

Memoirs

Clergy

Don V. Bumgarner

The Rev. Don V. Bumgarner, retired elder, died March 15, 2013 at Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas. A private burial service was March 21, and a memorial celebration for the lives of Don and Mildred Bumgarner was held on Sunday, April 28, 2013 in Huntsville, Ark.

Don was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred R. (Unruh) Bumgarner, who died on June 14, 2008, one brother, Virgil H. Bumgarner, and one sister, Bethel M. Acuff.

Donald Van Bumgarner was born in Corwin, Kansas on February 24, 1919 to Frank and D. Mary Pasley Bumgarner. He graduated from Attica High School in 1937. He received a BA in Sociology with a minor in Music from Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas in 1942. During his college stay, he was a member of the men's college quartet that toured the country. He attended United Theological (Bonebrake) Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, earning a Master's of Divinity in 1947. He married Mildred Ruth Unruh on June 1, 1943 in Newton, Kansas and enjoyed 65 years of marriage with the woman he loved prior to Mildred's death in 2008. He served the God he loved 30 years in the ministry including: Evangelical United Brethren (EUB) Church in Burns, Kansas while he was in college; First Baptist Church in Sharon, Kansas while he cared for his family farm due to illness of his parents and while his brother, Virgil, served in WW II; EUB Church in Castine, Ohio during Seminary; EUB Church in Richland, Kansas; EUB Church in Parsons, Kansas (at this time in his ministry he was a member of the conference men's quartet called the Singing Parsons that toured Kansas); and Salem UMC in Newton, Kansas. In 1974, he retired for 40 years to the farm he loved, his "heaven on earth", south of Huntsville, Arkansas. During his retirement he farmed and cared for his mother, brother and sister. He was an active member of the Huntsville UMC in his retirement.

He is survived by 5 children: Kenneth Baumgarner of Sydney, Australia; Keith Bumgarner, Betty (and husband Carlton) Butler and Don W. Bumgarner, all of Huntsville, Arkansas; and Bruce (and wife Jackie) Bumgarner of Plano, Texas. He is survived by 10 grandchildren: Philip (and wife Marjo) Scherrer, Elizabeth Scherrer, Carolyne Dal Bianco, Kevin (and wife Melissa) Montgomery, Krystal (and husband Sean) Pierce, Jessica (and husband Chris) Lashley, Brian (and wife Robin) Butler, Courtney (and husband Brett) Webster, Amanda Bumgarner, and Aaron Bumgarner. He is also survived by 10 great grandchildren. Memorials were designated to Huntsville UMC Memorial Fund.

Bernard Lee Cook

The Rev. Dr. Bernard Lee Cook, retired elder, died July 25, 2012. The memorial service was July 28 at St. John's UMC in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Bernard married Doris Johnson of Macksville, before going to Bonebrake Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Upon graduation, they served in Arkansas City and Wichita Hyde Park churches. In Dayton, Ohio he worked in the Division of Home Missions. At merger of EUB and Methodist churches, he was sent to the Board of Global Ministries. He retired in 1983.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Doris Johnson Cook, his son, Colonel Gordon L. Cook, and his second wife, Charlene Cleary Cook. Survivors include Janet and Joseph Aiello of Brewster, N.Y., Charla Hoernemann of Middletown, Ohio, and daughter in law Marilou Cook of Conway, S.C., step-daughter, Patricia Caram of Davis, Okla., Stepson, Michael James of Carrollton, TX.; six grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Memorials were designated to the Building Fund of St. John's UMC, Corpus Christie, TX.

Frank M. DeFisher

The Rev. Frank M. DeFisher, retired associate member, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2013 at the Harry Hynes Hospice Unit at Via Christi St. Francis Hospital in Wichita. The service was March 2 at Wellington First UMC. He had been serving as Pastor at the Mayfield Federated Church in Mayfield, Kan., for the past four years. He had also served at Lebanon, Union Chapel, Morganville, Green, Fact, Mankato, Ionia, Odessa, Cimarron, Kalvesta and Medicine Lodge. He retired in 2009 and was serving at Mayfield Federated at the time of his death.

Frank was born on Aug. 5, 1942 in Rochester, N.Y., to Arthur Morris DeFisher and Norma Ruth (Smith) DeFisher. Frank was married to Pamela S. McCord on May 2, 1971 in El Dorado. He is preceded in death by his parents; one son, Kevin DeFisher; and two brothers, Robert and Geren DeFisher.

Survivors include his wife, Pamela DeFisher of Mayfield, Kan.; one daughter, Angela DeFisher of St. Marys, Kan.; one sister, Doris Rubadeau and her husband George of Udall, Kan.; and one grandson, Jason DeFisher of Wathena, Kan. Memorials were designated for Grace Med.

Curtis D. Fulton

Pastor Curtis D. Fulton, retired associate member, passed away December 12, 2012. The memorial service was Dec. 19 at Salina Grand Avenue UMC.

Curtis was born in Talmage, KS to Harry and Elizabeth Fulton on Dec. 26, 1921. He farmed with his father until he enlisted in the Naval Air Corps in 1942. After his honorable discharge in 1943 he continued to farm until 1966, when he entered the ministry of the UMC. He married Helen Lampert on November 24, 1943. They ministered fulltime for 21 years at the Florence/Aulne Charge and Grand Avenue in Salina. After retirement they served part time at the Kanopolis, Carneiro and Brookville churches. They enjoyed 10 years as "winter Texans" before becoming a part of the Eaglecrest Retirement Community in 2010. Curtis and Helen celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary on November 24th.

Curtis is survived by his wife Helen, son Dennis (Janette) Fulton of Jetmore and daughter Jeanna (Dale) Short of El Dorado plus five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Memorials were designated to the Grand Avenue UMC, Mission Aviation Fellowship, or Gideon's International.

Russell J. Gotschall

The Rev. Russell J. Gotschall, retired elder, Concordia, died Saturday, April 13, 2013, at Cloud County Health Center, Concordia. Services were held at First UMC, Concordia.

He was born Dec. 22, 1919, in Franklin, Ill., to Fred and Faye (Izzeta) Gotschall. He attended seminary at Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology. He was ordained a Methodist minister in 1954 and preached his final sermon in 2010. The churches he served include Roxbury, Culver, Kensington-Beulah, Rosel-Garfield, Plainfield, Hoisington First, Condordia First, Talmo and Jamestown.

Survivors include his children, Elisha Woodall, Bruce Gotschall, DeAnn Raab, Bea Gotschall and Cindie Maddock; 12 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Eula "Cindie" (Eubanks) Gotschall, in 2012. Memorials were designated to First UMC, Concordia.

Charles Hadley

The Rev. Charles "Chuck" Hadley, retired elder, died Oct. 30, 2012. The memorial service was Nov. 3 at Aldersgate UMC in Wichita.

He served at Summit, Wichita West Side (associate), Wichita University (associate), Deerfield, Kiowa, Hesston, Wichita Grace and Wichita Hyde Park. He retired in 1998. He was the current president of the Downtown Lions Club

Survivors include his wife, Jan; son Chuck W. and Gwen Hadley; daughter, Cheri A. and Larry Kaufman; grandchildren, Christina and David Ellegood; Andrew Hadley, Maria Britton and Rashell Kaufman and great-grandchildren, Kamryn and Emmalee Ellegood and Shaelea and Jesse Britton and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Lillie Marie Hadley and granddaughter, Nicole Hadley.

Memorials were designated to United Methodist Marriage Encounters, c/o Aldersgate UMC, Wichita; the Wichita Downtown Lions Club Linwood School Project or Pass the Torch Scholarship Fund.

Nancy Harris-Ott

Pastor Nancy Harris-Ott, retired associate member, died July 20, 2012 at the Phillips County Hospital in Phillipsburg. Memorial services were July 25 at Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel in Phillipsburg and July 27 at Saffordville UMC.

Nancy was born Sept. 30, 1939 in Kansas City, MO, the daughter of Paul & Helen (Carlson) Haglund. She served in the Kansas West Conference at Kirwin, Agra, Natoma and Pleasant Plains. She retired in 2005.

Survivors include her husband Larry of the home, 2 sons: Michael Harris of Strong City & Jeff Harris of Emporia; 1 stepson, Darrell Ott of Kansas City, KS; 2 stepdaughters; Jodie Ott-Clyde & Brenda Lenker of Phillipsburg; her brother, John Haglund of Strong City, 5 grandchildren & 9 stepgrandchildren. Memorials were designated to the Agra, Kirwin or Saffordville UMC or Hospice services.

James A. Hlad

The Rev. James A. "Jim" Hlad, retired elder and insurance agency owner, died March 23, 2013. He served Brookville, South Hutchinson, LaCrosse, Norwich-Belmont, and Clearwater. Preceding him in death are his parents, brother, sister, first wife and many more friends and loved ones. He is survived by his brother, Robert L. Hlad; sons, James L. Hlad and Steven T. Hlad; daughter, Marilyn J. Hlad; and grandson, Wade L. Hlad.

Kenneth Eugene Kirkendall

The Rev. Kenneth Eugene Kirkendall, retired elder, of Manhattan, died February 28, 2013 in Westmoreland, KS, surrounded by his family, following a lengthy journey through Alzheimer's Disease. His funeral service was March 9th at the First UMC, Manhattan.

He was born in Smith Center, Kansas to Harvey and Florence (Walker) Kirkendall on May 22, 1928, and was the youngest of four children: Carroll, Marie Belle, and A.J. Kenneth graduated from Smith Center High School in 1946, from Kansas State Agricultural College in 1950, and from Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology in 1954.

He married Ora Mae Grandfield in Manhattan, KS in 1951; their four children and spouses survive: Geoffrey and Brenda Kirkendall (Lawrence, KS); Karen and Bob Parker (Raymondville, MO); Kaleen and Max Knopp (Abilene, KS), and Kevin Kirkendall (Jersey City, NJ). Additional survivors include his wife Ora Mae of the home, his brother A.J. of Smith Center, 12 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Kenneth served as chaplain at the Norton State Hospital for the mentally handicapped from 1964-1987. After the state hospital system moved residents to group homes, he served as chaplain for the Norton Correctional Facility from 1987-1990. Kenneth enjoyed his ministry and served the Lord with joy and humility; he loved the mentally handicapped residents whom he served faithfully for many years.

He was a humble and hardworking man who enjoyed woodworking, singing, sports, reading, journaling, writing poetry, and spending time with family enjoying nature and God's creation. Kenneth spent many joyful hours outdoors, boating and fishing, working in the garden, hiking and camping at lakes and in the mountains, and traveling. He was interested in history, politics, and culture, and served in several service organizations, including the Northwest Kansas Association of Retarded Citizens, Kansans for Life at Its Best, The UMC West Conference, Good Sams' Konza Kampers, Habitat for Humanity, Little Apple Barbershop Chorus, and Rotary International. He is deeply loved and will be sincerely missed by friends and family.

Jay L. Kump

Pastor Jay L. Kump, retired local pastor, died Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at Good Samaritan Society in Goodland, Kansas. His funeral service was April 15, 2013 at Koons Chapel in Goodland.

He was born at Jennings, Kansas, on February 21, 1922, the son of Ruth Esther and George Kump. He graduated from high school and Bible college. From November 19, 1942 through February 6, 1946, he served his country in the United States Army. He had been a Methodist minister, serving from 1976 until 1982 with the Hardtner and Hazelton churches, and then from 1982 through 1987 with the Brewster and Winona churches, retiring in 1987.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his wife Ma'hee Kump. Surviving family includes sons Richard and William; brother Virgil Kump and his wife Dorothy of Belleville; and three nieces. Memorials were designated to the Good Samaritan Society—Sherman County.

Barbara H. Kurtz

Barbara H. Kurtz, elder on honorable location, died Jan. 12, 2013. She was born May 3, 1932 in Burlington, Colorado. The funeral was Jan. 16 at Trinity Heights UMC in Newton.

Barbara was born May 3, 1932 to Frank Gordon Kurtz and Alma Kerr Kurtz. She was the second of four children. After moving to Missouri, Barbara's family settled in rural Alton, Kansas. She graduated from Salina High School and continued her education throughout her life.

As a member of the Class of 1954 at National College in downtown Kansas City, Missouri, a Methodist school, Barbara recalled, "Living in a dorm was my first experience away from home. ... Coming from conservative rural Kansas, this was my first experience in living with people with different backgrounds (everyone was pretty much alike in the farming community). I remember having a good time visiting with Ikuyo and Hatsumi while we did our work assignments (cleaning in the dorm). I began to think that underneath we humans are essentially so much alike, and this experience possibly was one reason I started thinking about overseas mission service. Other work assignments were washing pots in the kitchen, the switchboard and in the library."

Part of Barbara's student service included work at rural locations, at Linwood, Kansas and Oak Grove, Missouri. After National College, she prepared for a life of missionary service. She studied M.A. in Foreign Service at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee and studied Portuguese in Lisbon, Portugal as Mozambique was a Portuguese colony. From 1956-1978 she served as a commissioned missionary of The General Board of Global Ministries, serving in Mozambique, Africa. She was director of village women's school; interim director of the Jerusalem Boarding School for Girls at the Chicuque Mission Station; director of the Chicuque Social Center including much teaching; conference director of youth work, guiding, training, developing curriculum; director of United Methodist-Presbyterian youth hostel in capital city of Maputo; served as UM representative on the Christian Council of Mozambique; M.Div. degree from Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta.

Barbara served at Rose Valley, Harlan, Hanover, Barnes, Turon and Penalosa. She later said, "I pastored churches for five years, but that didn't seem the right place for me."

In her National College yearbook update, she described her family: "No children, other than those I considered special while in Africa. For example, one of my good friends, Beatriz asked me to name her son when he was born, and I named him for my brother Richard ("Dickie") who died while I was very small. Now Breatiz says I must now call her "Mother." Having been far from my real family for so many years, I am enjoying my sister's "tribe" who live fairly close. She has three children who have children, some of whom now have families of their own." She studied gerontology and worked in home health, retiring to Newton just over ten years ago.

Survivors include sisters, Pat Peck, Bunker Hill KS., Joan Dunning, Middletown, NY., nieces, Teri (Pete) Wannamaker, Topeka, KS., Cindy (David) Boyer, Rochester, NY., nephews, Gordon (Ellen) Peck, McPherson, KS., Jay Peck, Wichita, KS., Louie Sherwood, Middletown, NY., several great nieces & nephews.

Memorial to the Women's Division, General Board of Global Ministries of the UMC, 777 United Nations Plaza, Eleventh floor. New York, NY. 10027.

Glen A. Rudolph

The Rev. Glen A. Rudolph, retired elder, died on November 17, 2012 in Spokane Valley, WA. A Celebration of Life gathering was to be scheduled for some time in late spring or early summer.

Glen was born on February 6, 1925 in Scott City, KS, to Elmer and Gertrude Rudolph. Glen grew up on a western Kansas homestead farm, graduated from high school early and entered the U.S. Navy to serve during the war effort as an Aviation Electronics Tech. He was a test pilot and flew torpedo bombers. He went to work for Boeing in Wichita after the war as an electrical engineer on the B-52 project. In mid-1957 he left Boeing and entered into the Ministry and took his first church. Glen graduated from St. Paul's School of Theology in spring of 1963 with a Masters of Divinity and moved west to a church in Rockford, WA. From 1970 to 1980, he worked for the state of Washington as the State Supervisor of Juvenile Parole and Probation. After serving the Udall and Haviland UM churches, he retired from the ministry in 1987. Glen was an avid "Ham-er" achieving advanced-extra level of license (W7FK).

He is survived by his children, Leslie Gylan Lane (Barbara Davis) - Hood River, OR, Vonne (Ken) Hamilton - Republic of Panama and Douglas (Kristy) Rudolph - Otis Orchards, WA; nine grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Peggy Rudolph in 2011 and his daughter, Sydney Jean Rudolph - Ohlson in 1974.

E. Leroy Smoot

The Rev. E. Leroy Smoot, retired elder, died Oct. 20, 2012. A celebration of life was Oct. 24 at Haysville UMC.

He was born on September 9, 1934 to Rev. Eldon and Marjorie Smoot in Plains, KS. He graduated from Stafford High School in 1952, and in 1956 received his BA degree from Southwestern College, majoring in history and drama. He continued his education with his Masters of Divinity from Drew University in New Jersey in 1959, where he developed his lifelong love of the NY Yankees. Leroy devoted his life to serving the Lord, including 43 years as a UM pastor of churches throughout Kansas, serving at Rock, Mt. Hope (Geuda Springs), Lincoln, Haysville, El Dorado First (associate), Larned, Hutchinson First, Lakin and Kendall. He retired in 1997. He was humble and you would never hear him say it, but examples of the lives he impacted included being honored as Citizen of the Year in Lincoln in 1966 and in Haysville in 1980. He also gave much of his time to the Mental Health Association of Sedgwick County, serving as President from 1974-1976.

Preceded in death by his parents and sister, Vivian Lemley, Leroy is survived by the love of his life for nearly 30 years, his wife Joan. Collectively they raised their children, Denise Kruse Carlson (Troy), Doug Smoot, Liz Eckenfels (Hank), Janis Doty (Tom), Jill Black (Randy) and Ronda Clark (Bret). He loved his grandchildren Jennifer, Jason, Kendra (Nick), Kaitlyn (Mark), Cooper, Erin, Beth, Tanner, Bailey, Helen, Ted, several great-grandchildren, his brother Russ Smoot, and several nieces and nephews. Memorials were designated to Haysville UMC

Lloyd H. Swindler

The Rev. Lloyd H. Swindler, retired elder, Salina, died Sunday, June 24, 2012, at the Harry Hynes Hospice, in Wichita, from injuries he received in a recent fall and also renal failure. The memorial service was June 29 at Salina Church of the Cross UMC.

Rev. Swindler was born March 3, 1928, in New Albany, Kan., to Gerald Wayne Swindler and Emma Opal (Schafer) Swindler. He served many churches throughout Kansas, including Manchester, Mayfield, Barnard, Lebanon, Logan, Glade, Alexander, McCracken, Coldwater, Wilmore, Douglass and Rock. He retired from his last full-time appointment in 1994 and continued serving part time until 2003. He served in the Army Air Corp and then the Army as a corporal for several years, including tours in the Philippines and Germany. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Lions Club and the Kiwanis Club.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, of the home. His children, Linda (Laurel) Seibert, of Great Bend, Susan (Larry) Varble, of Dallas, Patricia (Mike) Schwarz, of Wichita, Dale (Karmel) Swindler, of Salina, Philip (Jeannette) Swindler, of Leon, and Jeri Tellez, of The Colony, Texas; a brother, Charles (Verla) Swindler, of Sedgwick; a sister-in-law, Venice Swindler, of Wichita; and stepsister, Valeta Giesbrecht, of Katy, Texas; 14 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Memorials were designated to Church of the Cross UMC, Salina.

District Superintendent Assignments

Leonard Everett Cox

Pastor Leonard Everett Cox, DSA, died Oct. 28, 2012 at the Greeley County Hospital in Tribune, Kansas. The memorial service was Nov. 1 at Sharon Springs UMC.

He was born June 9, 1930, at Weskan, Kansas, the son of Addie (Knight) and Wilbur E. Cox. He graduated from high school at Weskan with the class of 1947, and then attended Kansas Wesleyan University, studying music. He served his country in the United States Navy, playing with the Navy band in Washington D.C. and Great Lakes Naval Training Center. As a member of the Navy Band one of his favorite memories was playing for President Harry Truman on his yacht.

On September 1, 1949, he and Elsie Elizabeth Maki were married at the Methodist Church in Waukegan, Illinois, with his Navy chaplain officiating. Early in their marriage Leonard had a big band group named "Lenny's" in the Kansas City area. During his railroad career the family also lived in Des Moines, Iowa and Salt Lake City, Utah settling in Santa Rosa, California and he became a District Sales Manager for M, K & T Railroad in San Francisco, California. While there, he was a member of the Transportation Club of San Francisco, and he was a coach for his children in Little League. In the 1980's, Leonard and Elsie moved back

to the Bay Area in California, where Leonard was vice-president of sales for Budway Trucking. In 1991 Leonard and Elise returned to Sharon Springs, KS.

His memberships include the Sharon Springs UMC and Rotary Club of Sharon Springs. Golfing was a favorite hobby. For the last twelve years, he filled the pulpit of the UMC in Kanorado, enjoying the people there and the time they had together. One of Leonard's fondest activities was playing tuba for the High School Pep Band.

Preceding him in death were his parents; and five brothers Don, Ronnie Delbert, Ralph, and Glen (Billy). Surviving family includes his wife Elsie Cox of Sharon Springs; son Darrell Cox and his wife Johannah of Lawrence; daughter Jeanne Moffat of Sharon Springs; son Kevin Cox and his wife Jeanne of Colby; eight grandchildren Lindsay Moffat, Kelsey Moffat, Keenan Cox, Dennison Cox, Mallory Cox, Lauren Pritchard and her husband Cuyler, Leah Morales and her husband Brian, and Luke Cox; and sister Betty Schmitt of New Harmony, Indiana; and many beloved nephews, nieces, cousins and other relatives.

Spouses or Surviving Spouses

Eva Lucile Cies

Eva Lucile Cies, wife of retired pastor Herb Cies, died August 21, 2012. She was born to the Rev. S.D. and Ethel (Kemp) Hower in Hiawatha, Kansas on June 7, 1916. Following her father's ministry, Lucile received her early education in Hanover, Bern and Jewell, graduating from Topeka High School.

While attending Butler County Community College in El Dorado, Ks., Lucile met Jack Tanner. They were married on December 1, 1935 in El Dorado. To them were born Daniel, James, Martha and Donna. Following Jack's death in a refinery accident in July 1943, Lucile taught school at Red Top School near El Dorado, Flat Rock Children's Home in Ohio and in Scandia, Ks.

Entering the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Lucile purchased a large home at the foot of the hill. By rooming and boarding eight male Wesley Foundation students and boarding seven female university students in addition to her four children, Lucile was able to complete her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education with honors.

While at K.U., Lucile met the Rev. Herbert A. Cies, they were married on January 27, 1949 in Lawrence. To them was born a son Edwin Lee. Following his ministry, Lucile taught in Colorado, Wyoming and Montana until her retirement in 1976.

Survivors include her husband, pastor Herbert A. Cies of Newton; sons Daniel Tanner of Billings, Montana, James Tanner of Hemet, Calif., Edwin Cies of Belvue, Colo.; daughters Martha Cahal of Acworth, Georgia and Donna Mourey of Newton; seven grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

Lucile is preceded in death by her parents; brothers Paul and Bob Hower; and sister Betty Burton. Memorials were designated to Asbury Park in Newton, Intermountain Home for Children in Helena, Montana and the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado.

Charlotte Fay (Sack) Gleason

Charlotte Fay (Sack) Gleason, wife of retired local pastor Bob Gleason, died March 27, 2013, at Via Christi Village in Wichita, KS. Memorial services were held at Asbury UMC on Saturday, April 6, 2013.

She was born March 29, 1937, in rural southeast Kansas. Together they served UMCes at Furley, Greenwich, Mount Hope and Wichita Asbury (associate). She is loved and will be missed by a multitude of family and friends.

She was preceded in death by parents, Melvin and Kathleen (Matlock) Sack; infant daughter, Melanie Anne Gleason; sister, Opal Flick; and great-grandson, Karson Ray Sanders.

She is survived by husband, retired local pastor Bobby Ben Gleason; children, Michael Gleason and wife, Teresa, Janelle Ziegenfuss and husband, Robin, Michelle Roesch and husband, Mike; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Memorials were designated to the Asbury Church Building Fund.

E. Cindie Gotschall

E. Cindie Gotschall, wife of retired elder Rev. Russell Gotschall (deceased 4/13/13), died May 22, 2012 at Sunset Home. Her funeral was May 25 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Concordia.

She was born December 5, 1921 to Charley & Gertrude (Miller) EuBanks at Clay Center, KS. Cindie graduated from Salina High School in 1940. On September 27, 1940 she married Russell Gotschall in Salina, KS. She served as a pastor's wife; had special love for children; taught youth & adults church classes; and presented UMW lessons. Bible teaching was a special gift. Rev. Gotschall served at Roxbury, Culver, Kensington, Beulah, Rozel, Garfield, Plainfield, Hoisington First, Concordia First, Talmo and Jamestown.

Survivors include her husband; son, Bruce Gotschall of Guymon, Okla.; foster son, Elisha Woodall, of Lancaster, Texas; daughters, DeAnn Raab of Maize, Bea Gotschall of Harveyville and Cindie Maddock of Omaha, Neb.; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Memorials were designated to Talking Books, Central Kansas Library System, 1409 Williams St., Great Bend, KS 67530.

Sylvia Dewey Muse

Sylvia Dewey Muse, 101, surviving spouse of Rev. Raymond Dewey and retired Director of Patient Relations, Wesley Medical Center, died October 27, 2012. The memorial service was Nov. 2 at Wichita University UMC.

Sylvia was born February 14, 1911, daughter of Henry and Harriet Grabill at Hesston. Her parents and five siblings preceded her in death. She attended Hesston schools and received her B.A. Degree from the University of Wichita, now Wichita State University. In 1929, she married Rev. Raymond E. Dewey and they served UM churches or institutions for almost forty years until his death in 1969, including Towanda, Wichita First (associate), Wichita Wesley, Caldwell, Wichita Grace, McPherson First and Salina First. He served as Winfield District and Wichita District superintendent and held positions at Wesley Medical Center and the Kansas Area Methodist Foundation.

After his death, she became the Director of Patient Relations at Wesley Medical Center. She later served UM Youthville, Newton, as public relations consultant during a state-wide financial campaign. When that was completed, she became a member of the staff of the First UMC, Wichita, in the church caring ministry. In 1979, she married J. Kenneth Muse of Marion, and became a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and later great-great-grandmother, to a wonderful family. They and her nieces and nephews and their families brought blessings to her in so many different ways. After Kenneth's death in 1990, she moved to Larksfield Place, Wichita, where she has since resided.

She is survived by a stepson and wife, Charles and Anne Muse, Topeka; stepdaughter, Jean Hein, Winfield; stepgrandchildren and spouses, Barbara and Eric King, Lawrence, Mary Jo and Dr. Steven Rohr, Wichita, Douglas and Dale Hein, Mulvane, Marilyn and Bradley Short, St. Louis, Mo., and Dr. Roger and Donna Muse, San Antonio, Texas; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; a nephew and nieces, Dale White, Hesston, Enola Dreier, Hesston, and Ruth Grabill, Topeka; and many great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by step-son-in-law, Allen Hein; and many nieces and nephews. She was a member of the University UMC in Wichita. Memorials were established with University UMC, Wichita; Chapel Hill Fellowship UMC, Wichita; or UM Youthville, Newton.

Wanda Jean Razak

Wanda Jean Razak, 85, surviving spouse of Rev. B. Keith Razak, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2012, at Wesley Towers Ralph Thorne Care Center, Hutchinson. The memorial service was Sept. 22 at Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home in Hutchinson.

She was born Jan. 18, 1927, in Hutchinson, the daughter of George and Helen Raner Fowler. She was a 1945 graduate of Hutchinson High School and a 1946 graduate of Salt City Business College, Hutchinson. Wanda was a bookkeeper at Wesley Towers from 1969 to 1989. She was a member of Faith UMC, Hutchinson. She married B. Keith Razak on Aug. 29, 1948, in Hutchinson. He died July 16, 1963.

Survivors include: two sons, Stanley and wife Kathy of Solomon, Kan., and Brian and wife Sarah of Old Orchard Beach, Maine; a brother, Walter E. Fowler of Fort Smith, Ark.; a sister, George Ann Miller of Cortland, Neb.; four grandchildren, Keith Razak and wife Sarah of McPherson, Kyle Razak and wife Ashley of Bonner Springs, Aaron Razak of Lawrence, and Megan Norris and husband Adam of Medford, Mass.; five great-grandchildren, Braden, Harper, Ian, Hudson and Jensen; and an aunt, Jennie West of Hutchinson. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, J. Marion Fowler. Memorials were established with Wesley Towers Foundation or Hospice Care of Kansas.

Lola L. Redfield

Lola L. Redfield, surviving spouse of Rev. Edward Redfield, died July 24, 2012. The memorial service was July 29 at Indigo Pines Chapel in Hilton Head, S.C.

Rev. Redfield served in the Kansas West Conference at Hazelton, Hardtner, Pleasant View, Hunter, Montrose, Courtland, Grainfield, Cullison, Byers, Iuka, Brownell, Ransom, Lenora United Parish, Hicks Chapel and Burden. He retired 1991 and died in 2007.

Survivors include daughters, Karen Metcalf of Coweta, Okla., and Lisa Houck of Hilton Head, S.C.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Gloria Lou Short

Gloria Lou Short, of Manhattan, Kan., wife of retired elder Rev. Melvin Short, died July 12, 2012, at the Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan. The funeral was July 14 at Manhattan First UMC.

She was born on Sept. 23, 1926, in Wichita, KS, the daughter of Hazen W. and Nell B. (Delp) Wiggins. Mrs. Short was raised in Wichita, where she attended local schools and graduated from Wichita East High School. Following high school, she attended Baker University for two years.

On Dec. 19, 1948, she was united in marriage to Melvin Lee Short at the Asbury UMC in Wichita. Together they made their home in numerous communities throughout Kansas where her husband served as a Methodist pastor within the Kansas West Conference including Greenwich, Florence, Hoxie, Goodland, Wichita St. Paul's, El Dorado First, Hutchinson First, Hays First, Newton Trinity Heights and Pratt. He also served as the Wichita District superintendent. He retired in 1991. Mrs. Short was a wonderful homemaker and devoted minister's wife. She was well loved by the parishioners they served and often times directed the children's choirs. Her gift of hospitality and her strong Christian values were reflected in all that she did.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. Melvin Short, of their home at Meadowlark Hills in Manhattan. Also surviving are their four children, David Short and long term girlfriend, Terri Lebo of Denver, Colo., Kathy Stone and husband, Steve of Evans, Ga., Dr. Steve Short and wife, Whitney of Manhattan, Kan.; Marsha Kedigh and husband, Larry of Nashville, Tenn.; 8 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Short was preceded in death by her parents. Memorials were designated for Southwestern College.

Jeanette Elaine (Plumer) Weinert

Jeanette Elaine (Plumer) Weinert, of Winfield, surviving spouse of Rev. Glenn Weinert, passed away April 14, 2013, at Cumbernauld Village. Services were held April 20 at Cornerstone Bible Fellowship.

Jeanette was born Oct. 26, 1921, in Chadwick, Ill., to Dudley and Helen (Zugschwerdt) Plumer. She spent most of her childhood in Naperville, Ill., graduating from high school there and attending North Central College for several years.

She worked in Chicago before marrying Glenn Weinert in 1943. Glenn graduated from Evangelical Theological Seminary in 1943 and joined the Kansas Conference of the Evangelical Church. Glenn and Jeanette's first assignment was a two-point charge in Oregon, Mo. They started their married life serving a church that provided lots of meat and produce to the pastor and his wife. Things were kept cold by storing them in a cave until her dad was able to purchase a used refrigerator in Illinois and ship it to them on the train. The trip to one of the rural churches was at times eventful, such as the day Jeanette drove the car with Glenn on the rear bumper, adding weight to the tires so they could make it up a muddy hill. Their oldest son, Sheldon, was born during their years at Oregon.

Their second church assignment was to Trinity Church in Kansas City, Mo. Their second son, Lauren, was born in Kansas City. After eight years in Kansas City, the family moved to Enid, Okla., where the third son, Lyle, was born. They also served churches in Wichita, Liberal and Phillipsburg. (Due to church denominational mergers during their years in ministry, the Evangelical Church became the Evangelical United Brethren Church and finally the UMC.)

During those years, Jeanette served in many capacities at the various churches. She often played the piano, directed children's, youth, adult and bell choirs, served as youth director in two churches, and organized and served numerous large dinners. At one time, she was associate youth director at the conference level.

Jeanette worked for 12 years in the county clerk's office in Phillipsburg. Glenn and Jeanette retired in Phillipsburg and decided to spend their winter months in a warmer climate. They eventually headed to South Texas, spending more than 20 winters in Harlingen. During their first winter at Sunshine RV Park, Jeanette became director of the park's church choir, a position she held for almost 20 years. She directed the choir, several bell choirs and a park chorus, and organized and directed numerous programs that centered around the musical talents of the park.

The Weinerts moved to the Friendly Acres retirement community in Newton in 2001, and Glenn died in 2005. Since 2009, Jeanette has been a resident at Cumbernauld Village in Winfield.

In addition to her parents, Jeanette was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Glenn Weinert, and by her brother, Erwin. Survivors include her sons and their wives, Sheldon and Karla Weinert, Sheldon, Iowa, Lauren Weinert, Phillipsburg, and Lyle and Sara Weinert, Winfield; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Memorials were established with World Mission Gospel.

Lou Winget

Lou Winget, wife of retired elder Rev. Garry Winget, died Oct. 3, 2012. A memorial service was Oct. 26 at Wichita East Heights UMC. Lou was born in Corn, Okla., to the late Otto and Katherine Rosgalsky. Rev. Winget served at Kanopolis, Carneiro, Wichita Bethel, Wichita West Side and Kingman. He retired in 1999.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Laverne and Eugene. She is survived by her husband, Garry; one daughter, Deb (Granville) Burchardt; one son, Brad (Jennifer); four grandchildren, Chris (Michelle) McMillion of Andale, Kelly (Eric) Denney of Copenhagen, Denmark, Josh (Jessica) Winget of Richmond, Texas, Sarah (Cameron) Simmons of Houston, Texas. There are five great-grandchildren, Abigail, Isabelle, Addison, Trevor, and Eli. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were an immense joy to her. Lou was a retired case manager for the homeless at United Methodist Urban Ministry. She enjoyed traveling and sharing their second home in Pitkin, Colo. Lou enjoyed the adventure of exploring old mines, new countries and many forms of travel. A time of sharing over a cup of coffee was special for her. Memorials designated to East Heights UMC, Wichita; Asbury Park, Newton, or the Pitkin Community Church.

Lay Members to Annual Conference

Susan Elizabeth (Achilles) Steuber

Susan Elizabeth (Achilles) Steuber, 55, devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away peacefully June 3, 2012. Her memorial service was held on June 11 at Aldersgate UMC, Wichita. She served the Kansas Episcopal Office of the UMC as the Administrative Assistant to the Bishop.

She is survived by her husband, Les; son, Jason Steuber; daughter, Kristina (Jason) Dalton; and her grandchildren, Mary Jo Nixon, Ashlyn, Austin and Tyler Steuber, Kaiden, Keegan, and Karter Dalton, all of Wichita; her father, Norman Achilles; brother, Scott (Connie) Achilles, all of Inman; brother, Kevin (Teresa) Achilles of Haven; and 10 nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother, Betty Rose Achilles. Memorials were designated to the Kansas West Annual Conference for the Chabadza Covenant with Zimbabwe.

Neil A. Thompson

Neil A. Thompson, 2012 lay member from Nickerson UMC, died Feb. 18, 2013, at Elm Grove Estates, Hutchinson. He was born Nov. 25, 1934, in Garfield, Kansas, to Merle E. and Doris E. (Bishop) Thompson. His funeral was Friday, February 22, at Nickerson UMC.

Neil graduated from Sterling High School in 1952. He served as a lay leader at the Nickerson UMC, was a member of the bowling association, a former statistician for the NJCAA tournament, and loved fishing and gardening. Neil served in the United States Army and was a member of the American Legion. On Dec. 30, 1956, he married Ardith A. "Ardie" Spurlock in Goodland, Ind. She died July 21, 1998. On Oct. 28, 1999, he married Karen Clark. She survives.

Other survivors include: sons, Gary Thompson and wife Deana of Hutchinson, Arlen Thompson and wife Kristi of Louisburg, Kan.; daughters, Sandy Chambers and husband Robert of Pretty Prairie, Cheryl Thompson of Lyons; stepsons, Scott Fleming of Loveland, Colo., Chris Fleming of Galva, Mark Fleming of Hutchinson; brother, Phillip Thompson of Casa Grande, Ariz.; sisters, Twila Price of Amarillo, Texas, Eva Huntsman of Rockwall, Texas; 15 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Neil was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Leah Currie; brothers-in-law, Bob Currie and Mark Price. Memorials were designated to Ardith Thompson Memorial Scholarship or Nickerson UMC.

Donna R. Volz

Donna R. Volz, UM Open Door food ministry director, of Wichita, KS passed away Monday, September 17, 2012. A memorial service was held at College Hill UMC on Saturday, September 22.

She was Director of Community Services at U.M. Open Door (the largest food box program in Wichita) and was Past Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed gardening, reading, music and decorating for the holidays. Her biggest joy in life was spending time and playing with her grandson, Taran.

Donna was born April 7, 1943 in Wichita to Donald and Ethel Mershon. She is preceded in death by her parents. Donna is survived by her husband of 40 years, Sherman Volz; son, Justin (Amanda) Volz; grandson, Taran Volz all of Wichita; brother, Larry (Diana) Mershon of Ohio; sister, Liz (Robert) Plunk of Illinois and numerous extended family. Memorials designated to U.M. Open Door Food Ministry.

Leta Beth Wheeler

Leta Beth Wheeler, 2011 lay member from Rock UMC, died January 22, 2012. The funeral service was January 27, 2012 at Douglass UMC.

She was born July 24, 1929, in Kingman, KS, the daughter of Clement Albert and Leda Sylvia (Combs) Wise. While she was growing up, the family lived in Penalosa, where she was active in 4-H as both a member and a leader. Leta Beth graduated from Cunningham High School and attended Emporia State College and Southwestern College. She began teaching at the age of 17 in Mead Creek and later at Mt. Hope. When the Wises moved to Rock in the late '40s, Leta Beth joined them and continued teaching in Rock. She married James Arthur Wheeler on August 1, 1951, at Grace UMC in Winfield. They recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Leta Beth quit teaching to raise their four children, but during this time taught piano, was an Avon distributor, and was an accomplished seamstress, cook, and cake decorator. She supported her children by attending every school event, program, and ballgame of which they were a part. She continued this practice with all of her grandchildren's events as well. Leta Beth later worked as an assistant funeral director for the Wheeler Funeral Homes in Burden, Cedar Vale, and Winfield. Throughout these years, she was a Sunday School teacher and pianist at the Rock Christian Church, and later at the Rock UMC. She was active with the United Methodist Women, serving as president in Rock and as treasurer of the Winfield District UMW. With their dear friends Bill and Pat Vaughn, Leta Beth and Jim enjoyed several cruises to the Caribbean, the Panama Canal, and Alaska; these made very special memories. Leta Beth and Jim lived on the family farm outside of Rock for more than 50 years, except for the year 1965 when they resided in Seattle, WA. They moved to Douglass in 2005.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by all of her brothers and sisters, Forrest (Ruth) Wise, Winona (Don) Matthews, Eldon (Edith) Wise, and Clark Wise.

She is survived by her husband, Jim; her children Victor (Nancy) Wheeler of Derby, Nyla (Eric) Mulkey of Wichita, Sylvia (Don) Campbell of Wichita, and Lyman Wheeler of Denver; 11 grandchildren, Ben Wheeler, Jeff (Ashley) Wheeler, Bryce Mulkey, Grant Mulkey, Taryn (Adam) Jackson, Matthew Campbell, Laura (Josh) Rhoades, Andrew (Bethany) Campbell, David (Megan) Campbell, Joel Wheeler and Daniel Wheeler; one great-granddaughter, Kaylin Mulkey; and one sister-in-law, Eugenia Wise. Memorials were designated to Rock UMC and Douglass Senior Citizen Center.

Family Members of Clergy

Caleb Garcia

Caleb Garcia, age 9, son of Pastor Juan and Concepción Garcia, Liberal, died suddenly on Friday, June 1, 2012. His funeral service was Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at the First UMC in Liberal.

He was born March 3, 2003 at Liberal, KS. Caleb had completed 3rd grade at McDermott Elementary School in Liberal. He was a member of the First UMC and was in the church "Kid's Club". He is survived by his parents and three brothers, Edgar Garcia of Liberal, KS; Francisco Garcia of Roxboro, NC; and Angel Garcia of Liberal, KS. Memorials were designated to Juan Garcia Hispanic Ministries to assist with Caleb's funeral expenses.

Gary R. Hathaway

Gary R. Hathaway, of Ulysses, Kansas, brother of retired elder Rev. Kenneth Hathaway, died Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, in Wichita, KS. He was born July 5, 1942 in Liberal, KS, the son of Addison E. and Helen M. (Nix) Hathaway. His funeral service was October 20, 2012 at the First UMC in Ulysses, Kansas with Rev. Janet Hernandez officiating.

Gary grew up in Hugoton and Garden City, and was active in Boy Scouts. During his teen years, he was a member of the Mandan Indian Dancers. They wore hand crafted costumes and headdresses and performed locally. Gary achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in a 1958 campfire ceremony at the Cimarron River. He worked for his father at their Culligan Water Softener business. He graduated from Hugoton High School in 1960 having participated in football and school plays. In 1964, he graduated from Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas with a B.A. in Business. He was a member of the student council, Campus Y, Phi Beta Lambda business club, and Pi Epsilon Pi social club. Following his graduation he worked for two years at the Johnson State Bank in Johnson, Kansas.

He then attended Washburn Law School in Topeka, Kansas, receiving his Juris Doctorate in 1969. Gary established his law practice in Ulysses, Kansas in 1970. He has served as Grant County Attorney and Ulysses City Attorney. He was admitted to the Kansas Supreme Court in 1969, U.S. District Court of Kansas in 1969, U.S. Supreme Court in 1978, and the tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1979. He has been a member of the Kansas Bar Association, Southwest Kansas Bar Association and Kansas Trial Lawyers Association. He was active in the Kiwanis organization serving as Lt. Governor from 1994-95. Gary was a member of the Dexter D. Harbour American Legion Post #79. He was one of the founders and served as president of the High Plains Public Radio Station, KANZ. He handled family farming, business rentals and owned and operated Oxair Elk Ranch in rural Grant County. Gary was a member of the Ulysses UMC, having served on its administrative board, finance committee, served as a lay member to Annual Conference, and was a past member of the Pension Endowment Fund of the Kansas West Conference.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Sonja (Brewer) Hathaway of the home; two brothers, retired elder Rev. Kenneth Hathaway of Winfield, Kansas, Doyle Hathaway of Wichita, Kansas; many nieces, nephews and their children. He was preceded in death by his parents. Memorials were designated to the First UMC in Ulysses or the Boy Scouts of America, Santa Fe Trail Council.

Keenan Jellison-Knock

Keenan Jellison-Knock, 18, of Washington, KS, son of Rev. Randy and Pastor Sandra Jellison-Knock, died Monday, April 15, 2013. His funeral service was held Saturday, April 20, at the Washington County High School in Washington.

Keenan was born October 10, 1994 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He grew up and lived in Selby, SD, Healy, KS, WaKeeney, KS and Washington. He was in the 2013 Senior Class at Washington County High School and a member of the First UMC.

He was active in cheerleading, band, chorus, school play and Community Theater, Forensics, FBLA, FCCLA, Art Club, track and Foreign Language. In FCCLA he won state competitions in dress design and construction and qualified for Nationals his sophomore and senior years. He loved designing clothing, costumes and sets as well as music, his friends, and loved everything Wizard of OZ and Apple. Keenan worked in Waterville at Cindy's Country Inn and, when he lived in WaKeeney, at the Christmas Shoppe.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Arlys Knock and Bill and Margaret Jellison. Survivors include his parents, Rev. Randy and Sandra Jellison-Knock, Washington; boyfriend, Tyler Svoboda, Lincoln, NE; grandfather, Marvin Knock, Sioux Falls, SD; aunts and uncles, Kristi Sterud (Doug), Watertown, SD; Katherine Jellison (David Winkelmann), Millfield, OH; Rick Knock (Sheila), Yankton, SD, Steve Knock (Lugene), Sioux Falls, SD, Terry Knock (Cindi), Loveland, CO, Dan Knock (Brenda), Guilford, VT, Rod Knock (Jen), Sioux Falls, SD, Heidi Knock (Jack Ennis), Avon, IN; and many cousins and friends. Memorials were designated to a Fine Arts Scholarship in Keenan's name.

Dyron P. Schutte

Dyron P. Schutte, 3, son of Derek and Diana (Stout) Schutte and great-grandson of retired Rev. Bob and M'Lou Stout, died Jan. 3, 2013. He was born Feb. 19, 2009. His service was held at Bethel College Memorial Hall, North Newton on January 10, 2013.

Survivors: his parents; sisters, Dominique, Dalaina and Drihanna; maternal grandparents, Will and Patti Stout; maternal great-grandparents, Al and Eleanor Becker, and Bob and M'Lou Stout; paternal grandparents, Tom and Lana Schutte; paternal great-grandmother, Norma Savage.