

MEMOIRS**Those We Honor****Deceased Clergy**

The Rev. Walter Bailey, 86, retired clergy member, born June 30, 1930, passed away Oct. 12, 2016. He was married to Charlotte, Sept. 3, 1983. Survivors include his wife, Charlotte; and sons Dave, Ted (Marilyn), Ron (Kathy), Tim (Annette) and Don (Robin). Walter served Oxford-Atlanta, Sutton, Lincoln Aldersgate, Omaha St. Paul, was the director of the N.E. Methodist Hospital Foundation and retired in 1996. Service was held Oct. 18, 2016 in Omaha, Nebraska.

The Rev. John F. Bartleson, 80, a retired clergy member, born March 18, 1936, passed away Sept. 27, 2016. He was married Rose, May 27, 1961. Survivors include his wife, the Rev. Rose Bartleson; and four children. John served the Missouri East Conference: Doniphan, East Prairie, Mt. Olivet, Chaffee, New Hope; the New Mexico Conference: Grand Falls, Dexter, Carrizozo, Santa Rosa; the Oklahoma Conference: Oneta New Creation, El Reno; the former Nebraska Conference: Crawford-Whitney, Amherst-Bethel-Haven's Chapel and retired in 1998. He was cremated, with burial in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The Rev. Loyd J. Bliss, 96, a retired clergy member, born May 9, 1920, passed away June 10, 2016. He was married to Patricia in 1947. Survivors include his children, Linda (Bart) Kline, Susan Bliss, Bill (Dana) Bliss. Loyd served churches in Lincoln, Aurora, Hastings, Alliance, Scottsbluff and Norfolk. A service was held Aug. 5, 2016, at the Cathedral of the Rockies, Boise, Idaho.

The Rev. Roy J. Brotton, 84, a retired clergy member, born May 1, 1932, passed away Jan. 11, 2017. He married Geradine Colcher, June 22, 1952. Survivors include children, Rodney (Connie) Brotton, James (Jolene) Brotton and Deb Carsten. Roy served Clayton, Edmond, Kill Creek, Russell, Otterbein-Bunker Hill, Bucklin-Ford, Osborne-Alton, Belleville and retired in 1994. A service was held Jan. 20, 2017, in Salina, Kansas.

The Rev. Dale Lee Clare, 82, a retired clergy member, born Dec. 10, 1933, passed away April, 30, 2016. He married Nanon Bird, in 1955. Survivors include three daughters, Dr. Lisa Clare, Lori Cross and Linda Clare. Dale served Long Island-E. Hampton, Chaplain, US Navy, Minneola, Oberlin, Scott City, Johnson, retired in 1998. Burial in Sublette, Kansas.

The Rev. A. Mark Conard, 68, a retired clergy member, born June, 22, 1948, passed away Oct. 18, 2016. Mark married Joyce Fieser, Aug. 21, 1971. Survivors include his wife, Joyce; and children Jonathan (Melissa) Conard, Andrew (Nicole) Conard and Kristin Conard. Mark served Geneseo, Maize-Bentley, Wichita Pleasant Valley, as Salina District superintendent, Hutchinson First and retired in 2013. The service was held Oct. 23, 2016, in Hutchinson, Kansas.

The Rev. Stephen Eldred, 72, a retired clergy member, born May 16, 1944, passed away April 5, 2017. Survivors include his wife, Barbara Jean; and children, Mark (Amy) Eldred and Laura. Services were held April 29, 2017 in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, and April 30, 2017 in Willow, Alaska.

The Rev. Eleanor "Ellie" Marie Foster, 67, a retired clergy member, born Sept. 30, 1949, passed away Nov. 28, 2016. Survivors include her parents, Gerald and Ellen Hickman. She served churches in Goff-Wetmore, Saffordville, Cottonwood Falls-Bazaar, Tisdale, Pittsburg First/Wesley House and retired in 2014. The service was held Dec. 3, 2016, in Corydon, Iowa.

The Rev. Eugenia Fultz, 79, a retired clergy member, born June 25, 1937, passed away Sept. 3, 2015. She served Lyons, Leon-Rosalia and retired in 2002.

The Rev. Gregory F. Hall, 65, a clergy member, born Sept. 26, 1951, passed away Feb. 15, 2017. Greg married Cindy Miller on Sept. 3, 1977. Survivors include his wife, Cindy; and children, Travis Hall, Cullen (Tuesday) Hall and Aime (David) Hennings. He served Loup Cooperative Parish, Alder Grove-Craig, Fremont Calvary-Hooper-North Bend, Fremont First-Calvary-Hooper and Fremont First. The service was held Feb. 18, 2017, in Fremont, Nebraska.

The Rev. Leslie Melvin Heisz, 90, a retired clergy member, born Jan. 12, 1926, passed away Sept. 17, 2016. He was married to Edith DeMoss on June 5, 1949. Survivors include his wife, Edith; and sons, Kenneth (Leslie) Heisz and Keith Heisz. He served Hunter, Colesville-Libertyville, Agra-Snow, Nickerson, Marquette-Windom-Langley, Dodge City, Rozel-Garfield, Satanta, Maize-Bentley, Wichita Cedar Chapel-Brookside and retired in 1984. The service was held Sept. 25, 2016, in Newton, Kansas.

The Rev. L. Robert Holbrook, 95, a retired clergy member, born Dec. 23, 1921, passed away Jan. 14, 2017. Survivors include his wife, Pearl; children, Dr. Gerald Holbrook (Gary Freire), Jeanne Skybrook, Barbara Muenchau, Andrew (Lynn) Holbrook, Patricia (Dan) Terpstra; and step-children, Linda (James) Christensen, Vickie Leu, Peggy (Howard) Speck and Robert (Stacy) Leu Sr. He served Elba-Cotesfield, Hoskins, Scotia Salem-Ord, Dubois-Pleasant Valley-St. John's, Lincoln Heights-Pleasant Dale, Ainsworth-Johnstown, York East Avenue-Benedict, Stromsburg-Swede Plain, Gothenburg-Banner-Brady, Lyons and retired in 1987. He then served as Chaplain for the Civil Air Patrol for 16 years. Service was held Jan. 19, 2017, in Fremont, Nebraska.

The Rev. Elton L. Hunter, 83, a retired associate member born Nov. 13, 1933 passed away May 21, 2016. He was married to Lola Taylor on July 24, 1955. Survivors include his wife Lola, children Diane (Dallas) Hiebert, Vicki Strausberg and Dwight (Gina) Hunter. He served Thornburg-Reamsville-Womer, Republic-Webber, Attica, Protection and retired in 1999. The service was held May 25, 2016 in Stockton, Kansas.

The Rev. K. F. Kaleuati, 68, a retired clergy member, born Feb. 5, 1948, passed away Jan. 6, 2017. Survivors include his wife, Sandra Jean; and daughters, Margaret Ann (Matt Karaffa) Kaeuati, Karen Michelle Kaleuati. Kelo served McCook-Garden Prairie-Indianola, Kennard-Blair, Franklin-Macon, Overton-Elm Creek-Williamsburg, Arnold, Chadron, North Platte, Ogallala, Albion-Loretto and retired in 2013. The service was held Jan. 14, 2017, in North Platte, Nebraska.

The Rev. Dwight Wilbur Kemling, 91, a retired clergy member, born Jan. 12, 1925, passed away Oct. 14, 2016. Dwight married Ruth Reeves on Feb. 18, 1951. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; and children, Mark Kemling, Heidi Heidemann, Jon Kemling and Neal Kemling. Dwight served Wood Lake-Johnstown; Hershey; Loup City-Litchfield; Allen; Mullen-Tryon; Kimball; Wilber-Western and retired in 1988. The service was held Oct. 25, 2016, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Rev. Dorothy "Dottie" Forinash Knetsch, 69, a retired clergy member, born Feb. 28, 1947, passed away Dec. 27, 2016. She married Piet on Sept. 19, 1967. She is survived by her husband, Piet; and daughter, Shivaun Hickman. She served Hope, Cassoday, Burns, Mentor, El Dorado, Oxford, Eudora, Pittsburg, Tecumseh and retired in 2016. The service was held Jan. 14, 2017, in Lawrence, Kansas.

The Rev. Joyce Kochersperger, 94, a retired clergy member born May 2, 1922, passed away March 9, 2017. She married Bob Kochersperger on Feb. 14, 1942. She is survived by her children, Bob Jr. (Cindy) Kochersperger, Kathy, Wendy and John (Suzanne) Kochersperger. Joyce served Kansas City Trinity, Olathe First and retired in 1992. A service was held Mar. 15, 2017, at Olathe, Kansas.

The Rev. Julian Miguel, 78, a retired clergy member born, Oct. 16, 1938, passed away Oct. 21, 2016. He married Venus on April 4, 1960. Survivors include his wife, Venus; and children, Nympha and Julian Jr. He served South Omaha Parish, Milford, Stanton-Pilger, Columbus, Sidney, Grant, Lincoln Warren and retired in 2002. The service was held Oct. 28, 2016, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Rev. Susan A. Montgomery, 70, a retired clergy member born, Nov. 15, 1946, passed away June 27, 2016. She is survived by sons, Brien (Teresa) Montgomery and Stacy T. (Stacy L.) Montgomery. She served Sedan-Peru-Elgin, Frankfort, LaCygne-New Lancaster, St Marys-Emmett-Belvue and retired in 2012. Service was held June 6, 2016, in St. Mary's, Kansas.

The Rev. Charles A. Moorer, 90, a retired clergy member, born Sept. 23, 1926, passed away Nov. 14, 2016. He was married to Ruth Miletus Justice on Aug. 18, 1952. He is survived by his wife, the Rev. Ruth Moorer; and children, Lynn Moorer and Robert Moorer. Charles served Wichita College Hill, Brady-Banner, Cairo, Boelus-Ebenezer, Peru-Brock, was the director of student work at Peru State College, Minden, Wauneta-Mt. Zion, Elwood-Orafino, Mira Valley-Arcadia, Murdock-Alvo, Murdock-Eagle, Holdrege, Ragan-Wilcox, Silver Creek-Fairview and retired in 1993. The service was held Nov. 28, 2016, in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Rev. Sandra Sue "Sam" Patterson, 60, a clergy member, born Oct. 22, 1955 passed away Oct. 13, 2016. Sam is survived by her parents, Jim and Becky Patterson. She served North Platte, Shickley-Ong and was on medical leave. The service was held Oct. 18, 2016, at North Platte, Nebraska.

The Rev. Alvin C. Rose, 68, a retired clergy member, born July 2, 1948, passed away March 13, 2017. He is survived by two daughters. He served Liberal, St. Paul, Woodbine-Lyona, Jennings-Dresden, Lucas, Albright, Wesley Graham County Parish (Hill City-Bogue-Morland-Studley), Salem, Alexander-McCracken, Macksville-Belpre-Trousdale and retired in 2013. A service was held March 24, 2017, in Wichita, Kansas.

The Rev. Roger O. Shanks, 87, a retired clergy member, born July 27, 1929, passed away April 23, 2017. Survivors include his wife, Kay; and children, Michael (Luljeta) Shanks, Michelle (John Webster) McGuire and Monty (Cheri) Shanks. He served Lenora, Gove, Glasco-Simpson, Oakley-Grinnell, Lucas, Albright-Wesley, Minneapolis-Ada, Halstead and retired in 1993. He then served at St. George-Louisville. A service was held June 4, 2017, in Manhattan, Kansas.

The Rev. Alvin H. Smith, 85, a retired clergy member, born June 6, 1931, passed away Dec. 17, 2016. Survivors include his children, Joleen Widman, Bethanne (Tim) Topolski, Paula Juza, Amy (Fred) Moreau, John (Donna) Smith. He served Pleasant Hill-Morning Star in Iowa, Sublette Congregational in Illinois, Cambridge-Orafino, Orchard, Falls City Parish, Bellevue, Seward and retired in 1997. The service was held Dec. 22, 2016, in Seward, Nebraska.

The Rev. Eugene Victor Solomon, 95, a retired clergy member, born Jan. 5, 1922, passed away July, 26, 2016. Survivors include his wife, Virginia; and children, Meredith Collins and Anita (James) Christensen. He served Weatherford, Mt. Zion, Mizpah-Industry, Great Bend King Memorial, Jetmore-Hanston, Eskridge-Harveyville, Baxter Springs-Blue Mound and retired in 1984. The service was held July 30, 2016, in Chanute, Kansas.

Sheila Taylor, 62, a local pastor, born Mar. 15, 1954, passed away May 10, 2016. Survivors include her husband, Gregory; and children, Jamie Connell and Sarah Taylor. She served Mitchell-Hull, Allen-Ponca, Benkelman-Max-Stratton. The service was held May 28, 2016, in Benkelman, Nebraska.

Miriam Weber, 89, a retired diaconal member, born Dec.15, 1927, passed away Dec. 28, 2016. Survivors include her sister, Marjorie Moore and brother, Richard Weber. She served as director of Christian education at Trinity UMC in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin and Omaha Hanscom Park and retired in 1990. Her service was held Jan. 3, 2017, in Indianola, Iowa.

Spouses

Michael Dan Adams, 61, the spouse of a local pastor, born Nov. 16, 1955, passed away Dec. 6, 2015. He married Melody Hector in June 1978. Survivors include his wife, Melody Adams; and children, Rebecca (Kevin) Selin and Katherine (Logan) Detmann. The service was held Dec. 10, 2015, in Arapahoe, Nebraska.

Lily Ann Berlie, 81, spouse of a retired associate member, born Feb. 9, 1936, passed away April 6, 2017. She married the Rev. Robert E. Berlie, Sr., Sept. 29, 1996. Survivors include her husband, the Rev. Robert E. Berlie, Sr.; children, Steve Sunblade, Mike (Caron) Sunblade, Stan (Keren) Sunblade, Mitch (Barb) Sunblade, Lenny (Tami Sue) Sunblade and Michele (Tony) Crom; and step-children, Erin (Christina) Berlie, Wade Berlie and Rae Berlie. The service was held April 11, 2017, at Holdrege, Nebraska.

Patricia A. Bliss, 89, the spouse of a clergy member, born Aug. 17, 1927, passed away June, 11, 2016. She was married to the Rev. Loyd Bliss. Survivors include children, Linda (Bart) Kline, Susan Bliss and Bill (Dana) Bliss. The service was held Aug. 5, 2016, at the Cathedral of the Rockies in Boise, Idaho.

Bernice M. Boilesen, 92, the spouse of a clergy member, born July 1, 1924, passed away Aug. 15, 2016. She was married to the Rev. Lester Boilesen. Survivors include her children, Eugene (Jane) Boilesen and Susan Boilesen. The service was held Aug. 22, 2016, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Marjorie L. Bruning, 97, the spouse of a clergy member, born June 7, 1919, passed away June 14, 2016. She was married to the Rev. Keith Bruning. She is survived by her children, Leslie (Madalyn) Bruning, Peter Bruning, Maelyn (Warren) Toelle, Keitha (Dean) Thomson and Myra (Buck) Nicolaus. The service was held June 18, 2016, in Nebraska City, Nebraska.

Mary Elizabeth Buren, 101, the spouse of a clergy member, born April 14, 1930, passed away March 22, 2016. She was married to the Rev. W.H. Buren. Survivors include her cousins, Reba Young and Jeanne Wood. By request, cremation and no service.

Lillian Joan Bush, 77, the spouse of a clergy member, born Dec. 20, 1938, passed away Aug. 13, 2016. Survivors include her husband, the Rev. James "Jim" Bush; and children, Cheryl Kassin Harris and Steven (Cindy) Kassin. The service was held Aug. 16, 2016, in Newton, Kansas.

Hazel Inez Calcote, 94, the spouse of a clergy member, born June 25, 1921, passed away May 25, 2016. She was married to the Rev. Lee Russell Calcote. Survivors include her children, the Rev. Victor (Eileen) Calcote, Elrea Mullen, Dr. Ronald (Hyla) Calcote and Katrina (Kent) Tamsen. The service was held June 4, 2016, in Winfield, Kansas.

Karen Kay Carroll, 73, the spouse of a clergy member, born Aug. 6, 1942, passed away July 10, 2016. She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Doyle Carroll; and children, Brian (Brenda) Carroll, Kevin (Candy) Carroll, Mike (Brenda) Droste, Reid (Mechelle) Carroll, Rick (Mary) Droste, Ron Droste, Shaunna (Mark) Bernard and David Carroll. The service was held July 16, 2016, in Branson, Missouri.

Maribel Cockerill, 99, the spouse of a clergy member, born July 11, 1917, passed away March 23, 2017. She was married to Dr. Herbert B. Cockerill. She is survived by her daughters, Phyllis Cockerill, Sherille Means, Susan Kirkwood and Brenda Mark. The memorial service was held March 28, 2017, in Wichita, Kansas.

Mildred Emma Engstrom, 95, the spouse of a clergy member, passed away Jan. 14, 2017. She was married to the Rev. Frank W. Engstrom. Survivors include her children, Joanne Fernandez, Sarah Jones, Kaydene Engstrom and Paula Chu. The service was held Jan. 19, 2017, in Fairhope, Alabama.

Memoirs

Margaret Lee Erts, 91, the spouse of a clergy member, passed away March 22, 2017. She was married to the Rev. Ralph Erts. Survivors include her husband, the Rev. Ralph Erts; and children, Ellen (Todd) Ring and Susan (Mike) Griffith. The service was held Apr. 8, 2017, in Omaha, Nebraska.

Phyllis Evelyn Birrer Frary, 100, the spouse of a clergy member, born Dec. 20, 1916, passed away Jan. 22, 2017. She was married to the Rev. Arthur Frary. She is survived by her daughter, Sherilyn and husband David; and daughter-in-law Janice.

Dr. Glenn Froning, 86, the spouse of a deacon member, born Sept. 8, 1930, passed away Jan. 29, 1917. Survivors include his wife, the Rev. Lynne Froning; and daughters, Teri Foley and Sharon Phillips. The service was held Feb. 4, 2017, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Laura Belle Haines, 80, the spouse of a clergy member, born May 13, 1935, passed away May 2, 2016. She was married to the Rev. Robert A. Haines. She is survived by her children, Daniel (Mary) Williams, John (Tammy) Williams, Laurinda (Ty) Raney and Janette (Clay) Quigley. The service was held May 9, 2016, in Winfield, Kansas.

Donita Mae Houghton, 65, the spouse of a clergy member, born Aug. 2, 1950, passed away July 5, 2016. She is survived by her husband the Rev. A. Dale Houghton; and daughters DeEtta (Jeremy) Sikes, Amelia Cooley, Charlotte (Jeremy) Cross, Jayci (Aaron) Britt and Katarina (Justin) Pound. The service was held July 8, 2016, in Thayer, Kansas.

Mina Jean Johnson, 84, the spouse of a clergy member, born March 5, 1932, passed away Nov. 7, 2016. She was married to the Rev. Wendell Russell Johnson. She is survived by her children, Jennifer Johnson, JoBeth (Dan) Minks, Jill (Perry) Cobb, JonRobert Johnson and Dr. Jeffery (Dr. Lindy) Johnson. The service was held Nov. 11, 2016, in Topeka, Kansas.

Mikael “Mike” Karlsson, 46, the spouse of a clergy member, born Aug. 21, 1969, passed away the end of June 2016. He is survived by his wife, the Rev. Ruth Karlsson. A service was held July 15, 2016, in Wilber, Nebraska.

Emogene Ryan Picou Kuhn, 82, the spouse of a clergy member, born June 25, 1934, passed away April 19, 2017. She was married to the Rev. R. Laney Kuhn. She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Laney Kuhn. A service was held April 24, 2017, in Springfield, Louisiana.

Margaret L. “Peggy” Minner, 94, the spouse of a clergy member, born Nov. 9, 1921, passed away Aug. 3, 2016. She was married to the Rev. Gaylen Minner. She is survived by her children, Larry (Janice) Minner and Linda Weber. The service was held Aug. 5, 2016, in Wichita, Kansas.

Mary C. Howland Newlin, 89, a spouse of a clergy member, born Oct. 19, 1927, passed away Nov. 22, 2016. She was married to the Rev. A.V. Howland, he passed away in 1993. She later married Wayne Newlin. She is survived by brothers and sisters. The service was held Nov. 26, 2016, in Abilene, Kansas.

Anna Faye Nugent, 83, a spouse of a clergy member, born Dec. 22, 1932, passed away Aug. 18, 2016. She was married to the Rev. Conrad S. Nugent. She is survived by her children, Randy Brooks (Rita O’Dell), Karen (Darrel) Vail and Sandy (Mike) Foster. A service was held Aug. 23, 2016, in Rolla, Kansas.

Patricia Jean Osborn, 83, spouse of a clergy member, born March 5, 1933, passed away Dec. 28, 2016. She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Chet Osborn; and children, Phillip (Trissie) Osborn, Susan Osborn and Douglas (Nicole) Osborn. A service was held Jan. 3, 2017, in Newton, Kansas.

Judy E. Pinkerton, 77, spouse of a clergy member, born Mar. 8, 1937, passed away Dec. 27, 2016. She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Fred Pinkerton; and children, Randy (Joanna) Pinkerton, Rus (Lynne) Pinkerton, Rob (Lisa) Pinkerton and Tim (Cindy) Pinkerton. A service was held

Dec. 31, 2016, in Goddard, Kansas.

Reita Powell, 80, spouse of a clergy member, born Oct. 18, 1935, passed away Sept. 21, 2016. She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Donald D. Powell; children, Linda Jones, Rhonda Brozek and Richard "Rick" Dorei; and step-children. She was preceded in death by her first husband Bill Dorei. A service was held Sept. 24, 2016, in Ormond Beach, Florida.

Beverly Jean Horton Rasmussen, 89, spouse of a clergy member, passed away Oct. 16, 2016. She was married to the Rev. Eugene M. Rasmussen. She is survived by her daughter, Rachel Rasmussen. A service was held Oct. 23, 2016, in Denton, Maryland.

Charlotte E. Reed, 94, spouse of a clergy member, born Feb. 12, 1923, passed away Apr. 6, 2017. She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Earl Reed; and children Loraine (Patrick) Eurek, Margaret Klimek and David (Cindy) Reed. A service was held Apr. 13, 2017, in Norfolk, Nebraska.

Versa Lee Sims, 84, spouse of a clergy member, born May 23, 1932, passed away Aug. 18, 2016. She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Cato Sims Sr.; and children, Denise Walker, Bob (Charlene) Sims, Cato (Patti) Sims Jr., Naomi Cole, JoAnn Sims and Rosie Sims. A service was held Aug. 27, 2016, in Independence, Missouri.

Betty Stubbs, 89, spouse of a clergy member, passed away Feb. 2, 2017. She was married to the Rev. Arthur Stubbs. A service was held Feb. 11, 2017, in Denver, Colorado.

Cheryl Thompson, 72, spouse of a clergy member, born Dec. 29, 1944, passed away June 17, 2016. She was married to the Rev. Nelson L. "Fuzzy" Thompson. A service was held June 28, 2016, in Kansas City, Kansas.

Leona Denise Winter, 89, spouse of a clergy member, born May 2, 1927, passed away Sept. 5, 2016. She was married to the Rev. William "Bill" Winter. She is survived by her children, Diana Joy Winter and Deborah Jean Winter (TJ Slagle). A service was held Sept. 25, 2016, in Overland Park, Kansas.