

MEMOIRS
Those We Honor

Deceased Clergy

The Rev. Donald Bakely, 87, retired clergy member born August 23, 1928, passed away Jan. 16, 2016. He was married to Jeanne Flagg, Sept. 10, 1949. Survivors include his wife Jeanne, children Bethany, Paul, Peter (Lisa), the Rev. Claudia Bakely, Lois (Dale) Ferguson, daughter-in-law Diane Howell. Don served Executive Director, Crosslines Coop. Council, Retired 1992. A service was held Jan. 30, 2016 in Kansas City, Kansas.

The Rev. Harold Dean Baldwin, 83, a retired local pastor born Jan. 3, 1932 passed away May 6, 2015. Survivors include his wife , Betty, children: Leisa Baldwin, Leslie Baldwin and Clifford Baldwin, step-children, Patti (Thomas) Taylor and Kathleen Cummings. He served Elmont and Hoyt, Retired 2002. A service was held May 11, 2015 in Topeka, Kansas.

The Rev. Olin A. Belt, 87, a retired clergy member born Sept. 29, 1927, passed away June 10, 2015. He was married to Helen Thorup in 1949, Helen preceded him in death. Olin married Lorelei Benson on July 7, 1974. Survivors include his wife, Lorelei; daughter, Alicia; step-children, Linda Benson, Lonnie (Sharon) Benson. He served Wausa-Magnet, Wausa Ct., Greater Tri-County Larger Parish (Wausa), Oakland First-Westside, Creighton-Creighton/Center UCC, Retired 1990. A service was held June 13, 2015 in Pierce, Nebraska.

The Rev. Jerry Lee Bever, 75, a retired local pastor born Aug. 27, 1940 passed away Feb. 24, 2016. Survivors include his children Becky (Jim) Butts, Christy (Robert) Dunham, John (Rayvenna) Bever. Jerry served Sedan-Cedar Vale-Wauneta-Elgin, Retired 2010; Sedan-Cedar Vale-Wauneta-Elgin. A service was held March 3, 2016 in Liberty, Kansas.

The Rev. James Charles (JC) Browne, 73, a retired clergy member born April 8, 1942 passed away July 5, 2015. Survivors include his wife, the Rev. Mary Tyler Browne, children Christina Browne Torbert, George (Sara) Browne, JC (Martha Jean) Browne Jr. . Step-children, Bill (Noreen) Tyler, Mike (Mary Lou) Tyler, Kathy Tyler (Eric) Stetz. He served Omaha Grace-Dietz, Holdrege-Ragan-Wilcox, Franklin, Macon, West Point Trinity, West Point, Walthill-Rosalie, Laurel-Logan Center, Retired 2006. A service was held in Albuquerque, NM.

The Rev. Philip D. Brownlee, 67, a retired clergy member born Mar. 13, 1948, passed away May 11, 2015. Survivors include his children Kaye (Justin) Brownlee-France. He served Great Bend: First, Assoc., Clayton, Fowler, Lewis-Garfield, Chaplain Intern, Wesley Med. Center, Wichita: Waco Ave., Kansas City: Metropolitan Ave., Galesburg-Thayer, Retired 1998 Angola-Valeda, Coffeyville: Trinity.

The Rev. LaDonna Ruth Carey, 91, a retired clergy member born June 30, 1924, passed away Sept. 29, 2015. She was married to Robert Carey in 1946. Survivors include her husband Robert, children Anne Marie (Ron) Westgate and John Robert (Janelle) Carey. She served a missionary in Liberia, Moline-Grenola, Kansas, Retired 1993. A service was held Oct. 9, 2015 in Topeka, Kansas.

The Rev. Shirley Holden Carpenter, 83, an retired associate member born Sept. 22, 1932, passed away Nov. 26, 2015. Survivors include children Carl (Kathy), Scott (Sandy) and Eric (Donna Flanders) Carpenter, Michele (Dennis) Spaulding, Janice (David) Carpenter-Weidner, and Christy (Jason) Nickels. She served McCool Junction-Bradshaw, Kearney First, Curtis-Garden Prairie, Retired 2002, Newman Grove-Looking Glass. A service was held Dec. 12, 2015 in Stockbridge, Georgia.

The Rev. G. Richard Carter, 85, a retired clergy member born Dec. 7, 1929 passed away May 20, 2015. He was married to Shirley Salstrom on Aug. 24, 1958. Survivors include his wife Shirley, children Janine (Jim) Duke, Frederick (Ann Robins), and Bryan (Kristy Barnes). He served Gurley, Lewellen, Schuyler-Rogers, Omaha Grace, Papillion, Beatrice, Northwest D.S., Omaha Rockbrook, Alliance-Lakeside, Retired 1997. A service was held May 26, 2015 in Omaha, Nebraska.

The Rev. Dale L. Clare, 82, a retired clergy member born Dec., 10, 1933, passed away April 30, 2016. He was married to Nanon Bird in 1955. Survivors include his children Dr. Lisa Clare, Lori (Kerry) Cross, and Linda Clare. He served as Chaplain, US Navy, Minneola, Oberlin, Scott City, Johnson, Retired 1998. Service at later date.

The Rev. James E. Fleagle, 69, a local pastor born Oct. 2, 1946, passed away Dec. 8, 2015. He was married to Heather McKenzie on Feb. 2, 1973. Survivors include his wife Heather, children Phillip (Darci) Fleagle and one step-son, Michael Forney. He was serving Enterprise UMC. A service was held Dec. 12, 2015 in Enterprise, Kansas.

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The Rev. T.J. Fraser, 82, a retired clergy member born Dec. 23, 1932, passed away Aug. 10, 2015. Survivors include his wife, Virginia, children Thomas Fraser and Theodore Fraser. He served Genoa, Norfolk, Bloomfield-Hurst Stafford, Gering-Melbeta, Wauneta-Mt. Zion, Pawnee City-Dubois, Mitchell-Hull, Allen-Dixon, Chester-Hubbell, Retired 1998. A service was held Aug. 13, 2015 in Seward, Nebraska.

The Rev. Carroll French, 82, a retired associate member born Jan. 30, 1933, passed away Oct. 8, 2015. He is survived by his son Niels (Birgitte) French, Kirsten (Randy) Wettlaufer, Inge (Larry) Sthresley. He served as a Missionary in Zaire also Elgin-Elgin Park, United West Parish, Ewing-Page, Retired 1995. A service was held Oct. 12, 2015 in Page, Nebraska.

The Rev. John Goering II, 80, a retired clergy member born Jan. 18, 1936, passed away Feb. 19, 2016. He was preceded in death by his wife Beverly Ann Benson. He is survived by his wife Joan Boese, children, Anneliese (John) Homan, Jay (Shawn) Goering, Kyla (David) Gosset and Schuyler (Melody) Goering, step-child Brenda (Kyle) Barger. He served Longford-Mizpah, Longford-Mizpah-Industry, Lewis-Garfield, Marion Eastmoor-Youngtown, Retired 2006 and Newton East Side. A service was held Feb. 22, 2016 in Pretty Prairie, Kansas.

The Rev. Paul R. Hett, 96, a retired clergy member born Dec. 13, 1918, passed away Sept. 10, 2015. He married Catherine Stull on June 4, 1944. She preceded him in death in 1990. He married Jane Landreth Ellis on Apr. 4, 1992. Survivors include his wife Jane, and children, Susan (Roger) Moller and Nancy Rehmert. He served Hanover and Throop, Jewell and Mankato, Lawrence, Faith in Parsons, Dennis, Otterbein in Chanute, Urbana, Paola and Retired 1983. A service was held Sept. 15, 2015 in Parsons, Kansas.

The Rev. Donald D. Hines, 90, a retired clergy member born Apr. 10, 1925, passed away Mar. 20, 2016. He was married to Thelma Rockhold on May 31, 1944, He was preceded in death by his wife in 2009 and his daughter Sandra Rekstad. He is survived by his son Gary Hines. He served Esbon, McCracken, Maize, Concordia, Russell, Shawnee Heights, Parsons First, Topeka Lowman, Fairway Old Mission, Emporia-Manhattan Dist., Retired 1990. A service was held Mar. 24, 2016 in Topeka, Kansas.

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The Rev. Conley Kent Hinrichs, 90, a retired clergy member born Feb. 21, 1925 passed away Oct. 24, 2015. He was married to Elsie on July 27, 1952. He is survived by his wife Elsie, children Jim (Linda) Hinrichs and Joel Hinrichs. He served Lincoln St. James, Wood River, Wood River-Alda, Elsie-Madrid, Eustis-Farnam, Sargent-Comstock, KBR Coop. Ministry (Bassett), Oshkosh-Lewellen, Hershey-Sutherland, Retired 1990. A service was held Oct. 31, 2015 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Rev. Nellie "Nel" Lou Holmes, 67, a retired clergy member born July 1, 1948, passed away Apr. 27, 2016. She served El Dorado, Trinity, Garden City, Assoc., Liberal, Assoc., Leave of Absence, Deerfield-Lydia, Hutchinson Tenth Ave., Quinter-Grinnell, Wellington, Hugoton, St. Francis, Incapacity Leave 2003, Retired 2014. A service was held May 2, 2016 in Hutchinson, Kansas.

The Rev. Charles Stanley LaRue, 77, a retired clergy member born May 17, 1938, passed away Aug. 7, 2015. He was married to Sharon Ann Giles on Dec. 31, 1957. Survivors include his wife, Sharon, children Deborah (Roger) Brooks, Carol (John) Cobb, Charles (Pam) and Lonnie (Diane). He served Tilden-Meadow Grove, David City, Friend-Dorchester, Curtis-Garden Prairie, Retired 1998; Maywood-Wellfleet. A service was held Aug. 9, 2015 in Wellfleet, Nebraska.

The Rev. Lloyd J. Lowe, 90, a retired clergy member born July 14, 1925, passed away June 21, 2015. Survivors include his wife Luella Lowe. He served Oskaloosa, Wamego-Louisville, Columbus-Bethlehem, Columbus-Bethlehem, Ft. Scott First, Leavenworth First, Kansas City Metropolitan, Retired 1992.

The Rev. Gerald Arthur Martin, 87, a retired clergy member born Sept. 2, 1928, passed away Nov. 9, 2015. He was married to Luella in 1949. Survivors include his wife, Luella, children Ken (Melinda), Faye Martin, Vonda (Phil) McKenna, LaDona (Rob) Martin-Frost and Shauna Martin. He served Wichita Grace Assoc., Bogue-Zurich, Plains, Kingman, Wellington, Concordia District, Junction City First, Retired 1994. A service was held Nov. 23, 2015 in Clay Center, Kansas.

The Rev. Dennis Howard Matthews, 66, a retired clergy member born July 17, 1949, passed away Jan. 6, 2016. Survivors include his children, Kimberly Adams and Keri (Jeff) Brotherton. He was preceded in death by his son Scott. He served Moran-Bronson-Mildred, DeSoto, Louisburg, Holton First, Chaplain, United Methodist Homes, Retired 2013, Chaplain Aldersgate Village, KS. A service was held Jan 15, 2016 in DeSoto, Kansas.

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The Rev. Lillian Delorse Moore, 82, a retired clergy member born Mar. 23, 1933, passed away June 12, 2015. She was married to Command Sergeant Major Rev. Lloyd C. Moore in 1951. Survivors include her husband the Rev. Lloyd C. Moore, children, Alan (Janice); step-daughters, Gere M. Augusto and Carolyn (Larry) Jordan. She served Nortonville; Central Baptist; Vassar-Quenemo-Michigan Valley; Richmond-Princeton-Greeley; Prairie Village: Asbury, Assoc. Junction City: Church of Our Savior-Ogden; Retired 1998. A service was held in Germantown, Tennessee.

The Rev. Marvin D. Neubauer, 57 a clergy member born Jan. 18, 1958, passed away May 14, 2015. Survivors include his wife, Sue Neubauer, children Willie, Jenny Lewis and Katie Smith. He served Alliance-Lakeside, Hastings First, Bushnell-Kimball-Potter, Wahoo-Ithaca, Dakotas Conf. Dir. Camping & Youth Ministries, Falls City First-Rulo, Springfield, serving as Elkhorn Valley District Superintendent. A service was held May 21, 2015 in Norfolk, Nebraska.

The Rev. Raymond Eaton Noah, 96, a retired local pastor, born Jan. 2, 1919, passed away Aug. 24, 2015. He was married to Cleo Noah on Dec. 27, 1941. He is survived by his children Melvin Ray (Fran) Noah, Jerry Lynn (Janice) Noah, Michael Gene (Rebecca) Noah, and Richard Dale (Jennette) Noah. He served as a missionary in Angola and Zimbabwe Africa and Cascavel and Umuarama, Brazil, Alexander, McCracken, Retired. A service was held Sept. 5, 2015 in Lexington, KY.

The Rev. Robert "Bob" Donald Parker, 86 a retired clergy member born Feb. 22, 1930, passed away Apr. 20, 2016. Survivors include his wife Frances, children, Denise (Britt) Cribbit, Becky (Bob) Hill, Cheri Dubuque, and Melinda (Ray) Loney; John Parker and Michael Parker. He served Walnut Hepler, Lawnridge-Neville, Chaplain US Army, Minister to Society, Ecumenical Ctr. For Religion and Health, San Antonio, Retired 1978.

The Rev. Arlie Persell, 83, a retired local pastor born Nov. 1, 1931, passed away July 7, 2015. Arlie married Natalie Jenkins Mar. 9, 1952 she preceded him in death in 1988. Arlie then married Patti Hulteen, May 21, 1989. He is survived by his wife Patti, children Melinda Merrill, Danny (Diana) Persell and Andy (Sherie) Persell, step-children, Mike (Kelley) Hulteen and Cindy Hulteen-Ross. He served Bern, Oneida, Kansas Avenue and Otterbein and New Hope, Retired 2002. A service was held July 11, 2015 in Topeka, Kansas.

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The Rev. Eugene Rasmussen, 88, a retired clergy member born Jan. 8, 1928, passed away Feb. 28, 2016. He was married to Beverly Rasmussen. He served Denton-Lancaster, Olathe First, Assoc., Horton., Lawrence Central, Retired 1992.

The Rev. Arnold Roland Jr., 80, a retired associate member, born Feb. 12, 1935, passed away Sept. 19, 2015. He is survived by his wife Frankie Roland, children, Dan Roland, Sean Roland, Ruth Roland and Melissa Hamilton. He served Coffeyville Trinity-St. James, Valeda, Liberty-Dearing, Cherryvale and retired in 2000. A service was held Oct. 2, 2015 in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Rev. Oliver Rosas, 94, a retired associate member, born Oct. 25, 1920, passed away May 19, 2015. He is survived by his children and grandchildren. He served Bucyrus, Arma-Mulberry, Chanute Otterbein, Waverly-Melvern-Prairie View, Kansas City Wesley in Kansas and retired in 1984. No service held at this time.

The Rev. David Dean Rowe, 73, a retired clergy member, born Sept. 11, 1943, passed away Dec. 30, 2015. He is survived by his wife Linda Irene, and five daughters. He served Alliance-Lakeside, Auburn, Callaway-Morning Star, Imperial-Lamar, Gering, Cambridge-Bartley-Indianola. Retired in 2009. A service was held Jan 6, 2016 in Cool Springs, Tennessee.

The Rev. John A. Schmitt, 67, a clergy member born Dec. 18, 1948, passed away Jan. 27, 2016. He is survived by his wife Susan, children Jake Schmitt and Mindy (Brendan) Rankin-Moore. He served Colony-Welda, Gypsum-Kipp, Conway Springs-Milton, Peabody, Garden City First, Assoc., Kingman, Clearwater, Ellinwood-Salem, Medical Leave 2011. A service was held Feb. 4, 2016 in Kingman, Kansas.

The Rev. Dwight Alden Skow, 91, a retired clergy member born Feb. 22, 1924, passed away Aug. 4, 2015. He is survived by his children David (Donna) Skow, Philip (Sue) Skow and Aleta (Donald) Stone. He served Sprague-Martell, Weeping Water-Nehawka, Retired 1975. A service was held Aug. 8, 2015 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Rev. John M. Snook, 81, a retired associate member born Mar. 27, 1934, passed away Sept. 21, 2015. John married Marian Cunningham on Mar. 25, 1955. He is survived by his wife Marian, children Carmen (Percy) Hall, John (Brenda) Snook, Carleen (Brad) Wade, and Cherie (Jim) Vanderploeg. He served Ellsworth, Retired 2001. A service was held Sept 26, 2015 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

The Rev. James P. "Jim" Townson, 75, a retired clergy member passed away Sept. 17, 2015. He is survived by his wife Sharon Jo, children Tanya (Dennis) Aitken, Terra (Mark) Johnston, Tasha (Rodney) Moore, and Trema (Steve) McLemore. He served as Wichita and Sedgwick County Police Chaplain, Retired. A service was held Sept. 26, 2015 in Wichita, Kansas.

The Rev. Richard H. Urbach, 92, a retired clergy member born Aug 15, 1923, passed away Nov. 28, 2015. He married Lois Rembolt on June 16, 1946. He is survived by his children Roger (Deb) Urbach, Ronald (Cindy) Urbach and LoAnn (Michael) Horst. He served Fullerton, Fremont, Callaway-Finchville, Callaway-Morning Star, Retired 1984. A service was held in the Spring of 2016.

The Rev. Henry Wagoner, 89, a retired clergy member born Aug. 10, 1926, passed away Nov. 18, 2015. Henry married Eleanora Posey on Sept. 23, 1947. He is survived by his children Dr. Jack Wagoner, Jerry (Terri) Wagoner, Linda Gros and Tricia Rotman. He served Preston-Bethel-Barada, Harlan-Rose Valley, Ebenezer-Hayes, Clyde-Agenda, Logan-Glade, Retired 1993. A service was held Dec. 7, 2015 in Clay Center, Kansas.

The Rev. George Wattenbarger, 99, a retired clergy member born Aug. 12, 1916, passed away Dec. 29, 2015. He is survived by his daughter Marilyn (Bob) Means. He was preceded in death by his wife Ruth, sons Donald and George. George served Haysville, Kechi, Sedgwick, Wichita Pleasant Valley, Salina Grand Avenue, Smith Center, Towanda-Benton, South Hutchinson, Wichita Mt. Olivet, Retired in 1982. A service was held Jan. 4, 2016 in Wichita, Kansas.

The Rev. Marion F. Woods, 97, a retired clergy member born Nov. 15, 1918, passed away Apr. 21, 2016. Marion married Marjory Koken on Nov. 22, 1942. She preceded him in death in 1963. Marion married Fannie May Richards on May 17, 1964, she passed away in 1986. He is survived by his children Paula, Karen, Stanley and Margie. He served Salina, Grand Ave., Chaplain, US Army, Stockholm-Milton, NJ, Missionary, Costa Rica, Grinnell-Grainfield, Costa Rica: Missionary, Retired 1985, Costa Rica; Ciudad Quesada & D.S. Northern Dist. 1986. A service was held Apr. 26, 2016 in Costa Rica.

Spouses

Uriel Bernell McNeill Baldwin, 93, the spouse of a clergy member, born April 10, 1922, passed away Sept. 13, 2015. She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Dr. William J. Baldwin. Survivors include her children, Janice (Don) Schaeffer, Judy (Ron) Oliver, Joyce (Jimmy) Denton, and Phil (Peggy) Baldwin. The service was held Sept. 16, 2015 in Newton, Kansas.

Willa Mae Borger, 92, the spouse of a clergy member, born Oct. 14, 1923, passed away Feb. 4, 2016. She was preceded in death by her husband the Rev. Clarence Borger. Survivors include children, William Borger and James Borger. The service was held Feb. 13, 2016 in Wichita, Kansas.

Lynda J. Brazil, 72, the spouse of a clergy member, born Aug. 9, 1943, passed away Aug. 29, 2015. Survivors include her husband the Rev. Bill E. Brazil, and children, David (Joanna) Brazil, Brian (Jacqueline) Brazil. A service was held Sept. 26, 2015 in Winfield, Kansas.

Merceda Joan Dussair, 93, the spouse of a clergy member, passed away Oct. 22, 2015. She was married to the Rev. Dwight Dussair in 1944. She is survived by her children David Dussair, Denise Larson and Deborah Simone Wright. A service was held at Ft. Leavenworth National Cemetery.

Valda Joan Embree, 85, the spouse of a clergy member, born April 14, 1930, passed away Mar. 22, 2016. She was married to the Rev. Robert A. Embree in 1950. Survivors include her husband Robert and children, Dr. Marlowe Embree and Dr. Rodney Embree. A service was held Apr. 9, 2016 in LeMars, Iowa.

Doris Ellen Garrison, 90, the spouse of a clergy member, born Jan. 26, 1925, passed away Nov. 2, 2015. She married Rev. Elton Garrison in 1945. Survivors include her husband Elton, children Sue Lynn, Dana, Renee and Andrew. A service was held Nov. 7, 2015 in Wichita, Kansas.

Vera Evelyn Gordon, 94, the spouse of a clergy member, born Aug. 6, 1920, passed away July 14, 2015. She was married to the Rev. M.E. Gordon. She was preceded in death by the Rev. M.E. Gordon. A service was held in Dallas, Texas.

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Irma Herrick, 92, the spouse of a clergy member, born Mar. 11, 1924, passed away Apr. 4, 2016. She was married to Rev. Marvin Herrick in 1942. She was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by children, Lorie June Tudor (Bill), Carol Pewthers (Larry) and son, Don Herrick (Sherry). A service was held Apr. 9, 2016 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Sonia D'Ann Irwin, 56, the spouse of a local pastor, born July 3, 1959, passed away Nov. 18, 2015. She married Rev. Dennis Irwin Dec. 26, 2006. She was preceded in death by her first husband Tony Cole. Survivors include her husband, Dennis and children Bryan (Jessica) Cole and Jennifer (Austin Dinger) Cole. A service was held Nov. 21, 2015 in Topeka, Kansas.

Connie Jo Jones, 77, the spouse of a clergy member, born Feb. 7, 1938, passed away Oct. 13, 2015. She was married to the Rev. Doug Jones on Nov. 15, 1954. She is survived by her husband the Rev. Doug Jones, and children, Stefanie Bleich and Ron Jones. A service was held Oct. 19, 2015 in Oconto, Nebraska.

Hilda Zoe "Zodie" Kaye, 95, the spouse of a clergy member born Aug. 11, 1920, passed away Oct. 8, 2015. She was married to the Rev. Philip Kaye on Oct. 22, 1945. Survivors include her husband the Rev. Philip Kaye, children, Margie (Pat) O'Meara, the Rev. Nancy (the Rev. Lew) Kaye-Skinner. A service was held Oct. 13, 2015 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mary Lou Bauer Martin, 77, the spouse of a clergy member, born July 22, 1938, passed away Sept. 8, 2015. She was married to the Rev. Carl E. Martin in 1960. She is survived by her husband Carl, children, Andrew Timothy (Janelle) Martin and Mary Megann (Dale) Kennedy. A service was held Sept. 19, 2015 in Wichita, Kansas.

John Byron Norwich McLennan, 59, the spouse of a clergy member, born Oct. 25, 1956, passed away Dec. 25, 2015. He was married to the Rev. Jamie Norwich McLennan on Sept. 2, 1989. He is survived by his wife Jamie, children Joy Chanyoung, Lee (Bonu) Kharyniso and Yarababaeva (Adam) Gerhardstein. A service was held Dec. 31, 2015 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Fern H. Mead, 93, a spouse of a clergy member, born Dec. 20, 1922, passed away Mar. 26, 2016. She was preceded in death by her husband the Rev. J. Russell Mead. She is survived by her children Linda (Chuck) Ryan and Jolene (Ed) Bantam. A service was held Mar. 30, 2016 in Central City, Nebraska.

GREAT PLAINS CONFERENCE
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Cleo Pataricia Noah, 96, a spouse of a retired local pastor, born April 22, 1919, passed away Feb. 17, 2016. She was married to the Rev. Raymond Noah on Dec. 27, 1941, he preceded her in death Aug. 24, 2015. She is survived by her children Melvin Ray (Fran) Noah, Jerry Lynn (Janice) Noah, Michael Gene (Rebecca) Noah, and Richard Dale (Jennette) Noah. A service was held March 5, 2016 in Lexington, KY.

Helen Barber Norman, 98, a spouse of a clergy member born Apr. 29, 1917, passed away Aug. 5, 2015. She was married to the Rev. Merlin F. Norman on June 25, 1944. She is survived by her children Merlin Norman Jr., Charles Norman, Helen Dobbs, and Zoa Norman. A service was held Aug. 8, 2015 in Scott City, Kansas.

Cara Ruth Hutchinson Perkins, 78, a spouse of a clergy member born Jan. 3, 1938, passed away Apr. 26, 2016. She was married to the Rev. Tom Perkins on Sept. 8, 1957. She is survived by her husband Tom, children Tom II (Susan) Perkins, Lance (Rita) Perkins. A service will be held June 11, 2016 in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Virginia E. Rimel, 96, a spouse of a clergy member, passed away Oct. 23, 2015. She was married to Rev. Philip E. Rimel on June 25, 1942. He preceded her in death on March 17, 1975. She is survived by her children Alice (Wendell) Terry, Virginia White and John (Nena) Rimel. A service was held Oct. 26, 2015 in Lawrence, Kansas.

Nita Wyatt Sundbye Sewell, 83, a spouse of a clergy member born Feb. 28, 1932, passed away Aug. 4, 2015. Nita married Rev. Ronald Sundbye in 1970, he passed away in 1994. She then married Ed Sewell who passed away in 2007. She is survived by step-children Kevin (Kelly) Sundbye, Kris Sundbye, Eric (Deborah) Sundbye and Eirn (Lonnie) Snodgrass. A service was held Aug. 22, 2015 in Lawrence, Kansas.

Donna Elaine Stewart Stanton, 82, a spouse of a clergy member born Apr. 4, 1933, passed away Sept. 13, 2015. She married Alan Stewart Oct. 26, 1952, he passed away in 1979. She married Rev. Delbert "Dink" Stanton in 1986. She is survived by her husband Delbert, children Douglas, Ryan (Kathleen) and Kelly (Karla). A service was held Sept. 18, 2015 in Stockton, Kansas.

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Marjorie Watts Strohl, 97, a spouse of a clergy member born June 1, 1917, passed away Mar. 23, 2015. Marjorie married Kenneth Watts on Jan. 11, 1941, he passed away in 1989. She married Rev. C. Orville Strohl Oct. 7, 1990, he passed away in 2002. She is survived by her children Marjorie “Marcy” Watts Houser, and Curtis C. Watts, step-children Sheryl Strohl Holt, Joan Strohl Darfler and Rodney Neal Strohl. A service was held Mar. 25, 2015.

Phyllis Watkins Tudor, 91, a spouse of a clergy born June 4, 1924, passed away Aug. 14, 2015. She married Rev. William G. Tudor on May 13, 1944. Survivors include husband Bill, children Bill (Lorie), Steve (Nancy), Phyllis (Ed) Daniels and Imozelle (Jim) McVeigh. A service was held Sept. 5, 2015 in Overbrook, Kansas.

Julia Kitchens Wilke, 83, a spouse of a retired bishop born July 28, 1932, passed away Feb. 25, 2016. Julia married Bishop Richard “Dick” Wilke on June 20, 1953. She is survived by her husband the Rev. Richard Wilke, children Steve Wilke, Paul Wilke, Susan Fuquay and Sarah Wilke. A service was held Mar. 3, 2016 in Winfield, Kansas.