeed, Bishop Al Gwinn reflected in a letter that "You were to me what Paul was to Timothy!" So was he to others as well.

After retiring in 1992, Jim enjoyed his many passions: his three grandsons, his vast book collection, Maxine's good southern cooking and the Cincinnati Reds. For several years, he also pastored a small community church.

Following a lengthy illness, Brother Jim went to his eternal rest on October 23, 2005. But even in his final days, he was a witness to God. His funeral was attended by many of his friends and fellow preachers, and he was buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Erlanger, Kentucky. Truly, to the end, he fought the good fight and finished the course.

Submitted by Timothy James Wells (son), and Rev. O. Gene Wells (brother)

Spouses

Edith Anderson

Grace Bentley

C. Lee Delaney

Mildred Dye

Pauline McIntosh Graddy

Lucretia Helm

Gladys Irene Karrick Norsworthy

Virginia Philpot

Laverne May Pugh

Kathryn Chandler Rose

Betty Steinmetz

Sada Hart Tarter

Cornelia Williams Walker

Miller Doris Ramsey Wood

Edith Fern Florence Anderson

November 28, 1912 - March 2, 2006

Edith Fern Florence Anderson was born November 28, 1912 to Rev. Otis and Mrs. Florence of Wilmore, Kentucky. She was the second child of five siblings.

She was married to Dr. Robert L. Anderson, a United Methodist Minister for over 60 years. They met at Asbury College and married while there. They were both graduates of Asbury.

She was the mother of Robert Fletcher Anderson, Dean Anderson Brothers, LuNeita Anderson Johnson, William Arthur Anderson III, and Lee Withers Anderson Bowling. She was the proud Grandmother of 9 grandchildren, 1 deceased and 8 great-grandchildren. She also had 7 great great-grandchildren.

Edith was always an active, helpmate in Bob's ministry. She always loved and cared for those around her. Home to her was always in the Church they served. She was always a leader in United Methodist Women on the Local Church, District and Conference levels.

Submitted by Bill Anderson



Grace Wilson Wells Bentley

July, 20 1918 - February 27, 2006

Grace Wilson Wells Bentley, widow of Rev. Woodard Ward Bentley, died February 27, 2006, at her home in Brooksville, Kentucky. Born July 20, 1918 and married on March 6, 1937, she and Rev. Bentley served as managers of the Asbury College farm before beginning their ministry in the former Kentucky Conference, first serving the seven churches of Owsley County, then Paint Lick, Saltwell, Rose Hill, Mt. Olivet, and Concord and Neave. In retirement, they served Strawberry, Helena, Neptune, and other area churches.

Mrs. Bentley was a member of the Brooksville United Methodist Church where she taught Bible School, Sunday school, and was active in the United Methodist Women. She received the Covington District's Woman of the Year award in 2004, was President of the Friends of Ruggles and her vision prompted the development of the Marketplace summer program at Ruggles Campground 9 years ago.

Grace was an extraordinarily creative person and shared her gifts with everyone, making crafts each year for The Methodist Home, the Ruggles Auction and Marketplace, and making Chrismons for churches of different denominations.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Bentley, in 1985, and is survived by her daughter, Doris Bentley Weber (Rev. John L. Weber) of Russellville, Kentucky; son, Howard Wilson Bentley (Pam Bentley) of Brooksville, Kentucky; eight grandchildren (Jonetta Weber, Jennifer Tinsley, Cassandra, Shannon, chip, Andrew, Miranda, and Michael Bentley); and four siblings.

A celebration of her life was held on Thursday, March 2, 2006, at the Brooksville United Methodist Church with interment following in the Elizaville Cemetery, Fleming County.

Submitted by Doris (daughter) and Jonetta Weber (granddaughter).

C. Lee Delaney

October 12, 1913 - September 15, 2005



Mrs. C. Lee Delaney was born in Oklahoma on October 12, 1913 and passed away in Nicholasville, Kentucky on September 15, 2005. Her full name is Cumie Lee Olliff Delaney. She lived to be 92 years old.

Her childhood was spent in Louisiana and Arkansas. She attended college in Bowling Green, Kentucky and other states until she got her Masters Degree.

She served in the WAVES and was honorably discharged in the 1940's. She taught school from the fifth grade to the University of Arkansas. After marryng Rev. Hugh Delaney, she taught in the high school that was close to Rev. Delaney's pastorate.

During the three years they lived in Wilmore, Rev. and Mrs. Delaney had two sons that they raised in the churches they pastored. Being a school teacher, Mrs. Delaney encouraged them to be excellent students. Each one received his Ph.D. and has taught in one college from starting until retirement.

She sang solos in the church choir. She taught the adult Sunday School class for several years in the Mt. Lebanon Church 19 years after Rev. Delaney's retirement.

She was highly respected and dearly loved in the churches and communities in which they lived.

Submitted by Rev. Hugh Delaney (husband)

Mildred Juanita (Horn) Dye

June 8, 1914 - November 16, 2005

Mildred Juanita (Horn) Dye was born in Elizabethtown, Kentucky on June 8, 1914. She was the daughter of Richard Overton Horn and Mary Ethel (Decker) Horn. She graduated high school in 1932. Two years after graduation, she married Rev. Jacob Morgan Dye on September 28, 1935 in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. They were married for 69 years. They had one child, Mary Ann (Dye) Sweeting of Tampa, Florida and two grand children, Gary Lee Reed of Elizabethtown, Kentucky and Scott David Reed of Tampa, Florida. Also, six great-grandchildren, Robert Joe Morgan Reed, Austin Lee Reed, Gary Lee Reed, Jr., Cody Tylor Reed, Edward W. Sweeting V and Isabel Hope Sweeting. She has one surviving brother, Richard Overton Horn, Jr.

She worked at the Elizabethtown sewing factory for 8 years. She had a wonderful gift for sewing. She was a member of the Eastern Stars and an active member of the Memorial United Methodist Church.

Mildred and her husband raised their grandson, Gary Reed, from the age of 5 years old. Mildred was a devoted mother and wife, who devoted her life to serving her family and the lord. She always put the needs of others above her own.

Mildred Juanita Dye was 91 years of age when she passed away on November 16, 2005 in her home in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Dr. Rachel Scott Marshall officiated at Mildred Dye's funeral service. She was buried in the Hardin Memorial Park Cemetery in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Mildred Dye is greatly missed by her grandson-Gary Reed.

Submitted by Gary Reed (grandson)



Pauline Graddy

January 17, 1912 - January 12, 2006

Pauline Graddy was born January 17, 1912 in Hopkins County to Robert and Lydia McIntosh, one of 6 children. She married J. D. Graddy, August 8, 1957 and faithfully followed him into the ministry full time in 1970. Together they shared appointments on the Carrsville Circuit and Lafayette Circuit until his retirement in 1993. They have been serving at White Plains Methodist Church for the last 13 years.

At the time of her death, she was the longest living member of the Nortonville United Methodist Church having belonged there for 75 years. In her early years of service, she was very active as a Sunday School Teacher, UMW member and helped with bake sales, kitchen duty and in any other way the church needed her.

To all who knew her, she was known as a very loving, caring and devoted person. She was everything a preacher's wife should be.

To her family, she was known as "Momma", "Momma Pean", "Aunt Pean," but most of all for the love and Christian guidance she gave us throughout our lives.

She lived her life in a way to show all she met true love and to spread God's love and message wherever she could.

She was very active until her hospitalization and surgery in Nov. 2005. She remained in the hospital until her death on Jan. 12, 2006.

She was laid to rest January 16, 2006 at New Salem Cemetery in Nortonville, Kentucky.

She was much loved and is greatly missed by all who knew her.

Submitted by Tracy Browning



Lucretia Helm

June 2, 1906 - March 28, 2006

Lucretia Helm was born June 2, 1906 in Russell County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Sidney and Mumzell Sullivan. She made a confession of faith at a very young age, and became a member of the Jamestown Methodist Church in Jamestown, Kentucky, Russell County.

Lucretia united in marriage to Rev. A. R. Helm on January 5, 1927, who preceded her in death on March 21, 1985. To this union four children were born, Hildred Baise of Springfield, Illinois; Joyce Reeder, Norma Scott and A.R. Jr. of Columbia, Kentucky.

Mom believed her greatest calling was being a house wife and caring for her four children and being a loving, faithful and supportive wife to her minister husband.

Mom departed this life on March 28, 2006, making her 99 years, 2 months and 4 days old. She joined our dad, all her family and loved ones gone on before her in a great home coming in heaven.

Funeral services were conducted at Statts-Phelps-McQueary Funeral Home in Columbia, Kentucky on March 30, 2006 with Rev. William Davenport delivering a most comforting and fitting message on the life she lived. The burial was in Haven Hill Cemetery in Columbia, Kentucky.

Mom, we love and miss you, because you were always there for us.

Your children.

Submitted by Joyce Reeder

Gladys Irene Karrick Norsworthy

June 16, 1913 - February 11, 2006



Gladys Irene Karrick Norsworthy, widow of Rev. James A. Norsworthy, died Saturday February 11, 2006. She was born in Cliff Top, West Virginia, but soon after her birth, moved to Kentucky, where she lived the remainder of her life. She was a retired school teacher who taught in Bath, Robertson, Mason, Harlan, Morgan, Bracken, Nicholas and Perry County school systems. She was a member of the Central Kentucky Retired Teacher's Assoc., Madison County Retired Teacher's Assoc., United Methodist Women's Club, the Bluegrass Writer's Club, the Association of Retired Ministers and Spouses, the K.E.A. and N.E.A. and taught Sunday School for sixty years. She was also a member of the First United Methodist Church in Richmond, KY.

She is survived by two sons Doug (Bettye) Norsworthy of Flemingsburg, KY and Jim (Jerrylynn) Norsworthy of Prospect, KY, one brother Cecil Karrick and one grandchild Lorie Ellyn Norsworthy.

In her autobiography Gladys remarked,

When we were in the active service, I did not realize just how important the minister's wife really was. Now I have a new sense of value for the importance of the minister's wife. She is an example and her influence, positive or negative, is observed and followed. She does have a very unique position: one that requires lots of work with no pay and even with some negative criticism thrown in, but it does have many, many rewards. I am thankful for the years that I was privileged to serve the Lord in the capacity of minister's wife. I felt that I was called just as my husband was.

Virginia Robinson Philpot

January 27, 1914 - August 28, 2005

Mrs. Ford Philpot, “Ginny” to her friends, passed away quietly August 28, 2005 at the Methodist Home in Wilmore, Ky. She was the widow of Dr. Ford Philpot, Kentucky Conference Evangelist who died in 1992. She is survived by two sons, Tim and Danny Philpot, three grandchildren, Micah Philpot, Mary Wortz and Parker Philpot. She had two great-grandchildren, Peyton and Brady Wortz.

She was a native of Fort Thomas, born second of eight to Burns and Amy Robinson on January 27, 1914. She is survived by two brothers, James Robinson of Dayton, Ohio and Col. Neil Robinson (Ret.), Columbus, Georgia.

She graduated from Asbury College, Magna cum laude, and was a charter member of Christ United Methodist Church in Lexington. Previously, she was a member of Lexington Centenary for many years. She was active in the choir, taught both adult and children’s Sunday School, served on the altar guilds, mission and evangelism committees or wherever needed.

One of her passions was traveling to the Holy Land. She made more than 40 trips to Israel since 1966, her last in 1998.

Her memorial service was held at Christ UMC, Lexington, September 1, 2005. Several former pastors, friends and family members participated.

During their ministry years together, Ford and Virginia made their home in a travel trailer, preaching revival meetings across the land. The arrival of Tim in 1951 and later Danny dictated a more traditional home. They chose Wilmore for their home, and later moved to Lexington. They first met at Renfro Valley where they both worked and were soon married. During WWII, while Ford was away in the Marines, she found Christ and became active in the Methodist Church. Ford’s conversion years later was a result of her prayers and living witness.

She was totally dedicated to her family and friends. She is buried next to Ford at the Bluegrass Memorial Gardens in Lexington.



La Verne May Pugh

May 27, 1921 - February 5, 2006

La Verne May Pugh was born on May 27, 1921 in Campbell County, Kentucky. God took her home to join that heavenly host from the St Luke West Hospital of Campbell County on February 5, 2006. She was the daughter of Tillie (Fryman) Wirsch and John Wirsch. However, that marriage did not last and her mother remarried Ralph Stamper, therefore, some people would call her La Verne Stamper.

She would tell you that we never had a formal introduction to one another. Her folks moved from Covington in March 1946 and they started attending the Carter's Chapel Methodist Church. I was a member of Carter's Chapel who had recently returned from serving in the army in Japan. The youth of the church held two social activities a month gong into different homes. La Verne started these meetings and she said some did not have transportation, so I would pick up those who needed a ride. La Verne was one that needed a ride.

We dated for a while but I went away to Asbury for College and we did not see one another much for some time. Then, Vallis, who was a minister of the Boone County Larger Parish, arranged for me to assist him in his work. Conference came around and I was assigned to the Dry Ridge/Salem Charge of two churches. Well, we needed someone to play for the services and La Verne was the one who filled this role.

Four years passed and things were looking better for the two of us. I proposed on Christmas night though we did not tell everyone. We were formally engaged on January 1, 1950 and married May 27, 1950. When deciding on a date, we picked her birthday. She was in for a lot of kidding as she would only get one present that way. Not long ago we were just sitting and talking when she spoke up and said, referring to her wedding being on her birthday, "I am not going to do that next time." You see she had about 55 years to think about the wedding on her birthday. She was a lovely person, wife, mother and Grandmother a number of times. Yes, Great Grandmother, also! God blessed us with three sons, Michael, Malcolm and Maurice, all named after preachers.

She left a legacy of beautiful memories for each and every one she encountered on life's pathway and this world is a better place because of her presence amount us.

Memorial services were held on February 9, 2006 at the Stith Funeral Home and the Florence United Methodist Church, Florence, Kentucky. Ministers who took part in the service were, Rev. Gary Gibson, Rev. David Cheeks, Rev. Lisa Schmitt, Rev. Malcolm Pugh, and Rev. Maurice Pugh.

Submitted by Rev. Robert C. Pugh



Kathryn Chandler Rose

February 12, 1910 - May 7, 2005

Mrs. Kathryn Rose, beloved wife of the late R.R. Rose, was born in Sharpsburg, Kentucky, February 12, 1910. She deceased May 7, 2005 in Seminole, Florida at the age of 95. She was a daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Chandler of Walton, Kentucky, who moved there when Kathryn was eight years of age. She attended Centre College, Danville, Kentucky for two years. Graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1936 with an A.B. Degree. She did graduate work at the University of Kentucky, Florida Southern College and the University of South Florida.

On December 29, 1939, she was married to the Reverend R.R. Rose in the new United Methodist Church, Florence, Kentucky which had just been constructed under the four year ministry of Pastor Rose. Reverend D.E. Bedinger, a retired Methodist Minister of Walton, performed the ceremony. His wife, Mrs. Fannie – a very highly cultured and sainted woman, after meditation a moment said, “well, sir, she will make you a good wife.” She knew Kathryn well. This predication came true as Pastor Rose confirmed emphatically after 42 years of a happy, successful married life. They had no children. She had one sister, Olivia Clark Chandler and is survived by a niece, Betty Jean Saltkill.

Kathryn was a public school teacher for 35 years, 18 years in Kentucky and 17 years in Florida. She retired in 1970. As a pastor’s wife, her husband highly praised her church work as an organist, pianist, choir director, youth worker and church visitor. She was a life member of the United Methodist Women and stood faithfully with her husband in every way, loyal and devoted.

When she was about twelve years of age, as a member of a young people’s missionary society in the Methodist Church at Walton, she had an urge to be a missionary to the Belgian Congo of Africa. After moving to Florida, they took up the support of a native missionary of that dark continent under the guidance of Reverend Louis Johnson, a returned missionary from that field. They belonged to the Church Builders Club of Pinellas County and St. Petersburg. She was a member of Christ United Methodist Church of St. Petersburg, Retired Ministers and Spouses Association, The Pinellas County Retired Educators Association, Florida Retired Educators Association and the National Retired Teachers Association.

Her body was laid to rest by the side of her late husband in the Garden of Faith Memorial Park Cemetery in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Submitted by Betty Jean Saltkill (niece)

Sada Hart Tarter

March 21, 1916 - October 12, 2005



Sada Hart Tarter was born on March 21, 1916 in Russell County. In the latter years of her life she retained her membership at Mt. Pleasant. She was married for over sixty years to Roscoe J. Tarter and served with him until his death throughout the Louisville Annual Conference.

She was a strong partner in his ministry in her firm insistence of attending to those in need of pastoral care. She dearly encouraged him and others to fidelity to the call of Christ and the highest standards of professional integrity.

She stood for pride and principle with fierce loyalty to those who were advocates for justice. Knowing who she was and what she stood for was not a guessing game. In all seasons her relentlessly quick wit spoke the truth in love.

She gave strength and grace to a whole family of strong women – a quiet and determined prototype. She carried her family's and her neighbors' burdens. She held them up to God and kept us mindful of who we are, and whose we are.

She was an advocate for the work of United Methodist Women and for the Methodist Homes for Children and Youth.

She loved the Church for what it is, a redeeming fellowship of people, whom God calls to a ministry of grace.

She died in Somerset on October 12, 2005 with burial in Russell Springs.

Submitted by Rollin Tarter (son)



Cornelia Williams Walker

December 21, 1921- June 10, 2005

Mrs. Cornelia Williams Walker was born on December 21, 1921 in Indianola (Sunflower County), Mississippi. She received her early education from Holmes County Training School. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Rust College, Holly spring, Mississippi; Master degrees from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois and Mississippi State University in Starkville, Mississippi.

She married Rev. George David Walker on January 31, 1944. Rev. and Mrs. Walker had three beautiful daughters – Julia Maxwell, Washington, DC, Rosella Kirkland, Smith Station, Alabama and Melinda Keith, Durant, Mississippi. Mrs. Walker joined her husband's ministry in the local churches of the Georgia, Tennessee and Kentucky Conferences. It was during their ministry in Lexington, Kentucky that Rev. Walker preceded her in death. At her death, Mrs. Walker was an active member of John Wesley United Methodist Church in Durant, Mississippi where she joined as a teenager.

Mrs. Walker retired after 41 years of teaching experience in schools in the states of Georgia, Tennessee, and Mississippi. Prior to her retirement, many remembered her as the School Librarian at William Sullivan High School in Holmes County. She was a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and an original member of the 69ers Club.

Mrs. Walker leaves to cherish her memory three daughters, one son-in-law, 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.



Miller Dorris Ramsey Wood

June 11, 1910 - March 29, 2006

Miller Dorris Ramsey Wood was born June 11, 1910 in Winchester, Kentucky to Miller Frank Ramsey and Emma Bedford Ramsey. She grew up in Winchester, Ky. with her sister, Helen. Dorris attended the public schools of Winchester, enrolling at Kentucky Wesleyan following her graduation from high school. She met her love, George Stuart Coffman Wood, from St John Methodist Church in Owensboro at KWC.

Dorris Ramsey and George S. Wood were married Nov. 19, 1932 when George was the pastor at Sacramento. It was a new day for Dorris, who was raised in the city, as she made the adjustment to rural Kentucky. George did many things so that Dorris would be happy such as carpeting the 'outhouse' and running electricity to it for her comfort. This won her love and support which continued throughout their ministry. Dorris and George were a team during his ministry. They did not have children but they encouraged many young people to receive an education.

A highlight of their ministry was with the youth of the Louisville Conference. Together they organized and directed the first co-ed camping program of The Methodist Church, which the General Board said could not be done. They were a team as she accepted George's motto, "The difficult we do now, the impossible takes a little longer."

I became acquainted with Dorris when George came to the Henderson District as the Superintendent. Dorris supported George in his ministry one-hundred percent. Their leadership helped the Henderson District turn around by always being on the "Honor Roll." The District responded to their leadership and their ability to communicate with people by increasing the membership in their churches. Dorris loved George and together they believed in the connectionalism of The Methodist Church.

When George retired in 1977, Dorris willingly joined him in his home town of Owensboro. After George's death in 1983, Dorris continued to live in their retirement home until she moved to One Park Place on Fredrica Street where she remained until her death, March 29, 2006. She remained a faithful member of St. John church these many years.

Mildred and I visited George and Dorris regularly after their retirement. Always at Christmas on our way to Henderson to be with our families. Dorris expressed her appreciation by walking us to the car and holding the car door open until we said we must go. Thanks Dorris for your faith and commitment to Christ and the Methodist Church.

Helen Bottoms of Columbus Ohio survives along with a host of nieces and nephews.

The Funeral Service was led by her pastor, The Rev. Ken Spurrier, pastor of the St. John United Methodist Church of Owensboro. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery at the side of her husband, Dr. George S. Wood.

Submitted by the Rev. Fred C. Whitmore, Leitchfield, Ky.

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	06-13-01
Frank Jones	1952	07-30-01
Joseph D. Claybourne	1967	11-12-01
George Edward Hart, Jr.	1949	11-15-01
Benjamin C. Hendren, Jr.	1982	01-08-02
William E. Morris	1944	01-16-02
Elby Ray Rich	1970	01-19-02
Allan Kent Harman	2000	02-15-02
Elza Morgan	1947	02-24-02
Thomas Charles Fornash, Sr.	1951	03-30-02
John C. Bassett	1942	04-20-02
Benis G. Carnes	1947	05-17-02
Monroe A. Lowe	1951	06-06-02
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. Halbrook	1948	4-15-06
Rual T. Perkins	1938	6-19-06

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
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
Cora Gilmore	6-21-02
Sallie Riddle	3-15-02
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 M. 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
C. Lee Delaney	9-15-05
Mildred Dye	11-16-05
Virginia Philpot	8-28-05
Kathryn Chandler Rose	5-7-05
Betty Steinmetz	

Sada Hart Tarter	10-12-05
Pauline McIntosh Graddy	1-12-06
Lucretia Helm	3-28-06
Gladys Irene Karrick Norsworthy	2-11-06
Laverne May Pugh	2-5-06
Cornelia Williams Walker	5-10-06
Miller Doris Ramsey Wood	3-29-06



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