

## VIII. MEMOIRS

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## Our Honored Dead, Clergy

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Name	Born	Died	Age	Year Comm Travel	Relation At Death
Don Paul Sease	5/4/1927	1/18/2009	82	1950	Retired
Daniel Robert Orris	11/16/1928	1/23/2009	80	1969	Retired
William George Morris	1/12/1918	2/5/2009	91	1960	Retired
Samuel Bavely	7/14/1944	2/11/2009	65		Active
Charles H. A. Woods	5/8/1931	2/14/2009	78	1958	Retired
Elizabeth B. Zbilut	8/7/1923	2/17/2009	86	1988	Retired
Joseph A. Onder	3/10/1947	2/26/2009	62	1989	Active
Thomas Edwin Spofford	3/13/1919	3/30/2009	90	1942	Retired
John William Lofgren	10/10/1917	4/2/2009	91	1949	Retired
Leonard Edward Durbin	6/17/1932	4/12/2009	77	1956	Withdrew
Neal Kay Rogers	4/10/1928	4/16/2009	81	1965	Retired
George Wesley Campbell	5/20/1924	4/17/2009	85	1969	Retired
Arthur L. Schultz	6/14/1928	5/6/2009	81	1947	Retired
Larry Bartlett Hauck	12/8/1930	6/23/2009	78	1959	Retired
Kyle Charles Cannon	10/10/1943	7/9/2009	65	1967	Active
James H. Taylor	12/12/1958	7/10/2009	50		Active
Harold E. Greenway	6/11/1935	7/28/2009	74	1959	Retired
Bernard Wilfred Bloom	5/22/1921	8/8/2009	88		Retired
Dean A. Pizer	10/3/1927	10/10/2009	82		Retired
Howard Melvin Shultz	9/5/1915	10/25/2009	94	1960	Retired
Leroy Elmer Ickes	2/5/1921	12/11/2009	88	1945	Retired
Donald James Joiner	3/12/1930	12/24/2009	79	1951	Retired
Richard H. Carson	5/31/1934	12/27/2009	75	1989	Retired
Lewis S. Hastings	5/5/1926	1/27/2010	83	1952	Retired
Richard Northcotte Olds	2/5/1924	2/18/2010	86	1948	Retired
Enid Virginia Pierce	7/18/1909	2/24/2010	100	1942	Retired
Richard Martin Burns	8/28/1929	3/16/2010	80	1951	Retired
Richard A. McClintock	9/8/1933	3/29/2010	76	1962	Retired
David H. Lindberg	9/13/1937	4/16/2010	72	1960	Retired
Jack Reed Moon	10/17/1933	4/16/2010	76	1965	Retired
Kenneth Rutter	10/6/1916	4/24/2010	93	1943	Retired
Herbert A. Peterson	7/20/1918	6/28/2010	91		Retired
Ralph B. Kilburn	9/16/1922	7/4/2010	87	1950	Retired
Wayne B. Price	10/4/1918	7/13/2010	91	1946	Retired
Allen O. Grimm	5/4/1935	8/3/2010	75		Retired
Charles A. Renshaw	3/22/1930	8/12/2010	80	1971	Retired
Jacob Brumbaugh	5/8/1926	8/28/2010	84		Retired
Nelson E. Stants	4/21/1921	9/13/2010	89	1950	Retired
Gale W. Cook	8/21/1919	9/22/2010	91	1951	Retired
Russell Perry	12/22/1920	11/3/2010	89	1948	Retired
Robert Lee Peters	4/20/1926	11/4/2010	84	1970	Retired
William Jay Gill	10/18/1938	11/27/2010	72		Retired
Gilbert Hoffman	9/27/1922	12/9/2010	88	1954	Retired
Paul Thomas Pullen	11/3/1929	1/10/2011	81	1949	Retired
Leonard D. Adams	12/13/1925	1/22/2011	85	1959	Retired
Wesley Edward Blaha	6/3/1930	1/29/2011	80	1956	Retired
William Berninger	1/19/1918	2/24/2011	93		Retired

Ferd Brownlee Park	5/17/1930	3/7/2011	80	1961	Retired
Mary Catherine Burton	5/7/1932	3/9/2011	78	1975	Retired
Carol Richey Adcock	10/15/1925	3/22/2011	85	1975	Retired
John C. Cox	6/1/1922	4/9/2011	88	1950	Retired
G. Donald McAfoose	10/23/1928	5/7/2011	82	1975	Retired
John Harper Creeks	7/5/1924	5/11/2011	86	1969	Retired
William E. Fenstermaker	6/17/1923	5/12/2011	87	1951	Retired
J. Richard Hackenberry	6/23/1923	5/18/2011	87	1971	Retired
Hugh Dewey Crocker	10/30/1930	6/13/2011	80	1953	Retired
James William Kane	4/8/1928	6/24/2011	83	1964	Retired
Gerald Marion Lundeen	4/8/1929	6/28/2011	82	1950	Retired
J. Stephen Ziegler	12/5/1926	7/21/2011	84	1958	Withdrew
Henry Harrison Shissler	8/19/1918	8/1/2011	92	1945	Retired
Merle I. Potter	2/26/1932	8/1/2011	79	1964	Withdrew
James M. Du Bois	5/27/1929	9/9/2011	82	1982	Retired
Carol Edre Lynn	9/20/1936	9/28/2011	75	1986	Retired
Richard C. Baker	12/13/1936	10/1/2011	74	1969	Withdrew
Glea Leann Foster	5/18/1949	11/29/2011	62	1994	Active
Cloyd Martin Osborne	9/25/1923	12/8/2011	88	1951	Retired
Robert Callihan	3/2/1929	12/12/2011	82	1951	Retired
Winston C. Trever	5/28/1912	2/7/2012	99	1933	Retired
Peter Anthony Degerlando	8/26/1921	3/11/2012	90	1963	Retired
Jack David Fields	2/1/1922	4/16/2012	90	1956	Retired
Pat Edward Ellis	10/22/1949	4/25/2012	62	1993	Active
Jack Gail Ammon	1/7/1920	5/13/2012	92	1951	Retired
Charles D. DuPont	8/11/1932	5/19/2012	79	1967	Withdrew
Charles Straver Loney	7/14/1926	6/8/2012	85	1951	Retired
Molly Brown	7/24/1923	8/6/2012	89	1985	Retired
Mearle Leventry	1/12/1922	9/10/2012	90	1963	Retired
John Dobbs Patterson	10/29/1930	9/22/2012	81	1953	Retired
Fred Preuss Jr.	8/16/1942	10/12/2012	70	1965	Retired
Jean Cable	6/25/1920	10/28/2012	92		Retired
Ivan Dewayne Johnson	3/10/1923	12/24/2012	89	1975	Retired
Donald T Rainey	4/8/1935	1/4/2013	77	1969	Retired
James Earl Davis	11/12/1929	1/9/2013	83	1977	Retired
Robert Spencer Fulton	7/16/1933	1/11/2013	87	1961	Location
Jacob Henry Breakiron	6/18/1920	1/28/2013	92	1948	Retired
Paul Meuschke	12/11/1927	3/15/2013	85	1951	Retired
Robert Gumbert	1/5/1929	3/23/2013	84	1952	Retired
Spurgeon Witherow	9/27/1925	3/24/2013	87	1952	Retired
Charles Moore	10/12/1929	3/31/2013	83	1979	Retired
Robert Foltz	12/27/1939	4/14/2013	73	1962	Retired
Conway Keibler	9/26/1927	4/27/2013	85	1955	Retired
Johnnie David Panther	2/18/1957	5/26/2013	56	1982	Active
James Preston Fogg Jr.	3/15/1950	6/11/2013	63	1973	Retired
Roger Cramer Sr.	2/17/1928	7/31/2013	85	1962	Retired
James Trusel	7/11/1927	9/11/2013	86	1969	Retired
Robert Higginbotham Jr.	12/8/1949	9/29/2013	63	1972	Active
Samuel Weible	7/14/1925	10/10/2013	88	1985	Retired
John Duvall	12/23/1922	11/6/2013	90	1971	Retired
Sylvan Jerry Berman	11/1/1934	11/24/2013	79	1969	Retired
Donald Brown	5/11/1928	1/15/2014	85	1958	Retired
Richard Eddinger	6/13/1936	1/24/2014	77	1970	Retired
Kenneth McGowan Jr.	8/12/1934	2/2/2014	79	1961	Retired
John Charles Garvin	4/16/1933	3/16/2014	80	1962	Retired
Henry Morris	12/11/1928	3/24/2014	85	1952	Retired
John Boor	1/4/1926	4/22/2014	88	1965	Retired
George Sturley Cook	6/23/1918	5/6/2014	95	1974	Retired

## Our Honored Dead, Clergy Spouses

Name	Born	Died	Age	Clergy's Name
Cynthia Delle Donne Blaha	4/30/1949	1/3/2009	60	Wesley
Elsie Fralick Rossbacher	12/24/1911	2/19/2009	97	Edward
Nancy A. Toothman		2/26/2009		Paul
Vera Claire Bishop Halstead	12/31/1920	3/28/2009	88	Paul
Maxine Leora Chelton Donner	11/30/1923	3/30/2009	85	Edward
Shirley M. Thompson Hammond	10/11/1932	4/3/2009	76	Everett
Ruth Virginia Hoffer Spahn	5/21/1916	4/9/2009	93	J. Wesley
Violet E. Probst	1/21/1919	4/9/2009	90	Delmar
Dorothy Ellen Patterson	9/5/1930	4/28/2009	79	Jack
Phyllis Jay	5/4/1925	1/9/2009	83	Mearle
Lola Mae Bray	2/10/1934	6/10/2009	75	James
Sarah Peterson	12/21/1917	7/20/2009	91	Herbert
Gladys Leona Bishop	12/22/1912	8/10/2009	96	J Byron
Hazel Chelton	1/21/1923	9/18/2009	86	Lloyd
Ruth LaVerne Bishop	10/10/1914	10/14/2009	95	Kennard
Esther Helen Hopson	11/13/1914	10/28/2009	94	Dawson
Thelma Weaver Smith	11/7/1924	10/28/2009	84	William
Grace Pomroy Bennett	3/27/1907	11/16/2009	102	Clarence
Phyllis Jean Watterson	5/23/1929	12/11/2009	80	Earl
Birdie Lou Edmonds (Horneman)	10/30/1931	2/1/2010	78	Robert
Astrid Amelia Kelly	2/13/1934	5/10/2010	76	Floyd
Nancy O. Hinderliter	3/15/1936	7/29/2010	74	Harold
Vivian S. Troutman	10/22/1922	10/6/2010	87	Perry
Howard Davis	11/8/1917	10/13/2010	92	Gladys
Charlotte Burns Zeigler	6/27/1914	10/28/2010	96	Harold Burns
Catherine O. Merz	7/16/1914	11/7/2010	75	Albert
Sara Ann Howes	8/20/1914	1/14/2011	96	Allan
Averill V. Gay	11/5/1920	1/24/2011	90	Richard
Glengail Stephens	4/28/1912	3/19/2011	98	Robert
Grace I. Shaffer	9/19/1925	4/9/2011	85	Jay
Genevieve M. Zimmerman	4/21/1931	4/17/2011	79	Robert
Marion A. Eckert	10/2/1908	4/28/2011	102	Ralph
Jenny N. Byrd	12/17/1921	4/30/2011	89	Stanley
Goldie LaVerne Browning	4/15/1929	4/5/2010	80	Scott
Dorothy Edmunds Cromer	4/13/1914	10/27/2010	96	William
Margeretta Wechsler Kutz	6/3/1938	5/12/2011	72	Charles
Marie V. Filer	4/16/1918	5/26/2011	93	William
Thelma I. Cousins	5/12/1918	6/3/2011	93	James
Marilyn Ethel Moon	12/10/1936	6/11/2011	74	Jack
Helena Wineberg	9/26/1919	7/14/2011	91	William
Anne Maple Swift	3/9/1931	9/5/2011	80	Meredith
Elinor Louise Gates	1/29/1923	9/13/2011	88	Nelson Morton
June Osgood Jolley	4/24/1916	10/10/2011	95	Delbert
Eileen F. Bell	7/3/1922	10/15/2011	89	Chalmers
Dorothy Ellen Reaugh	4/10/1926	10/18/2011	85	Jack, Sr
Marjorie Ellen Scruton	9/23/1923	11/1/2011	88	Paul
Renee' Jean Ellis	5/1/1954	11/15/2011	57	Pat
Betty Jo Loney	4/16/1928	12/2/2011	83	Charles
Hilda Eileen Jewell	3/12/1925	12/1/2011	86	Gale
Virginia Elizabeth Hammett	3/12/1931	12/17/2011	80	Edward
Gloria Jean Rhodes	8/22/1941	12/24/2011	70	Arnold
Dorie Louise Heckman	8/8/1945	12/24/2011	66	David
Janet Grace Young	5/18/1933	2/7/2012	78	Norman
Delores Ruth Colpetzer	4/12/1932	2/24/2012	79	John
Joy Elaine Friesner	1/30/1941	3/18/2012	71	James
Beverly B. Shaffer	7/20/1947	4/24/2012	64	Terry

Lois Marjorie Headley	8/21/1927	5/30/2012	84	William
Rita L. Groters	10/29/1919	6/13/2011	91	Claude
Bernadeane Picht	4/11/1922	5/21/2012	90	Charles
Michael Condon	10/25/1965	6/17/2012	46	Jackie
Josephine Cowder	3/10/1914	7/1/2012	98	Cecil Clyde
Edith Rickard	7/9/1921	7/28/2012	91	E Wayne
Mildred McEntire	7/13/1913	8/29/2012	99	Don
Dorothy Gray	5/14/1920	9/19/2012	92	James
Margery Winkie Morey	9/21/1916	10/12/2012	96	Roger
Constance Rowles	12/11/1942	10/22/2012	69	Forrest
Betty Gordon	8/29/1923	10/25/2012	89	Thomas
Esther Garner	10/24/1921	11/23/2012	91	Lawrence
Rosemary Basinger	9/21/1925	11/28/2012	87	John, Jr
Helen Mabel Lyman	2/22/1914	12/14/2012	98	Harold
Lucy Stewart	5/11/1921	12/15/2012	91	L Gene
Sally Rupert	8/24/1947	12/16/2012	65	Edward
Sarah Maher	12/12/1939	12/18/2012	73	William
Virginia Prisk	9/2/1913	12/22/2012	99	Charles
Amelia Haine	7/13/1911	12/30/2012	101	Cuthbert
Lois Jean Scott	11/22/1929	1/16/2013	83	John W.
Luella Moffat	6/2/1915	1/29/2013	97	Arthur T., Sr
Lois Hollenbeck	6/10/1928	2/9/2013	84	LeRoy
Geraldine Nunemaker	12/21/1927	2/13/2013	85	Harold
Betty Dubois	6/6/1933	3/11/2013	79	James
Betty Shaffer	2/20/1921	4/4/2013	92	Clarence
Ednah Shultz	10/12/1919	4/8/2013	93	Howard
Kelly Stranford-Wasser	4/25/1960	4/14/2013	52	Rex
Irene Lucille Meuschke	5/17/1933	6/8/2013	80	Paul
Myron Gramling	1/8/1941	7/9/2013	72	Phyllis
Marcia Smith	1/5/1929	7/11/2013	84	Ronald
David Peary, Sr.	3/18/1927	7/26/2013	86	Margaret
Marietta Woomer	3/13/1917	8/6/2013	96	James
Faye (Walker) Wion Pollock	11/4/1924	8/14/2013	88	Cyrus & HB
Eileen M. Stoupe	12/12/1916	9/1/2013	96	Hugh
Carol Kalp	12/14/1936	9/3/2013	76	Larry
Mary B. Smith	2/9/1924	9/27/2013	89	J Howard
Doris Juanita Romine	1/28/1933	10/1/2013	80	Ralph
Barbara J Reed	1/20/1918	10/1/2013	95	Allen
Sarah Rummel	6/15/1916	10/24/2013	97	Charles
Harriet Porter	4/11/1928	11/7/2013	85	William
Dora Cox	3/17/1925	11/10/2013	88	Jack
Dolores Croyle	12/26/1932	11/24/2013	80	Rodney
Dorothy Blank	9/17/1929	12/18/2013	84	Robert
Lucille Dunkle	1/2/1932	12/25/2013	81	Norman
Dorothy Boyd	6/19/1926	12/31/2013	87	Howard
Jean Lash	12/13/1935	12/31/2013	78	Robert
Lois Heiser	12/12/1925	1/24/2014	88	John
Elsie McCollough	12/2/1913	2/8/2014	100	Edward
Margaret Hodges	11/2/1923	2/28/2014	90	James
Grace Roberts	11/13/1917	3/9/2014	96	Emery
Loretta Taylor	5/2/1948	4/14/2014	65	Paul
Harry Applegate	8/12/1927	5/13/2014	86	Julie
Evelyn June Perry	3/24/1919	5/20/2014	95	Russell

**Harry R. Applegate****August 12, 1927****May 13, 2014**

Harry Richard Applegate was born August 12, 1927 in Sharon, PA to Salem and Catherine Rankin Applegate. He graduated from Sharon High School in 1945 and worked for 38 years at the former Sawhill Tubular Plant in Wheatland, PA. He was a member of New Virginia United Methodist Church, Hermitage, PA, where he served as head usher before I went into full time ministry. Currently he was under the pastoral care of New Leaf United Methodist in Conneaut, OH where we live.

Harry served as Assistant Boy Scout Leader of Troup 12, Sharon, PA in the 1970s. He was an avid stock car racer for over 20 years and loved watching NASCAR. Harry was a great Preacher's Spouse, and he loved to tell people that being married to him greatly helped my preaching, because of all the times I preached to him.

Survivors include myself, Rev. Julie Lonie Applegate, whom he married June 5, 1965; two sons, Harry Richard Applegate II and fiancée Jennifer Statan, of Marion, OH and Shane Donald Applegate and wife Anna, of Oil City, PA; two daughters, Nancy Miller and husband Robin of Marion, OH and Erin Hricik and husband Frank of Sharon, PA; a step-son, Scott McQuiston of Conneaut, OH; and a foster son, Steve Roadcap and wife Angelia, of Battle Creek, MI. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and a brother, Kenneth Applegate of Las Vegas, NV. Harry was preceded in death by a daughter, Janet Gail Applegate, who died in May, 2008.

Submitted by his wife, Rev. Julie Lonie Applegate

**Sylvan Jerry Berman****November 1, 1934****November 24, 2013**

Sylvan Jerry Berman, whose last location was in Rock Lake Community, Fairmont, WV, passed away on November 24, 2013 at Monongalia General Hospital.

Jerry was born on November 1, 1934 in Williamson, WV, the son of the late Harry and Clara Rowe Berman. He was a graduate of Williamson High School, Alderson-Broaddus College of Philippi, WV, and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC. He was ordained and licensed to preach at First Baptist Church in Williamson, WV in 1958, accepted as a Probationary Member and Deacon of the Western PA Conference of The United Methodist Church in 1969, and approved as a Full Member, receiving Elders orders in 1972. Reverend Berman served at Tory Creek Baptist Church, Laurel Forks, VA from 1959 until 1960; as Chaplain at Woodville State Mental Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA from 1964 until 1968; as

pastor at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Erie, PA from 1968 until 1969; Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church, New Brighton, PA from 1969 until 1974; First United Methodist Church, Clairton, PA from 1974 until 1983; Center Avenue United Methodist Church, Pitcairn, PA from 1983 until 1989; First United Methodist Church, Apollo, PA from 1989 until 1995; First United Methodist Church of Charleroi, Charleroi, PA from 1995 until 1997; Epworth United Methodist Church, New Castle, PA from 1997 until 1999; and First United Methodist Church of Monongah, WV from 2002 until 2010.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Sue Ann Martin Berman of Rock Lake Community; his mother, Clara Rowe Berman of Akron, OH; a daughter, Dr. Sylvia and Ted Senften of Wheeling, WV; a son, David L. and Krista Fauss Berman of Williamstown, WV; four sisters, including his twin sister, Eva June Stepp Fankhauser of Akron, OH, Nancy and Joe Blackburn of Hardy, KY, Carolyn and Ronald Spangler of Big Sandy, TX, and Loretta and Mike Lowe of Turkey Creek, KY; three grandchildren, Rebekah Hawranick of Athens, OH, Christopher Berman of Williamstown, WV, and Emma Berman of Williamstown, WV; as well as several nieces and nephews. In addition to his father, Jerry was preceded in death by a grandson, Michael Hawranick III.

Jerry was a member of the Rock Lake Club and enjoyed coin collecting. He was also a handwriting analyst and an expert on the history of the Hatfield and McCoy Feud, which began in Williamson, WV. He was a fan of the Steelers and WVU football teams as well as an avid golfer and fisherman.

A Celebration of Life Service was held on December 6, 2013 at the First United Methodist Church of Monongah, Pike St. (Rt. 19N), Monongah, WV 26554, with the Reverend Ellis Conley and the Reverend Thomas Funk officiating.

### Dorothy E. Blank

**September 17, 1929**



Dorothy E. Blank, last living at Arbutus Park Retirement Community, Johnstown, PA, went to be with her Lord on December 18, 2013, following a brief illness. Born September 17, 1929 in Pitcairn, PA, she was a daughter of Clair and Minola (Brown) Baker. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Robert Blank; brothers, Jack, Craig, Robert and William; and a sister, Kathleen Smith.

**December 18, 2013**

Dorothy is survived by her children: Dennis of Charlottesville, VA; Dawna, married to Larry Johnson of Altavista, VA; and the Rev. Daniel, married to Kim (Long) of Marietta, OH. She also is survived by her grandchildren: Dennis Mark Blank, of Pittsburgh, PA; Chris Blank, married to Theresa, also of Pittsburgh; and Jonathon Blank, married to Erica, of Portsmouth, VA; and great-grandchildren, Cole, Bradyn and Tristan Blank. Dorothy also is survived by 26 nieces and nephews.

Dorothy, who served many years in church activities, was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church, Hollsopple, PA, and was an active volunteer at Arbutus Park Retirement Community. She loved her Lord, family and friends.

One of her favorite quotes was, "God is good all the time; all the time God is good!" She will be greatly missed. Dorothy was a devoted pastor's wife, mother and grandmother who loved people, entertaining and giving to others. A funeral service was held at Bethel United Methodist Church in Hollsopple, with Pastors Keith Dunn and David Bowman officiating. Interment was in Custer Cemetery.

Dorothy was a wonderful mother, daughter, sister, aunt, friend and pastor's wife. Mother loved being a pastor's wife, collecting antiques, helping and giving to people, volunteering in many churches and at the Arbutus Manor. Mother stood up firmly as a Christian and godly example to family and friends. She lived a faithful, hospitable, generous, serving, giving, kind and living life. Giving more than just her endearing smile, she never lost sight of Jesus, serving Him and living Him. We are grateful for our Christian heritage and the precious memories we have of our dear mother. Mom and Dad, through many ups and downs, always claimed victory in the verse, Romans 8:28.

Submitted by the family

### **John C. Boor**

**January 4, 1926**

**April 22, 2014**

John C. Boor was born January 4, 1926, in Altoona, PA and died on April 22, 2014. He is survived by his wife, Janet Marie (Eddinger) Boor, a resident of Myerstown, PA, formerly of Emlenton, PA. They were married May 27, 1951 and have celebrated 63 years of marriage. When John began his ministry, he was a member of the Shippenville (PA) United Methodist Church.

John was a veteran of the United States Air Force during World War II (a B-17 waist-gunner) and a member of American Legion James H. Henderson Post 32, Oil City, PA. He graduated from Cranberry Area High School, Seneca, PA, class of 1948, having dropped out of school to enlist in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and finishing high school after his discharge. In 1962, he graduated from Clarion State College, Clarion, PA with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, and in 1967 from Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C. with a Master of Theology.

John preached his first sermon at the age of 16 in the Fertigs Methodist Episcopal Church, Fertigs, PA. He was an ordained Pastor of The United Methodist Church, Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference, from 1960 until his death. He was engaged in full-time ministry until 1991 and in part-time ministry from 1991 until 2006. He served the Shippenville, PA charge, which included Shippenville, Manor and Providence Methodist Episcopal Churches; Beechview UMC, Pittsburgh; Dayton UMC, Dayton, PA; Youngwood UMC, Youngwood, PA; and Homestead Avenue UMC, Johnstown, PA. After retirement, he returned to the ministry to serve at Manor UMC (where he had served at the beginning of his ministry), Plumer UMC and Rouseville UMC. He was noted for his work in youth, camping and music ministries. Prior to his entering full-time ministry, he was Production Manager for the Struthers-Wells Corporation, Titusville, PA.

John's parents were Anna Mary (Carter) Boor, originally from Altoona, PA and Veryl Kenneth Boor, originally from Mattawana, PA. He is survived by two children, Lisa Ann (Boor) Plasan, married to Marco Hoos, Clarion, PA; and John Carter Boor, Jr., married to Debra Eileen (Zohner) Boor, Myerstown, PA. He is survived by three grandchildren: Allison Lynn (Boor) Gerwick, of Reedsville, PA; Joseph Howard Plasan,

Jr., of Los Angeles, CA; Rebecca Ann Plasan of Clarion, PA; and three great-grandchildren: Thad Christopher Gerwick and Brett Andrew Gerwick of Reedsville, PA; and Damian Gabriel Plasan, of Los Angeles, CA.

John authored several books, including *Poems to Pray By*; *Fertigs, My Hometown*; and *Advice from God*. He was actively involved with leadership roles in Scouting for 36 years. He received the Silver Beaver Award in 1985 from the Penns Woods Council, Boy Scouts of America. His hometown was Fertigs, PA, where he had played for the Hayrake Amateur Baseball League.

### Dorothy Ann Plaskett Boyd

**June 19, 1926**

**December 31, 2013**

Dorothy Ann Plaskett Boyd of Spartanburg, SC passed away unexpectedly on December 31, 2013 in her residence. She was 87. Dorothy was born June 19, 1926 in Fort Wayne, IN to Samuel Burrell Plaskett and Lillian Leota Holsinger Plaskett. As a child, she moved to Baltimore, MD and then to Dayton, OH.



Known to most as Dotty, she obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry in 1948 from Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, OH. Upon graduation, she worked for the Inland Manufacturing Division of General Motors as a chemist in the Materials-Testing Department, and later at Baxter Laboratories-Pharmaceuticals.

On November 18, 1950, she married the Rev. Howard Nelson Boyd. They served seven United Methodist churches in the Western Pennsylvania Conference. They loved to travel, going to all 48 lower states, and were tour hosts for eight Educational Opportunities trips to England, Ireland, Europe and the Holy Land.

Dotty was an active member of the United Methodist Women, the Order of the Eastern Star and was a Stephen Minister, a lay person trained to provide specialized caregiving ministry to small groups and individuals.

Upon retirement in 1990, the Boyds moved to Hermitage, becoming members of First United Methodist Church, Sharon, PA. In 2011, Dotty moved to Summit Hills Retirement Community, Spartanburg, SC, following her daughter, and became a member of Bethel United Methodist Church there.

Dotty remained active with her knitting ministry through the years, making hundreds of baby blankets and sweaters that she donated to the “Knit for Kids” program and to various churches and organizations. She also volunteered to provide free tax services for the elderly with AARP. Dotty was blessed with a very sharp mind; she was independent, still driving until her last day.

Dotty was predeceased by her husband, Howard, and is survived by her three children: Nancy Ann Wilson and her spouse Jeffery L. Wilson, Roebuck, SC; William “Bill” Howard Boyd and his spouse Joellen Boyd, Yorktown, VA; and Charles Wesley Boyd and his spouse Deborah Wright, Frederick, MD. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Matthew David Reeher and his spouse Dana Reeher; Mark Alan Reeher;



Kelli Ann Reeher; Shane William Richardson Boyd; Colin Nelson Boyd; and step-grandchildren: Dustin L. Wilson and his spouse Jessica Wilson; David M. Wilson; and Jona M. Wilson.

**Donald R. Brown**

**May 11, 1928**

**January 15, 2014**

Donald R. Brown, most recently living at Willow Valley, PA, entered into rest on January 15, 2014 at The Glen at Willow Valley. Born in Susquehanna, PA, he was the son of the late Isaac and Veda (Sumner) Brown. He was the loving husband of Hildegard (Lockowandt) Brown with whom he shared over 63 years of marriage.

Don graduated from Clarion University with a Bachelor's degree and went on to Wesley Theological Seminary to earn a Master's degree in Theology. He ministered in The United Methodist Church for over 60 years, where he also served as District Superintendent. He also was a chaplain for eight years at Willow Valley Communities-Spring Run, and was a long-time substitute teacher for the Ephrata School District. He served in the United States Navy during World War II.

In addition to his wife, Don is survived by his daughter, Beverly M. Hess, wife of Rev. Dr. William D. Hess II, of West Chester, PA; three grandchildren: Heather, Matthew, and Dawn; and two great-grandchildren: Timothy and Ethan. Also surviving is a brother Ronald Brown, husband of Jeanette, of Ohio, and a sister, Irma Anderson, wife of Jay, of Michigan. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Brenda Lee Brown, and four brothers: Ernest Brown, Blair Brown, Gerald Brown and Jay Brown.

Funeral Services were held on January 23, 2014 in Lititz, PA with his son-in-law, Rev. Dr. William D. Hess II officiating. Interment was in Hammer Creek Mennonite Cemetery, Lititz, PA.

**George Sturley Cook**

**June 23, 1918**

**May 6, 2014**



George Sturley Cook journeyed to his heavenly home on May 6, 2014. He was born June 23, 1918 in Munhall, PA. He was predeceased by his parents and his wife of 68 years Virginia M. Cupples Cook (July 29, 1919 – September 19, 2007). The family is thankful for the care given by Masonicare in Wallingford, CT and for all your prayers as he lingered on after a heart attack.

George, known as Sturley to his family and hometown friends, was a member of Homestead Park United Methodist Church where he received his call into the ministry. He began his pastoral ministry at the West Homestead United Methodist Church in 1968, where he served part time and continued as a Supervisor at Westinghouse, East Pittsburgh, where he worked for 28 years. He went full time in the ministry in 1970, serving the Sinnamahoning Charge, Scenery Hill/Davidson Charge, and Brockway: Moorhead United Methodist Church. In retirement he served a number of churches on an interim basis.

George was a United States Army Vet, having served during World War II. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America for over 85 years, earning the rank of Eagle Scout and receiving the Silver Beaver Award. He was a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason in the Homestead, PA Scottish Rite and a Past Master of Amity Lodge #582 F&AM. He is survived by two sons: James and his wife Karen and their two daughters, Beth Cook and her husband Seth DePasqual of Hancock, MI, and Amy and her husband Scott Backstrom and their two children, Fischer and Winter; and Dr. Jay Cook and his wife Mary Beth and their son Joshua and his daughter Emily and their daughter Miriam. A memorial service was held in Brockway, PA.

### **Dora C. Cox**

**March 17, 1925**

**November 10, 2013**



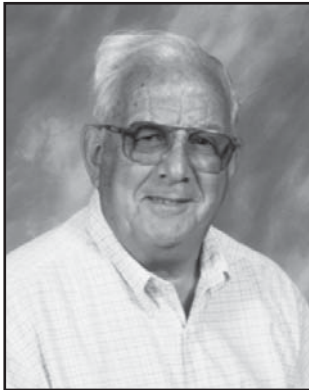
Dora C. Cox, last living in Mt. Lebanon, PA, died November 10, 2013. She was the beloved wife of the late Rev. John C. (Jack) Cox, Sr.; loving mother of Edith (Harry) Heidrich, Naomi (David) Harriger, John "Skip" (Janet) Cox, Jr., Laura Cox, and Jim (Brenda) Cox; grandmother of six; and great-grandmother of six.

Dora was cherished as a wife and mother. She was involved in the churches where her husband was serving and loved spending time with her family. A service of remembrance for her life was held on November 14, 2013. Interment was private.

### **Roger William Cramer, Sr.**

**February 17, 1928**

**July 31, 2013**



The Rev. Roger William Cramer, Sr. took his seat at his Lord's banquet table on July 31, 2013. He joined his sons Richard and David, who had preceded him in death. He was born on February 17, 1928 in Soldier, PA. He was the son of the late Dorsey and Bertha Christian Cramer.

After serving two years in the United States Navy, he attended Penn State University, where he graduated in 1952 with his B.S. in Agriculture Education. He taught in the Sandy Lake and Jamestown school systems and worked at Agway. He then felt the call of the Lord, following which he attended Oberlin Seminary, receiving his Bachelor of Divinity in 1965 and a Masters of Divinity from Vanderbilt University in 1973. Roger was the third son of the Cramer family to become a Methodist minister, joining his brothers Max and Leo Cramer in the ministry.

Roger was a United Methodist minister for the Western Pennsylvania Conference for 32 years, retiring to Summerville, PA in 1993. He served the

congregations at Charleston 1961-1966; Chicora/Karns City 1966-1967; Eau Claire/Argentine/Jolly Farm Camp 1967-September 1, 1972; Centerville/Taylor September 1, 1972-1976; Springdale 1976-1993; and Summerville UMC as Pastor Emeritus. He loved singing in the Western PA United Methodist Ministers' Chorus, where his bass voice blended with the others in singing praises to his Lord. He was active in the Keystone United Methodist Federal Credit Union, serving as President, and volunteering when needed. He was loved for his sense of humor and his mentoring of others. He was selfless and generous.

Roger was married to Dorothy Hummel Cramer for 63 blessed years. Along with his wife, Roger is survived by two sons, Roger, Jr. (Kay) and Gary Cramer; two daughters, Miriam (Michael) Perriello and Helene (Paul) Jacobs. Roger was a devoted husband and father who always found the time to spend with his family, including his eight grandchildren and one great-grandson.

His hobbies included gardening, hunting and watching Penn State football! He enjoyed spending time at the family camp, going on deer/bunny rides, and ending up at the ice cream stand. After retiring, the winter months were spent in Florida, visiting with family and enjoying the sun.

A memorial service of resurrection was held at Summerville UMC on August 4, 2013. Internment was at Ohl Cemetery in Beaver Township, Jefferson County, PA.

He is now singing his favorite hymn, "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," with the heavenly chorus.

Submitted by his family

### Dolores I. Croyle

**December 26, 1932**

**November 24, 2013**

Dolores I. Croyle, most recently living in Ben Avon, PA but known mostly for having resided in Grove City, PA, died on November 24, 2013. She was 80 at the time of her death.



Dolores was born in Grove City and was a 1954 graduate of Grove City College with a degree in music. She was a music teacher, piano instructor, church soloist, member of the Pittsburgh Concert Chorale, and the Ingomar United Methodist Church in the North Hills of Allegheny County, PA.

Dolores was the beloved wife of the late Rev. Rodney J. Croyle; loving mother of David and Karen Croyle; sister of Philip Shawgo; and is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, Loyal and Elsie Shawgo, and a brother, Glendon Shawgo.

**Lucille Dunkle****January 2, 1932****December 25, 2013**

Lucille Dunkle died a moment after midnight, Christmas morning, 2013, at Wesbury Retirement Community in Meadville, Pennsylvania, after a life of deep commitment and eager service to her Lord, Jesus Christ.



Lucille was born on January 2, 1932, in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Emil and Lois Nichols Roedel. She married Norman E. Dunkle on April 7, 1953, and he survives.

Lucille was a 1953 graduate of Roberts Wesleyan College, North Chili, New York with a B.A. in Spanish and a 1956 graduate of Brockport State Teachers College, Brockport, New York, with a Master's degree in education. She was an elementary school teacher for twenty-five years in the Irondequoit and Kenmore School Districts in New York State; in Meadville, Pennsylvania, and in

Maplewood, New Jersey, retiring from Mount Lebanon, Pennsylvania, in 1987. Her teaching and leadership skills greatly enriched her husband's ministry in The United Methodist Church. Her love of music was a lifetime passion that kept her constantly involved in church choirs and other musical groups.

After moving to Meadville in 2006, the Dunkles became active in Stone United Methodist Church where Lucille participated in choir, acted as president of the United Methodist Women, and led a small group development program. She was equally active at Wesbury in the choir, Activities Committee, and Landscaping Committee. She was a master gardener and an avid house plant enthusiast.

Survivors, in addition to her devoted husband of sixty years, include two sons, David of Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, and Keith of Alliance, Ohio; two grandsons, Guy Dunkle and his wife Wilma, of Townville, Pennsylvania, and Reed Dunkle who lives in Spain; and two great-grandsons, Nolan and Graham Dunkle. In addition to her parents, Lucille was preceded in death by a son, Mark Dunkle, in 1979.

Submitted by her husband, Norman Dunkle

**John E. Duvall****December 23, 1922****November 6, 2013**

John E. Duvall, formerly of West Newton, PA, went to be with his Lord on November 6, 2013. He was born December 23, 1922, at his home in East Millsboro, a son of the late John C. and Harriet (Franks) Duvall. He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Odella Grace (Prosser) Duvall, May 16, 2000; his two brothers, infant Charles Duvall and Harrison "Harry" Duvall; and son-in-law, Kenneth Lowanse. Surviving are five children: John E. "Jack" Duvall and his wife, Patty; Todd A. Duvall and his wife, Darlene; Jill A. Stewart and her husband, Bill; Deborah M. Lansperger and her husband, Larry; and Pamela L. Lowanse. He was very proud of his 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his younger sister, Samantha Verb; a

brother-in-law, William (Billy) Prosser and his wife, MaryLou; and sister-in-law, Mildred Teasdale; along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

John graduated from Brownsville High School in 1941 and served in the United States Navy as a pilot until the end of World War II. He held several jobs throughout his life, including: auto salesman, hardware store clerk, paint store owner and auditor for the State of Pennsylvania, until he gave into his calling as a minister.



John's ministry started in 1957, serving a four-church circuit, the Asbury Circuit, in Greene County. He was transferred in 1962 to the Percy Charge (Lemont Furnace, Shady Grove and Cool Springs United Methodist Churches). In 1967, he was transferred to United Methodist Church in West Newton, where he served for 23 years, until retiring in 1990. Retirement was short lived. The following Sunday he was in the pulpit again, serving the Greensburg district as needed,

until he was sent to Trinity United Methodist Church in Greensburg, where he served for 14 years. He retired as pastor emeritus June 24, 2007.

John was an avid golfer who spent time with friends and family, sharing in this wonderful sport. John also gave of himself through membership in the West Newton Rotary (honored as a Paul Harris Fellow). He served as a councilman and was a member of the Blyth Lodge #593 F&AM Masonic Lodge in West Newton, where he served as the Lodge's Chaplain. However, his greatest joy and honor was serving the members of his churches. A memorial service was held with the Rev. Amy Chesla presiding. Interment with military honors followed in the West Newton Cemetery.

### Richard "Dick" Eddinger

June 13, 1936

January 24, 2014

Richard "Dick" Eddinger went home to be with his Lord on January 24, 2014.



Dick was born in Emlenton, PA and as a teenager felt the call to ministry. After high school graduation, he married Margaret Beisel and went to work as a machinist. After several lay-off's and God's continual urging, he began his full time service as a Supply Pastor in 1962. Later he became an Associate Member of the Western PA United Methodist Conference. Throughout his years of ministry, he served five different charges and was truly a circuit-riding preacher, with the size of his charges varying from one to four churches. Dick was also a strong supporter of Cherry Run Camp, serving first as a counselor and then on the board of directors for many years. Even upon retirement, Dick continued to minister through mission

trips, serving as a fill-in pastor and conducting weekly services at Rustic Acres Campground.

Dick and Maryne raised 4 children: Cindy, Brenda, David and Dena. Dick loved family time with his children, their spouses, ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. It was important to Dick to spend time with family and to share his love of the Lord. His children recall being quizzed over lunch to see if they were paying attention in church and the time Dick was brought to tears when one of his daughters came forward during an altar call. Dick's passion in life was to bring people to the saving grace of God, including his family.

Dick enjoyed a good laugh and getting to know people. He liked to tease and did not take himself too seriously. Dick enjoyed people and his visitation times. He would lend a hand, if someone had a work project that needed done. He believed reaching those who are lost is done most effectively by one-to-one contact.

Dick and Maryne enjoyed their vacations, camping and fishing with their family. To get away from the hustle and bustle, spend time with the family, sit by the campfire, or sit with a fishing line in the water was a treasured time for relaxation. Dick also enjoyed woodworking and building for relaxation. Every Christmas after his retirement, his family received a gift that Dick had made, ranging from an end table to a Nativity set. Dick also used these talents in the many building projects for the churches he served and mission trips he participated in.

For the last couple years of his life, Dick fought a hard fight against the cancer within his body. He trusted that God would continue to use him through this struggle. Well done, good and faithful servant.

### James Preston Fogg, Jr.

**March 15, 1950**

**June 11, 2013**



James Preston Fogg, Jr. was admitted to Jefferson Memorial Hospital on May 31<sup>st</sup> and passed away on June 11, 2013. Visitation was held at the Ferguson Funeral Home in Uniontown, PA, and the memorial service was held at Ingomar United Methodist Church, Ingomar, PA. It was officiated by Rev. David Streets, Rev. Bill Perringer, and Rev. Dean Byrom. Jim had been a member of the Western PA United Methodist Ministers' Chorus, and they had made a record. Jim was the soloist for *Amazing Grace*, so we took a record player, and Jim had another chance to sing...at his own funeral. It was very moving and comforting. Hymn text writer Brian Wren, who had often been a visitor at our home, sent the words he had just written for his brother's funeral. My thanks to Ingomar's talented organist, Don, for playing Widor's *Toccata and Fugue* at the "end of Jim's beginning."

"Rev. Jim," as his parishioners called him, was born on March 15, 1950. His

parents were Lois Jean Fogg and James P. Fogg, Sr. A graduate of Beaver Area High School in 1968, Jim was a soloist in his Baccalaureate Service, singing *If With All Your Hearts* by Mendelssohn. In high school, he was in many Honor Choirs, and when he attended Otterbein College in Ohio, he became a vital part of a touring quintet called "Semblance," which traveled around the state and country, both throughout the school

year and during the summer, spreading God's Word to churches and summer camps. Jim was their master of ceremonies. Jim's major was Ministry while at Otterbein, and he continued his education at United Seminary. His home church, Zion: Rochester authorized his license to preach in June 1973. He graduated from United in 1975 and was ordained by Bishop Roy Nichols.

Jim was appointed to Janes United Methodist Church, Creighton (1975-1978). His next appointment was Ligonier: Calvary (1978-1986). At the end of that appointment, Jim's church presented him with a Journey to the Holy Land. He took many notes about the trip and also took many slides. In his notes, he said that he really wanted to go back and spend more time in Israel. Jim met and was married to Joan Collier Fogg, a Diaconal Minister/Music Teacher in Maryland, and their next appointment was at Ingomar UMC from 1986-1991, where Jim was the Pastor of Relational Ministries. He was very active in visitations, the choir, and also helped cook for the soup kitchen on the North Side of Pittsburgh as well as continuing to work with summer camps. They knew him by name at Camp Allegheny. Children seemed to "connect" with him and actually wanted to come to hear "Reverend Jim," as they called him. Following Ingomar, Jim was appointed to the First United Methodist Church of Kittanning (1991-1996), where he was again often seen "in the kitchen," helping to serve and mingling with the people. Summer services there were usually outdoors. On one occasion, he helped remove things from the church basement when the town was hit with a major flood that caused an ice jam, flooding the basement of the church and threatening the same thing in the parsonage. When a pastor was moving mid-year from Asbury United Methodist Church in Uniontown, Jim received that appointment, and we lived there for 6 and a half years until Jim's "retirement." During his time at Johnstown: Asbury, Jim went back to United to study and also enrolled at Seton Hill's degree program for a Family Counseling degree. He graduated from Seton Hill in 2006 and opened Life Changes Counseling Service in Rostraver Township. He also was the part-time pastor of Bridgeport United Methodist Church (2009-2011).

In between all of the "above," Jim was an animated reader and caught the attention of so many children. He was often invited to read to school classrooms or groups. You would have loved watching their faces, as the children paid attention and were so "glued" to his every word. Jim was an avid reader. When author John Updike came to Kittanning, he autographed Jim's Updike book, "To: The Earthy Preacher."

Jim's passing was such a shock to all of us. He is survived by his wife, Joan, and four children: Kevin Fogg, Traci Fogg, Samantha Adams, J.D. Adams; and eight grandchildren. He was always there for them, and the grandchildren loved his storytelling and fun times with him. When we went to his empty office to move things out, their pictures along with their "art work" were in his office. The last thing he had written on his white board was "Life Happens." Our anniversary had been on May 24<sup>th</sup>, and we both unknowingly sent each other different cards that each had a real dog and cat on the front "hugging." The inside of both cards said, "It works." I know where Jim is. "God works," and Jim is at peace. His last words in *Drifting Around in the FOGG*, the Asbury newsletter, was, "May God Bless you as you continue to work for God's Kingdom here on earth! Shalom! Rev. Jim."

**John Charles Garvin****April 16, 1933****March 16, 2014**

John Charles Garvin was born on Easter Sunday, April 16, 1933, in Finleyville, Pennsylvania to Horace and Mildred Barton Garvin, and died on March 16, 2014 in Anchorage, Alaska at Providence Alaska Medical Center at the age of 80. As a young man, he met Audrey Clark of Greentree, Pennsylvania at a church ice cream social, introducing himself by stealing candy from her plate. They were married at Greentree United Methodist Church on July 19, 1952. A husband and father of eight, he supported and encouraged, without judgment, the dreams of every member of his large family and an extended network of friends. Throughout his life he was a consummate practical joker, and even once convinced his grandchildren that his dog could do basic arithmetic!

John was a big man with a big intellect and a big heart who was informed and sustained by his faith. He was a graduate of Monongahela High School, University of Pittsburgh, and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He completed master's degrees in both public health and social work at the University of Pittsburgh. Initially he thought that he was called to be a medical missionary, but later his calling developed into public health ministry. Originally ordained in the United Presbyterian Church and serving in the Troy Hill area of Pittsburgh, from this location he observed the new housing project of Northview Heights and saw the need for a ministry to the multi-racial population there on the North Side of Pittsburgh. The United Methodist Church Union of Pittsburgh shared his vision, so he became an elder and was granted full membership in the Western Pennsylvania Conference in 1962.

John had a passion for Jesus' message about the poor and disenfranchised. He made that passion the driving force behind Bethany Ministries, securing donations and volunteers from UM churches in the Western Pennsylvania Conference to support the organization's efforts. Practicing what he preached, John moved the Garvin family into the Northview Heights public housing project. It was in this ministry context that John and Audrey added to their existing family of four children by adopting four children. He served as Associate Minister to Smithfield UM, Pittsburgh; Founding Director of Bethany House Ministries, Northview Heights, Pittsburgh 1962-1966; Founding Pastor of Church of Our Savior in Northview Heights, Pittsburgh 1966-1971; Calvary UMC and Evergreen UMC, Pittsburgh 1971-1975.

After finishing his Ph.D. in Social Work, Dr. Garvin accepted the position of Executive Director of Alaska Children's Services, and moved to Anchorage, Alaska in 1975 with his family. In the years that followed his calling to serve in Alaska, Dr. Garvin's commitment to children and families found him serving in many capacities and in churches in Alaska. He served as Executive Director of Samaritan Counseling Center of Alaska, and Director of Good News Counseling Center of Alaska. After retiring in 1989, Dr. Garvin and his wife Audrey enjoyed traveling in their recreational vehicle throughout the United States, serving churches in Florida and Pennsylvania. They cared



for several aging family members, and then once again settled in Anchorage to be near the majority of their children. Back in Alaska, God's call to service and compassion led him to create Dr. John's Ministry to Families and the Elderly, an outreach ministry totally dependent on the giving of more than 500 faithful individuals. He continued this ministry until his death. Dr. John Garvin touched many lives and brought help to those mentally, physically, and spiritually in need until his days on earth were complete.

John is survived by his wife Audrey of nearly 62 years; by their children Barbara Kenyon (Douglas), Sally Fries (Robert Wilson), Janice Nightingale (Joseph), Clark Garvin (Jennifer), Kenneth Garvin (Noriko), and Lynnette Garvin; 20 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son David Garvin, daughter Julianne Garvin-Thompson, and son-in-law Jerry Fries.

### Myron Gramling

**January 8, 1941**

**July 9, 2013**



Myron K. Gramling, known better as "Bud," was born in the South Fork area of Western PA in 1941. He grew up on a farm in South Fork, and went to work in a Johnstown steel mill. Bud ended up retiring from there when the mill shut down in 1983. He then went to work at the McQuaide Trucking Company and retired from there.

Bud was a long time member of the Mount Hope UMC. It was there that he met Phyllis Ringler. They were married in June of 1971. This marriage union brought three children: Bonnie Sara, Denise May, and Rick Myron, all of whom still live around South Fork.

Myron did not know that, when God called Phyllis into the ministry, the call was for him also. He reluctantly accompanied his wife to serve the Cresson Charge. Here he grew in his faith and found many opportunities to serve. Myron suffered a stroke in November of 2007, so the couple move back home in June.

God called Bud home on July 9, 2013, but not before Myron and his family experienced many miracles and blessings. Praise be to God!

Besides Bud's children, he is survived by his wife Phyllis, and five siblings: Jane (Foster) Webb, Rose Ellenberger, Kenneth, and Donald (Agnes), all of Mount Hope, and Robert (Diane), Robesonia, PA; special friends, Barbara Walters and Joe Lappi; and four-legged companions, Bourbon, Muffin and Snuggles.

A funeral service was held at Mount Hope United Methodist Church, South Fork, with the Rev. Jason McQueen presiding. Interment was in Mount Hope Cemetery.

### Lois W. Heiser

**December 12, 1925**

**January 24, 2014**

Lois W. Heiser, widow of the Rev. John Wesley Heiser, died on January 24, 2014 in St. Clair Hospital at the age of 88. She was a resident of Bethel Park, PA

Lois was the beloved mother of Dr. John R. (Debra) Heiser of Gainesville, FL, Joseph P. (Iris) Heiser of Bethel Park, and the late James W. Heiser. Survivors include

brothers Dr. Raymond Weber (Joanne) of Ford City, PA; Paul Weber (Ann) of Washington, PA; and John Weber of Clairton, PA; grandchildren Zachary Heiser, Samantha Heiser, Heather Griffith Gatson (Grant) and Aaron Griffith (Lauren); and great-grandchild Cooper.

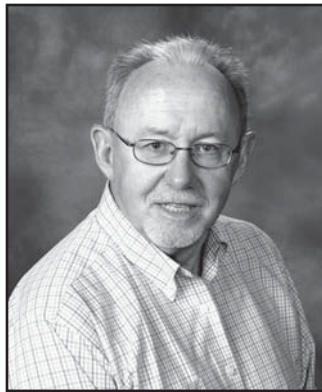
The Heisers served at Jefferson/James Chapel from 1949-1955; Pittsburgh: North End 1955-1958; Pittsburgh: Emory Associate 1958-1962; New Brighton: First 1962-1965; Knox/Mount Joy 1965-1971; Houston 1971-1978; and Sharpsburg/Millvale 1978-1988, when John Heiser retired.

### Robert W. Higginbotham, Jr.

December 8, 1949

September 29, 2013

Robert W. Higginbotham, Jr., called Bob, Bill, Preacher, Dad and Pap Pap by those who loved him, passed away on September 29, 2013. He was 63. He now soars on wings like eagles with his mother Delores J. Higginbotham and his beloved son Robert D. Higginbotham.



Indeed his favorite verse was Isaiah 40:31: *But they that wait upon the Lord will renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.* This was very much his approach to life and faith – he had a patient perseverance that was unmatched.

Bob was born in Brownsville, PA to Robert W. (and Betty, Hurricane, WV) and Delores Higginbotham. He was the oldest of three siblings, and remained close to his brother Gary (Deb) Higginbotham (Ripley, WV) and sister Kathy (Ron) May (Rochester, PA) and their families. He was a graduate of Freedom Area High School (1967), Alderson-Broadus College (1971) and the Methodist Theological School of Ohio (1974). He was awarded the prestigious Gindelsburger Award for Academic Excellence upon seminary graduation. Bob married D. Ruth McDowell on June 10, 1972. They had two children, a daughter, Rebecca, and son, Robert David.

He counted as family those that he met during his 41 years of ministry, serving the churches of the Redstone Circuit (Star Junction); Epworth (Allison Park); Bethel (Lower Burrell); Grace (Warren); during his eight years as Kane District Superintendent (under Bishops Bashore, Kim and Bickerton); and most recently as Assistant to Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton. Upon returning to Cranberry Township in 2008, Bob and Ruth worshiped at Unionville UMC (Butler District), Bob's home church. With that church, the Higginbothams sang in the choir and went on several mission trips.

Bob's passion for mission was evident. He organized numerous Hurricane Katrina recovery trips as well as service in Philippi, West Virginia. After a melanoma diagnosis in 2009, he made 4 trips to Zimbabwe as co-chair of the Conference's Zimbabwe Partnership. In June 2013, prior to surgery to remove a tumor in his lung, Bob traveled to Niagara Falls with a group of Zimbabwean Methodists who had come to attend Annual Conference. He was an active member on the Board of the United Methodist Publishing House, and served at various times throughout his ministry on the

Boards of Olmsted Manor, the Ruth M. Smith Center, Wesley Woods and Zoar Home. Bob and Ruth were also leaders in Marriage and Engaged Encounter.

Bob often ministered in unlikely places, such as a soccer field, a stage, or a trail in the woods. He was a soccer coach for countless recreational league teams, as well as the Warren Area High School Dragons (1993-1998) who captured their District Championship in 1997. And he was a dedicated PIAA soccer and swimming official. He officiated his last soccer game just 17 days after surgery to remove tumors from his brain in August 2013. He enjoyed acting, and had roles in many community theatre and church productions including *Oliver*, *Godspell*, *Cotton Patch Gospel*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. He was an endurance runner, completing (among other events) the Laurel Highlands 70 mile Trail Run, the Old Dominion 100, and the Weston 6-Day Race. One of his most memorable races, though, was one that he didn't complete – the Western States 100, when he was pulled at mile 87 by the medical staff due to tendonitis in his knee. He was devastated, and immediately started planning his comeback at the Western States. The finisher's belt buckle that he earned two years later was one of his proudest possessions.

He was deeply devoted to his family. He regularly told his grandchildren (Rachel and Jared Gillam, Kansas City and Connor and R.J. Higginbotham, Kane, PA) that he loved them “whole big bunches,” and was happiest when he got to spend time with them. And he loved his son-in-law, Jason Gillam, and daughter-in-law, Katie Cappello (Higginbotham), like they had been part of the family forever. Bob also shared his love with the numerous foreign exchange students that he and Ruth hosted from Europe, Korea, Kyrgystan and Afghanistan.

Always sharing: “It is well with my soul,” Bob had a calming presence that was a constant reminder that, in the midst of life's chaos, God will maintain and sustain us, giving us sunshine each new day. While we continue to grieve his loss, we rest assured in God's promise that the worst thing is not the last thing.

Submitted by the family

### Margaret L. Hodges

**November 2, 1923**

**February 28, 2014**



Margaret Livingston Hodges, known as Peg, was born on November 2, 1923 and passed away on Friday, February 28, 2014. Margaret was a resident of Pleasant Hill, Tennessee at the time of her passing. She was preceded in death by her husband James. She is survived by her children: Steve and Diantha Hodges, Dan and Ruth Hodges, Merri and Clark Wright, Kelly Hodges-Reynolds; grandchildren Hope Hodges, Joy Anne Hodges, Sugi Hodges, Rachel Roll, Rob Wright, Aaron Wright, Meredythe Miles, Ryan Hodges, Alexi Reynolds, and Sierra Reynolds; and five great-grandchildren.

Peg served God as a United Methodist Missionary in Taejon, Korea for 10 years, where she worked with women widowed by the Korean War. She served 27 years as a pastor's wife, primarily in the

Western PA United Methodist Conference. She was active for many years in choir and Sunday School at Sneedville UMC. In her last years, while residing in the Wharton Nursing Home, Peg attended Pleasant Hill Community Church.

Peg was a graduate of Westminster College with a degree in Music Education.

Funeral services were held at the Sneedville United Methodist Church with Rev. Lyle White officiating. Interment followed in the Campbell-Maness Cemetery in Sneedville, TN.

### Carol Ann Thomas Kalp

**December 14, 1936**

**September 3, 2013**

Carol Ann (Thomas) Kalp, of Gorham, ME, passed away Tuesday, September 3, 2013, at the Gorham House, after a long battle with cancer.



Carol, daughter of H. Fred and Alverta Thomas of Johnstown, PA, grew up in Ferndale, PA. She graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and completed post-graduate studies in Maine and New Jersey. Her career in elementary education spanned 27 years, twenty of them in Randolph Township, NJ. Carol also taught in Chatham, NJ and Bangor, ME. A popular and gifted educator, she was honored with the State of New Jersey's first "Teacher of the Year" award, presented by New Jersey Governor Thomas Keane in 1987. She also participated in a symposium for outstanding teachers in 1986. With a close teacher friend,

she developed a popular pre-school summer program in New Jersey called "Duck School," which ran for fourteen summers.

Carol enjoyed pinocle, arts and crafts, games with her grandchildren, music, gardening, and outdoor sports. She volunteered as a flower arranger at the Flower Box at Maine Medical Center, where she also served as secretary on the Visiting Board of Children's Hospital. She was a member of the Cosmopolitan Club in Gorham and served as the Club's president in 2010-11. In July, Carol traveled to her ancestral home in Wales with her brother, Fred.

Carol was a beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Larry; her daughter Karen K. Berrell (Robert) of Orono, MN; and son, Robert A. Kalp (Laurie) of Brick, NJ; five grandchildren: Kathrine and Andrew Berrell and Sean, Sarah, and Brendan Kalp; her brother, H. Fred Thomas of Elkton, MD; and her nephew, Trey Thomas of Austin, TX.

A memorial service was held at the First Parish Congregational (UCC) Church in Gorham.

**Jean Kennedy Lash****December 13, 1935****December 31, 2013**

Jean Kennedy Lash passed away on December 31, 2013 at Good Samaritan Hospice House, Wexford, PA. She was the beloved wife of Rev. Robert S. Lash, and loving mother of Cheryl (Ronald) Wenner of Oklahoma; Mark (Lynda) Kennedy of Franklin Park; Timothy Kennedy of Erie; John (Carrie) Kennedy of McKean; step-daughters, Rita Lash of Melbourne, FL and Kathy ( William) Fuller of Brighton Heights. She also was the proud grandmother of seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Jean was dearly loved not only by family and friends, but members of her book club and two special people in her life, Jack and Kay Rimer. In addition to cherishing her role as a pastor's wife, she was a registered nurse and took great pride in being the first married woman accepted into the Washington Hospital School of Nursing as a commuting student. For many years she was head nurse in the coronary care unit of Monongahela Valley Hospital.

A devout Christian and member of Dutilh United Methodist Church, Jean was an excellent Bible study teacher and musician, playing the organ and singing in a number of church and community choral groups. She was regarded by her family and friends as an exceptionally spiritual woman with extraordinary judgment and wisdom. A memorial celebration was held January 18, 2014 at Dutilh United Methodist Church, Cranberry Township, PA.

**Elsie McCollough****December 2, 1913****February 8, 2014**

Elsie Geraldine (Sherwin) McCollough went to be with the Lord on February 8, 2014 after living 100 years. She was born in Karns City on December 2, 1913, to Samuel and Alice Samantha (Kaylor) Sherwin. Elsie was the youngest of eight children and the last of her siblings to survive. She was preceded in death by her four brothers, Peter David, Jesse Harvey, Joseph Samuel, and Lee Alfred, and her three sisters, Hattie Mabel (Mrs. Harry Wilbert Ekas), Hazel Irene (Mrs. Samuel Boyd Morris) and Ella Priscilla (Mrs. Edwin Dale Walker). She also was preceded in death by her son, Robert Eugene McCollough, on May 27, 1947, at age 14; her two grandsons, John Young and Edward Young, and her great-grandchild, Johnny Young, Jr.

Elsie graduated from high school in 1931, and in the same year married her high school sweetheart, Edward Christian McCollough, on June 29, 1931. One of her favorite memories to share is that they took her mother-in-law with them on their honeymoon. They took the first car they had owned, a Chevy with a

rumble seat, and her mother-in-law rode in the rumble seat. They enjoyed 74 years of a happily married life. Edward preceded her in death and died at the age of 94 on July 13, 2005.

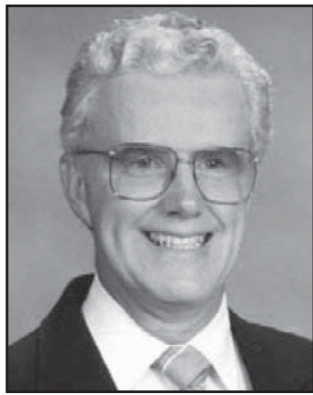
Elsie is survived by five of her children, Mrs. Carol Ann Young of Conroe, TX; Mrs. Marilyn Jean Henderson and her husband, Eugene, of Sumterville, FL; Charles Bennet and his wife, Bertha Louise, of Sumterville, FL; Samuel Sherwin and his wife Jeanne of Warren, PA; and Joseph Edward and his wife, Vera, of Warren PA. She is also survived by 26 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, and more than 29 great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held with the Rev. Seth McClymonds, pastor of the Covenant United Methodist Church, and the Rev. Keith Martin, associate pastor of the Otterbein United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was at Hillview Cemetery, Chicora, PA.

### **Kenneth A. McGowan, Jr.**

**August 12, 1934**

**February 2, 2014**



Kenneth A. McGowan, Jr. was born in Pittsburgh on August 12, 1934 to loving and nurturing parents, Kenneth, Sr. and Alice McGowan. He died peacefully at home after a long battle with Parkinson's disease on February 2, 2014.

Ken is survived by his wife of 54 years, Janet (Dembroski) McGowan; son, Kenneth III and wife, Ruth; daughter, Kathleen Meuschke and husband, David; sister Edwina Bradshaw; and six grandchildren: Ryan, Lauren, Cullen, Zachary, Casey, and Jacob.

After graduating from Crafton High School in 1952 and Adrian College in 1959, Ken entered Drew University School of Theology and received his M.Div. in 1962. Ken's pastoral appointments were Sardis, Springdale, Kittanning: First, Latrobe, and Warren: First. He retired in 1998 after 37 ½ years of service.

Many interests motivated Ken, including people, dogs, fishing, friends, hunting, walking, tennis, gardening and singing in the Minister's Chorus.

A funeral service was held at Bakerstown United Methodist Church on February 5, 2014 with Dennis Swineford officiating.

Submitted by the family

### **Henry A. "Hank" Morris**

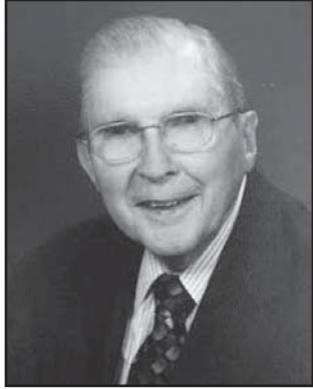
**September 11, 1928**

**March 24, 2014**

Although he never liked being called "Pastor," Rev. Morris, as he preferred, was a gifted pastor indeed. He tended the flock and community of his appointments with his whole heart. He was there when infants did not survive birth, when tragic accidents happened, and when folks needed God's strength during serious illnesses.

Born in Cambridge Springs, PA to John "Frank" and Sarah "Sadie" Morris on December 11, 1928, Morris swept Dorothy Jean "Dottie" Earl off her feet at Houghton College and conferred upon her the MRS degree on Wednesday, September 5, 1951. He

graduated from Westminster Seminary, now Wesley, in Washington, D.C., in 1953, shortly after the birth of Ruth (Moore, retired Local Pastor). Other children include Lois (Howanec), Keith, Ronald, and Karen (Moriarty). The Morris' have eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Hank retired in June 1991 after forty years of service, mostly in western Pennsylvania. He was an avid proponent of missionary conferences, supported numerous missionaries, and he loved to sing. In nearly every pastorate, Rev. Morris had Singing Sundays and / or hymn sings. He led the music with vigor. After his retirement, he served ten years as the Pastor of Visitation with Oakland UMC in the Johnstown District.

Hank Morris loved the outdoors, fishing on Lake Champlain near Dottie's hometown in upper New York State, hunting and camping in his younger years, and gardening. He kept in touch by letter and phone calls with many family and friends, even until shortly before he died. Rev. Morris' greatest passion was sharing the good news of salvation and encouraging people to trust in Jesus, in whose Presence he now abides. His earthly body rests in Johnstown, PA's Grandview Cemetery.

#### David Rodney Peary

**March 18, 1927**

**July 26, 2013**



Dave Peary was born in Parishville, NY. He was the husband of Rev. Margaret A. Peary and the son of the late Gladys and Rodney Peary. He was the father of four children and had many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. He was also step-father to Rev. Peary's four children, as well as step-grandfather and step-great-grandfather. He graduated from Parishville High School and the Syracuse Business School.

Dave spent most of his life as co-owner and service manager of an office machine and repair business in Elmira, NY. He served in the United States Navy, receiving an honorable discharge due to disability suffered on the deck of a ship. After retirement, his never-fulfilled dream of traveling and camping far and wide was finally realized. When health permitted, the Pearys could be found exploring new places and scenery in the Eastern United States.

David was pre-deceased by his first wife, then later married Margaret or Pastor Peg as everyone calls her. He once felt led to ministry but decided God was really calling him to be a pastor's spouse, to support her ministry in whatever way he could. He led Bible studies, taught Sunday School, was a licensed lay speaker and a hospice volunteer. His smile and his loving ways endeared everyone to him in the churches Peg served. It was once said of him, "Dave doesn't have an enemy on this earth."

Retiring to New York, the Pearys continued active participation in the Calvary UMC of Vestal, NY. In 2004, due to severe health issues, Dave became homebound but continued to have devotions with a Hospice volunteer who visited him regularly.

It was David's desire to be cremated and his ashes freed to the winds at the top of White Face Mountain in New York, where he would forever be a part of a place he loved.

### Evelyn June Perry

**March 24, 1919**

**May 20, 2014**



Evelyn June Perry, widow of the Rev. Russell Perry, entered into the arms of our loving Father on the 95th anniversary of her baptism, May 20, 2014. Her longtime friends, the Rev. Bill and LoisAnn Hiles, said June died peacefully in her sleep. She had been listening to George Beverly Shea sing *The Old Rugged Cross* and, when she died, he started to sing *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*.

The daughter of Anna Mae and Clyde J. Smith, June was born in Youngstown, Ohio on March 24, 1919. She graduated from Passaic High School and Drake Business and Secretarial College in Montclair, New Jersey. On June 5, 1943, she married Russell E. Perry and together they served churches in the New Hampshire and Western Pennsylvania Conferences of The United Methodist Church. They served in summer camps for 22 years and were co-leaders of the Senior Adult Retreats at Olmsted Manor for 26 years. They were honored by the United Methodist Foundation of Western PA with its 2006 Founders Day Award.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, one sister and two brothers.

The Perrys moved to Winter Haven, FL in 1983, then to The Estates at Carpenters in Lakeland, FL in 2000. They were members of the First United Methodist Church, Lakeland, FL. A Celebration of Life Service was held on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at the Estates at Carpenters Auditorium with Rev. William H. Hiles and Chaplain Norman Bradney officiating.

### Harriet Porter

**April 11, 1928**

**November 7, 2013**

Harriet E. Porter went home to be with our Lord and Savior on November 7, 2013 at Wesbury United Methodist Home, Meadville, PA. Born April 11, 1928, in Guys Mills, PA to Harry L. and Eleanor A. Rough Burchard, Harriet married Rev. William H. Porter on November 4, 1950. He died April 6, 1995 at their Stoneboro home. She was a graduate of the Randolph School, Guys Mills.

In her early years she worked at Westinghouse of Meadville. When she married, she became a farmer's wife, working in the fields and milking the cows alongside Bill. She loved taking care of her family, had a great sense of humor and enjoyed nature. She was a homemaker, had foster kids, and drove bus for Union City schools.





When Bill went into the ministry in 1965 at Miller Station, Harriet was very supportive and assisted in his ministry. They sold the Porter homestead to go into the ministry full time; she packed up the house and kids and moved to the Weedville, Caledonia, and Benezette charge in 1969. She helped to repair the parsonage and assisted Bill in church by doing the children sermons and singing anthems. She also led the youth group and assisted the women's group with making crafts to sell. She did ceramics with a few of the ladies in her spare time. In 1979 they moved to the Westford charge, where she worked as a nurse's aide at the Andover, Ohio Memorial Home and again drove bus for Jamestown, PA schools.

When Bill retired due to poor health, they moved to Stoneboro, PA and fixed up an old Amish home. They joined the Stoneboro UM Church and assisted the pastor in whatever way he needed help. Harriet enjoyed crafts, painting on slate and woodworking. She loved to garden, watch her blue birds and help others. She loved the Lord and was a great listener and advisor to those who worked at Wesbury.

Harriet is survived by a daughter, Twila Hummel and her husband, David, of Venetia, PA; two sons: Robert L. Birtciel and his wife, Nancy, of Hadley, PA and William B. Birtciel and his wife, Marilyn of Crete, IL; three brothers: Merle and Carol Burchard of Greenville, PA, Clair and Marjorie Burchard, and Bruce and Nancy Burchard of Guys Mills, PA; a sister, Wanda Richael of Stoneboro; 22 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Harriet was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Brenda A. Jungbluth; a brother, Harry Burchard, Jr.; two sisters, Jennie Burchard and Wilmina Jean McGinnis; and a grandson, Noah Michael Jungbluth. She is laid to rest back near the Farm at Chapinville Cemetery, Rockdale Township, Crawford County, PA. Memorial contributions were made to the Lakeview Area Helping Hands that Bill had helped to organize in Stoneboro and to the Wesbury Benevolence Fund.

#### **Barbara Jean Bungard Reed**

**January 20, 1918**

**October 1, 2013**

Barbara Jean Bungard began her life in Hermanie, Pennsylvania on January 20, 1918. She was the youngest of four children born to Dr. B. F and Christine (Muir) Bungard. Her father was a United Brethren pastor, so the family moved around to various places within the Western PA Conference: Herminie, Portage, Altoona, Johnstown and Somerset.

After graduating from Johnstown High School, Barbara worked as a cashier in the office of the J. C. Penny Company. It wasn't long until she met and married Allen W. Reed on November 25, 1941. They raised three children, primarily in Stoystown, Somerset, Johnstown and Mt. Pleasant. In addition to being a housewife and mother, Barbara once owned a small store not far from Camp Allegheny. In the early years of the Camp, she was responsible for ordering all their meats and groceries through her store. During this period in their lives, Allen and Barbara were very involved in the Kantner

E.U.B. Church and helped to raise the funds for the church's first building project. Years later the family moved back to Somerset, and they were also very active in the congregation at First Church.



Always very supportive of her husband's work within the church, at both a local and conference level, Barbara was even more so as Allen began to feel a call to full-time Christian work. Through the years his calling became stronger and clearer. It was after completing the Conference Course of Study in 1964 that Allen was ordained a full elder in the Evangelical United Brethren denomination. The couple first served the Cooper Avenue Church in Johnstown, which today is known as the Albright United Methodist Church. Their next assignment was the Mt. Pleasant E.U.B. Church. As the pastor's wife, Barbara worked diligently alongside Allen, as well as

continuing her work in the various women's groups within the denomination. She held several different offices on a conference level on down to the local church. During the summer months, Allen and Barbara spent time at Camp Allegheny as Dean and Counselor.

In the late sixties, the opportunity presented itself for Allen to combine both his interests and his experiences into one job. It was then that they moved to Lewisburg, PA and Allen became the Administrator of The Evangelical Home, now part of the Central Pennsylvania Conference. Barbara loved her life there and could regularly be found helping in the large kitchen, sometimes serving in the dining rooms and visiting various residents daily. One of her favorite pastimes was working in her flower beds; her rose garden was a joy to behold. Members of the Board of Directors looked forward to their annual luncheon cooked and served by Barbara in her dining room. Church youth groups came to the Evangelical Home every year and worked very hard to get the grounds ready for summer and to provide a youth-led worship service. Prior to their heading home, the Reeds always had a big picnic for them. Barbara love cooking and entertaining and did both with a flourish.

After only two years in Lewisburg, Allen became quite ill and died in July of 1971. This left Barbara with Eric, a teen-ager, to finish raising and educating, without a town or house in which to live. The decision was made, and they moved to Webster, New York to be near her younger daughter, Donna, and her husband, David. Barbara held down two jobs for several years, while Eric finished high school and went on to college in Massachusetts. In 1986 Barbara retired from the Xerox Corporation where she had been Assistant Manager and hostess for important meetings. Her faith was always unwavering, and her love for her family obvious to all who knew her.

Barbara died October 1, 2013 in Webster, New York. The funeral service was held at The United Methodist Church of Webster, where she was a very active member for 43 years, with Rev. Dan Corretore leading. Each of her grandchildren and her daughter-in-law participated in the service. The committal and burial was at St. John's Cemetery in Somerset, led by her son-in-law, Ron Dietrich. Barbara was laid to rest beside her beloved Allen and in front of both their parents. She is survived by her

children: Cathie, wife of Ron Dietrich; Donna, wife of David Thomas; and Eric, husband of Debra (Gerber); seven grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Submitted by Cathie Dietrich

### Grace K. Roberts

**November 13, 1917**

**March 9, 2014**

Grace Katherine Roberts was born on November 13, 1917 in Cuzzart, West Virginia to Charles and Icie May Savage. She was always an active church member, committing her life to Jesus Christ in her high school years. She attended West Virginia Wesleyan College where she met her future husband, Emery Roberts.

Grace and Emery were married in 1943 and embarked on many wonderful years of ministry together. At one time, Grace and Emery received special training to serve as missionaries in what was known at the time as the Belgian Congo, Africa. Throughout their lives they served God in many capacities. Grace especially enjoyed United Methodist Women activities and even served at times as Choir Director at the church they served. Grace loved music and was an accomplished crafter, especially enjoying sewing and crochet. While her kids were young, Grace served as a Girl Scout leader and chairman of the area of scouting where she lived. Grace truly strived to follow Jesus with her life, leading by example and teaching others the importance of following Christ.

Grace and Emery had six children: Patricia Fisher, Janet Extein, Beth Dolfo, Suzanne Dunn, Dean Roberts, and Valarie Puskar. When Grace died, she had been living in California near her daughter Beth. Grace passed away on March 9, 2014.

### Doris Juanita Romine

**January 28, 1933**

**October 1, 2013**



Doris Juanita Romine, most recently of Titusville, PA, died on October 1, 2013. Juanita was born January 28, 1933 in Central Station, WV to the late Ella Hoalcraft. She married Rev. Ralph Romine, Sr. on January 19, 1952 in Sparta, NC. He preceded her in death on August 4, 1995.

Juanita attended Central Station Schools. She worked at J. P. Macys Furniture store in Knox, PA and was later employed by the Ruth M. Smith Nursing Home in Sheffield, PA as an aide, until her retirement in 1994.

Juanita loved gardening and watching her hummingbirds. She loved jokes and was known for pulling pranks on friends and family. Juanita also enjoyed sewing, shopping and being able to cheer anyone up when they were down.

Juanita was a member of the Diamond United Methodist Church. She also served in every charge with her husband, starting in Pennsboro, WV, and moving to Carreta, WV, Crapo, MD, and Cabot, Beaver Falls, Warren, Tionesta, Knox, and Sheffield, PA.

Juanita is survived by her eight children: Cathy Blum and husband Tim of Tionesta; Ralph Romine and wife Vicki of Butler; Mae McGuire and husband Gary of

Middleburg, PA; Cyndy Romine of Titusville; Marsha Romine of Sheffield; Randy Romine of Titusville; Keith Romine of Middleburg, PA; and Kevin Romine and wife Jill of York, PA; sixteen grandchildren: Melissa Custer and husband Clifford; Cara Blum; Jody and Jamie Romine; Michael, Christopher and Janna McGuire; Brandon Troutman; Autumn Moe and husband Ryan; Meaghan Kessinger; Kayla, Keith, Jr. and Kadin Romine; and Gaven and Patrick Romine; fifteen great-grandchildren: Braden and Keyon Custer; Kiley Oliver; Brittany, Tyler, Bethany Nulph, Hope and Danyelle Barchy; William Lohr-McGuire; Lily Troutman; Jesse and Brooke Campbell; Darren Moe; Ashlynn and Paige Beeman; and one great-grandchild on the way; a brother-in-law Albert Romine; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her mother and husband, Juanita was preceded in death by an infant daughter; three sisters Ruby Garner, Elsie Lipscomb and Margaret Hamilton; two sisters-in-law Adeline Sandy and Donna Baker; and a very special Yorkie named "Dusty".

A funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Mark Debase. Interment followed at Diamond Cemetery, near Titusville, PA.

#### **Sarah Rummel**

**June 15, 1916**

**October 24, 2013**



Sarah was born in Rockhill, PA on June 15, 1916. She was married to the late Rev. Charles L. Rummel, who died January 26, 1988. They had four children: Joanne (Rummel) Yearick, Charles Rummel, Barbara (Rummel) Vandyke and Daniel Rummel. God also blessed them with 15 grandchildren, five step-grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. Sarah died on October 24, 2013 and was buried in Mount Nebo Cemetery, Shirley Township, PA. She was a member of the Shirleysburg United Methodist Church.

Sarah also served in many capacities in the churches where she and her husband served. She loved flowers, crocheting and gardening. She left us with many precious memories!

Submitted by her son, Charles Rummel

#### **Marcia Bollard Smith**

**January 5, 1929**

**July 11, 2013**

Marcia Bollard Moore Smith was born on January 5, 1929. She grew up in the Pittsburgh area, and settled for a while in Oakmont, PA with her first husband, Dr. Charles C. Moore, Jr., who died unexpectedly at age 45. A few years later, Marcia married Rev. Ronald W. Smith. Together, they moved from the Pennsylvania area and served churches in other areas of the country, one in Toledo, Ohio and three in Michigan. Marcia had been trained as a nurse at the West Penn Hospital School of Nursing. When time for retirement came, Marcia moved to Glendale, Arizona, to be closer to family.

Marcia is survived by sons Charles Moore of Riverside, CA; David Moore of San Francisco, CA; and Daniel Moore of Tampa, FL; daughters Marcia (Sue) Browning

of Glendale, AZ and Molly Mae Moore of Huntington Beach, CA; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

### Mary B. Smith

**February 9, 1924**

**September 27, 2013**

Mary B. Smith, recently living in Laughlintown, PA, died on September 27, 2013 in Juniper Village, Irwin, PA. She was born February 9, 1924 in Reading, PA, a daughter of the late William and Carrie Gable Briner. She was a member of the Rector United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women.

In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. J. Howard Smith in 1999, and a sister, Esther Yohn. She is survived by two children, Cathy A. Smith of Laughlintown and John H. Smith of Pittsburgh.

A service to celebrate Mary's life was held the Rector United Methodist Church with Pastor Fred Zickefoose officiating. Interment followed in the Ligonier Valley Cemetery.

### Eileen M. Stoupe

**December 12, 1916**

**September 1, 2013**



Eileen M. Stoupe, 96, most recently of Ligonier, PA died on September 1, 2013 in Excelsa Health Latrobe Hospital. She was born December 12, 1916, in London, England, a daughter of the late Harry H. and Ella Offen Horlock.

Eileen was a member of Heritage United Methodist Church of Ligonier since 1950. While still in England, she worked as a trained children's nurse in an orphanage all through World War II. For many years, Eileen worked at the former Town House Restaurant in Ligonier. She was a past president of the Ligonier Women's Club and a former member of the Business and Professional Women of Ligonier Valley. For the past six years she had resided at Ligonier Gardens and was grateful for such kind and loving care.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Stuart Herd; her second husband, the Rev. Hugh Stoupe, former pastor of the Heritage Methodist Church; a brother, Sydney Horlock; three sisters, Winifred Beck, Gladys Gibson and Ethel Horlock; a step-son, John Stoupe; and two step-daughters, Molly Simpson and Sue Ellen Stoupe. She is survived by three step-daughters, Ruth Parker, Janet Payne and Grace Jolly, all of Kansas; a step-daughter-in-law, Marilyn Stoupe of Texas; and several step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted at Heritage United Methodist Church, Ligonier, PA on October 26, 2013, with Rev. John E. Flower, Jr. officiating.

**Loretta Taylor****May 2, 1948****April 14, 2014**

Loretta Taylor took heavenly flight to the Lord on April 14, 2014 in St. Clair Hospital, Mount Lebanon, PA. She was born May 2, 1948 in North Charleroi, PA, a daughter of the late William H. and Kathryn Eloise Jefferson. Loretta was a 1966 graduate of Bentworth High School and a 1969 graduate of California University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Spanish. She received her Master's degree from West Virginia University and earned additional credits toward her Ph. D. as well.

Loretta was employed as a teacher from 1972 to 1976 at the John F. Kennedy Youth Center, Bureau of Federal Prisons. From 1976-1988, she worked as a Spanish teacher for the Marion County School District in West Virginia. She had a great passion for education and love of children. She was a member of PSEA-R,

American Association of Teachers in Spanish and Portuguese, American Council of Teaching Foreign Language, North Hills Retired Teachers Group, Mount Lebanon Library Spanish Conversation Group, and the Black Association of the South Hills.

Loretta was a full member of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Bentleyville, PA, an affiliated member of Warren UMC, Pittsburgh, and attended Bethel UMC, Lower Burrell, where her husband served as pastor at the time of her death. She was a long time Sunday School teacher. She enjoyed reading, needlepoint, sewing, traveling, and the performing arts.

On August 4, 1973 in Bentleyville, PA, Loretta became the beloved wife of Rev. Paul D. Taylor. In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Christina D. Taylor of Laurel MD; a son Paul D. Taylor II of Chicago, IL; three sisters: Katherine Jones, Joyce White, and Linda Washington; three god-children: Catherine Tate, Monique Washington, and Gabrielle Washington; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by three sisters: Patricia Ikard, Betty Finch, and Rosemarie Franklin; and one brother, William H. Jefferson, Jr.

A service remembering her life was held at Grace UMC, Coal Center, PA with Rev. William Meekins, Jr. and Rev. Kathy Barnhart officiating. Internment followed in Beallsville Cemetery, Beallsville, PA.

**James A. Trusel****July 11, 1927****September 11, 2013**

James A. Trusel passed away peacefully in South Beaver Township, PA on September 11, 2013. Jim was born July 11, 1927, in New Castle, a son of Harry and Elsie Ramsey Trusel. He served many congregations during his career. He was pastor of St. John's United Methodist and West Liberty United Methodist churches from 1962-1980; Bridgewater United Methodist Church from 1980-1997; and was an associate pastor from 1997 to the present at Faith Community United Methodist Church, Rochester, Beaver County. Most recently, he was also an associate pastor with the First Congregational Church, Beaver Falls.

Jim retired from Beaver County Children and Youth Services in 1992 and was co-founder of the Carpenter Corner Christian Book Store in Beaver.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 52 years, Patricia Sadler Trusel; and his sister, Polly Cross. He is survived by his four sons: J. Bradley Trusel and his wife Linda, Grove City; David Trusel and his wife Betsy, Jamestown, NY; Barry Trusel, Butler; and R. Kelly Trusel and his wife Theresa, Oil City; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; his siblings, Elsie and her husband Lloyd Kerr, New Castle; and Robert Trusel, New Wilmington.

**Samuel J. Weible****July 14, 1925****October 10, 2013**

Samuel Jean Weible went home to be with the Lord on October 10, 2013 at the Somerset In Touch Hospice House. He was born on July 14, 1925, in Shade Township, Somerset County, the youngest of 11 children born to Jacob J. C. and Martha Etta Weible.

Orphaned at the age of nine, raised by an uncle and aunt, and then by his beloved sister, Erva Rivera, Sam graduated from Shade High School in 1943, immediately entered the Navy Seabees and served in the South Pacific. After the war, he worked in various coal mines in Somerset and Cambria Counties, starting as a hand loader and eventually becoming certified and working as a section foreman

for the Maust Coal Company in Tire Hill, Somerset County.

Sam increasingly felt the Lord's call on his life, and in 1963 he left the mines and began his ministry on the Springfield Charge in rural Fayette County. While he served the four churches on the charge, he completed the EUB Conference Course of Study and was ordained as an Elder in The United Methodist Church in 1969.

In 1972, Sam began another phase of ministry when he accepted an appointment as a Federal Coal Mine Inspector with the Mine Safety and Health Administration. He also continued as a part-time pastor at Greensburg: Fourth Street, Lycippus, and then the

Meyersdale Charge. In 1985, he retired from the government and accepted a full time position as pastor of the Jacob's Creek Charge in Scottdale, where he served until his retirement from the ministry in 1988. In his retirement years, he was often called upon to fill pulpits, and served churches in Central City, Shanksville, Mostoller, and the HOME charge.

As a miner, a coal mine inspector, and as a minister of the gospel, Sam Weible touched the lives of many people through his personal commitment and dedication to the Lord. Until the moment he was called home, he led people to a personal relationship with Jesus. He was laid to rest in the cemetery of the Otterbein United Methodist Church in Wilbur, where his Christian journey had begun almost 60 years before.

Sam is survived by his wife of 41 years, the former Lois Maxine Younkin; his children: Calvin Weible, Vivian Gyorke, James Weible, Gerald Weible, Sheila Tressler, and Kimberly Fulmer, and their spouses; 12 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; his sister, Freda Snowden; special nephew Glenn Rivera; special niece, Gloria Fleegle; and many children of the faith.

#### **Faye Jean Walker Wion Pollock**

**November 4, 1924**

**August 14, 2013**

Faye Jean (Walker) Wion went to be with the Lord on August 14, 2013. She was born on November 4, 1924 in Bellefonte, PA to Lloyd and Grace Walker. On July 15, 1944 she married the love of her life, the Reverend C. W. (Tim) Wion. They were married for 52 ½ wonderful years. Faye was the beloved mother of three children: Robert A. Wion and wife Sue; Kenneth W. Wion; and Diane Hart and husband Keith. She and her husband Tim also welcomed into their home another child, Martha Coons of Bulverde, Texas, whom they raised and cared for as their own. Faye was blessed with nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, whom she loved with all her heart.



Faye had been a member of the Evangelical United Brethren / United Methodist church all her life, where she was active in the UM Women's organization and a member of the Eastern Star #166. She enjoyed supporting her husband, Tim, in their churches, in working with the Salvation Army and teaching Sunday school for many years. Faye devoted her entire life to her husband, family, friends, and to God. She was a very strong-willed individual during the loss of her husband and 2 sons, taking care of everyone else. She was an excellent seamstress and made all of her grandchildren Cabbage Patch dolls, which are still treasured by all.

In 2001 she married H. B. Pollock for 12 years.

Faye's final resting place is in the Blairsville Cemetery, Blairsville, PA beside her husband, Tim.



**Marietta Getz Woomer****March 13, 1917****August 6, 2013**

Marietta (nee Getz) Woomer passed away at Arbutus Park Manor on August 6, 2013. She was born in Tyrone, PA, on March 13, 1917, the daughter of Alfred and Blanche (Colabine) Getz. She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Dr. James A. Woomer, Sr. and also a son, Mark E. Woomer. She is survived by two sons: James A. Woomer, Jr. and wife Muriel; and the Rev. Dr. D. Darrell Woomer and wife Audrey; and five grandchildren.



Marietta was a graduate of Tyrone Area High School, class of 1935. Along with her husband, she served in the Western PA Conference of the United Brethren Church and the Central PA Conference of The United Methodist Church. After 45 years of service, they retired in 1979, moved to North Naples, FL, and joined the North Naples United Methodist Church, where Rev. Woomer became the Visitation Minister for 20 years.

Marietta became active in the church women's group and in the Naples Park Area Association. She joined a sewing group and became interested in needlework. During the next several years, she embroidered many table cloths and bed spreads as well as many counted cross stitch pictures, which she gave to family and friends.

Marietta is buried in Bald Eagle Cemetery, near Tyrone, PA.