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Those We Honor**Deceased Clergy**

The Rev. Jay W. Anderson, 87, born May 15, 1931, died Monday, August 20, 2018 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, Kansas. He was a retired United Methodist Minister serving in the Kansas West Conference. He served churches in Wichita, Ashland, Lyons, Liberal and Pratt as well as serving as the District Superintendent in Dodge City. Following his retirement, Jay continued his ministry serving as the long time chaplain at Newton Asbury Park. Survivors: wife Lois and daughters Cathy Sullivan, Lori Stephens and Julie Murray; grandchildren Reuben and Will Sullivan; Ben Stephens and Emily Bryant; Michael and Matthew Murray; and great grandchildren Savanna and Ethan Bryant. Memorial service was held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 1, 2018 at the First United Methodist Church, Newton, Kansas.

The Rev. Truman Bachenberg, 90, was born on January 17, 1928 and died September 1, 2018. He served at Oakland Westside (a Swedish Methodist rural church), the parish of Oshkosh and Kawonda; the parish of Blue Hill, Ayr, Roseland, and Pauline; Fremont; the parish of Curtis, Garden Prairie, Wellfleet, and Maywood; Osceola, Atkinson, The parish of Kearney Faith, Havens Chapel, and Bethel, Hemingford, and the Chester Hubbell parish. He is survived by his children Ruth (Andy) Lagerstrom of Nebraska City, Rachel Bachenberg of Kansas City area, Timothy (Brenda) Bachenberg of Rural Jackson County, Minnesota, his sister Irene Weiss of Liberty, Missouri,. A Celebration of Life service was held at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Nebraska City, September 9th.

The Rev. Allen Edward Baumgartner, 92, a clergy member of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference born June 20, 1926 in Washington, D.C., died June 27, 2018 in Topeka, Kansas. Allen attended seminary at SMU in Dallas, moved back to Kansas, was ordained and served Moran-Mildred-Savonburg, Leawood-Bucyrus, Topeka First Assoc., Meriden-Pleasant Hill, Soldier-Havensville-Bucks Grove, Wellsville, Hiawatha Trinity-Powhattan, retired in 1992. Allen also earned a Masters in occupational therapy from the University of Kansas and spent time at KU Medical center in Kansas City. Allen's wife, Kathy, died in 2001, he leaves two sons, Bill (Marcy) Baumgartner, David (Karen) Baumgartner. Services were held Friday July 6th Susanna Wesley Methodist Church, Topeka, Kansas .

The Rev. Merwyn Davidson, 85, a retired clergy of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference, born Dec. 18, 1933, died January 18, 2019. He served churches as intern at the Rock County churches (Rose, Sybrant, and Duff) near Bassett, Nebraska, and the Wheatland EUB Church near Naperville, Illinois. After ordination he served in Culbertson, Nebraska, followed by missionary service in Japan for three years. Following missionary service, he went on to serve churches in Aurora, McCook-Garden Prairie-Indianola, McCook, Milford and Omaha Olive Crest before retirement in 1995. Survivors include wife Betty; children; Lila (Curt) Wolff, Wayne (Beth) Davidson, Mark (Cynthia) Davidson, Carol (Darin) Jones, Karen (Bryan) Bush and Sharon (Corey) Harthoorn. Memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 26 at the United Methodist Church in Aurora.

The Rev. John “Jack” Dutton, 73, a retired clergy of the Great Plains Conference, born January 8, 1946; died May 15, 2019 in Topeka. Dutton served churches in the conference for 16 years starting as a full-time local pastor in 2003, becoming an associate member in 2012, retiring in 2018 and continuing to serve in part time retirement until his death. He served Topeka Countryside, Parsons Faith, Perry and Rossville. He is survived by wife, Louvae Dutton; three sons, John “Jack: Dutton III (Katie), Boerne, Texas; Joshua Samuel Dutton (Carrie), Anderson, Indiana; Jeffery Drew Dutton, Denver; a daughter, Krissa Louvae Schandelmaier (Nick), Berlin, Germany; a brother, Peter Alan Dutton, Green Cove Springs, Florida; and six grandchildren. A Celebration of Life was held May 22, at Rossville UMC. Burial following at Gypsum Hill Cemetery in Salina, Kansas.

The Rev. William (Bill) Draper Finlaw, 63, a retired clergy of the Great Plains Conference born May 16th, 1955, died February 23rd, 2019 in Lincoln. He served at Lincoln St. James UMC, Cheney and Palmyra UMC. He was the University Minister at Nebraska Wesleyan from 1994 – 2006. He is survived by his wife Melissa Finlaw Draper and his son Luke Finlaw-Draper. Bill is also survived by his sisters: Susan Finlaw-Dusseault (David), Katherine Finlaw-Heitz (Jason), and Amanda Tucker (Chris); Brothers: Arthur Finlaw (Melody), Robert Finlaw (Tiime), James Finlaw (Wendy); and Stepmother: Kay Finlaw. Bill was preceded in death by his parents Janet Finlaw and William Finlaw, Jr, and his nephew, Miles Finlaw. Services were held February 28, 2019 at First United Methodist Church in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Pastor Brian Fong, 70, born July 25, 1948 died Sept. 1, 2018 at home in Pahrump. Brian served congregations in Nebraska in Cody, Merriman, Kilgore, Wausa and Randolph before retiring in 2013. Brian is survived

by his wife of 37 years, Lana Fong. A memorial service was held at the Pahrump Valley United Methodist Church at an unknown date

The Rev. Elton P. Garrison, 94, retired Pastor and Missionary; born August 11, 1923 died July 9, 2018. He is survived by his children Sue Lynn Kennedy (and husband Pat) of Stillwater, Ok; Dana Garrison (Brenda) of Wichita; Renee Landis of Wichita and Andrew Garrison (Allise) of Kansas City, MO. In 1950 Elton started 10 years of missionary service in Japan. Elton served as pastor at churches in Omaha, NE at Omaha Westwood, and in Kansas at St. Francis, Lawrence Central, Arma-Mulberry, Kansas City Stephens Memorial, Parsons Faith Dennis, Edna-Angola-Valeda, Edna-Bartlett and McCune-West Mineral. Celebration services were held Monday July 16th 2018.

The Rev Kirby C Hayes, 82, a retired clergy member of the Kansas East United Methodist Conference born December 15, 1935 died October 18, 2018. He served as a deacon in the Kansas East Conference serving as pastor in Riley, Horton and Sabetha, Kansas and was later District Superintendent of the Ottawa district, Baldwin First UMC. He is survived by his wife Margaret (Pinky) Hayes; three children: Vicky Leitnaker of Lenexa, Becky Price (Jeff) of Lawrence, and Robin Hayes (Mary) of Orchard, Colorado; his two brothers: Kent Hayes (Ginger) of Lawrence, and Kenneth Hayes (Lou Ann) of Des Moines, Iowa; Kirby was preceded in death by his parents, his grandson, Skyler Price, and his son-in-law, Craig Leitnaker. Service was October 26 in Baldwin City, KS at Baldwin First United Methodist Church.

Rev. Alyois (Aully) E. Holst, 97, a retired clergy member of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference; born November 6, 1921 died, April 6, 2019. He served churches in Kansas including Otterbein Evangelical United Brethren (Topeka), Church of the Cross E.U.B. (Salina), Goodland United Methodist and Wellington United Methodist. He served as United Methodist Kansas West Conference superintendent from 1977-1983, retiring in 1986. He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Joyce (Bishop) Holst; his son, Larry Holst; and his brother, Melvin Holst. He is survived by his children, Danny Holst and wife Hoa, Denee (Holst) Mattioli and husband Charlie. Funeral services were held. Saturday, April 13, 2019, at the Church of the Cross United Methodist Church, Salina, KS, with burial following in Gypsum Hill Cemetery.

The Rev. Dr. LCDR Richard A. "Jake" Jacobson, 75, a former North West District Superintendent of Nebraska, born March 15, 1943 died September 21st, 2018. In 1978 he received an appointment beyond the local church

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to serve as a United Methodist Chaplain in the U.S. Navy. Appointments in the Navy were to Commander Destroyer Squadron Seven; Naval Training Station San Diego, CA; Commander Fleet Activities Okinawa, Japan; post graduate school Southern Methodist University Dallas, TX; Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL. He retired from the Navy in 1989 with 24 years of service in the grade of Lieutenant Commander. He transitioned back to the local church - serving, the Blackfeet United Methodist Church in Browning, Montana serving Native American congregations; the Abingdon United Methodist Charge in Abingdon, MD; The Way West United Methodist Parish in the Panhandle of Nebraska; and the Tecumseh/Sterling Charge in Eastern Nebraska. He became Executive Director of Finance and Administration/Conference Treasurer for the Nebraska Conference in Lincoln, NE. His last assignment was as the North West District Superintendent of Nebraska. He is survived by his wife, Joanne; daughter Dawn Mehan and her husband Lee; son John Jacobson and his wife Michelle; Five granddaughters - Gwen Mehan, Paige Eggleston, Lacey Maul, Laura Furnivall, and Tarra Rathburn; Five great grandchildren - Ember, Clancy, Harper, Quinn and Jamari; and his brother, Joseph Jacobson. The Memorial Service was held at Kingwood United Methodist Church September 27, 2018 .

The Rev. Douglas Frank Jones, 83, a retired clergy member of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference born Nov. 7, 1934, died Monday, June 11, 2018. Doug served Meadow Grove-Battle Creek; Weeping Water-Nehwaka; York East Avenue-Benedict; Broken Bow-Berwyn-Merna-Anselmo-Ansley-Westerville; Merna-Anselmo; Retired 2003; Eddyville-Oconto 2005-2016. Survivors: daughter Stefanie Bleich and son Ronald Jones. Services were held June 15, 2018 at Govier Brothers Chapel, Broken Bow, Nebraska.

The Rev. Lincoln Bruce Justice, 89, a retired clergy member of the Nebraska conference born March 21, 1929, died November 25, 2018. Lincoln served churches in Nebraska starting in 1956 at Nelson-Nora, followed by Dakota City-Homer, Edgar-Ong, Humboldt-Pleasant View, Humboldt and Sprague-Martell. In 1976, he became the executive director of Midwest Energy Alternatives Inc. Following a leave of absence in 1980, he served Malcom, Lincoln Lakeview, Lincoln Lakeview-Roca, Weeping Water-Netawaka and Kenesaw-Holstein before his retirement in 1994. Survivors: wife, Rachel Justice; children Timothy Justice, Laura Ann Evans, Hope Marie, John Shimko, stepchildren Kyle Garner and Kieve Garner, seven grandchildren, and sister, the Rev. Ruth J. Mooror of Las Cruces, New Mexico. Lincoln's body was donated to science.

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The Rev. Bernard P.N. McFarthing, 69, former pastor of Quayle United Methodist Church in Salina, Kansas and Milton United Methodist in Milton, Kansas, was born April 23, 1949 and died October 2, 2018. He is preceded in death by his parents, Bessie Belle and William Lee McFarthing Sr.; siblings: William Lee McFarthing Jr., Roselee McCant, Rita Hayworth Hunt and Bobby Kenneth McFarthing; and son, Milan Davis. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl J. Neal-McFarthing; children: Stacy Davis, Quincy Bernard Davis, Melissa McFarthing, Ambra Igoh (Craig) and Moses McFarthing; and twin brother, Leonard McFarthing. Services were held at St. Mark United Methodist Church, Wichita, Kansas on October 12, 2018.

The Rev. Michael "Mike" McMurtry, 76, a retired clergy member of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference, born April 26, 1942, died February 27, 2019. He served Kearny Ct, Omaha First, Trinity Ravenna-Hazard, Columbus, Lincoln St. James-Trinity Chapel and Lincoln Christ before retirement in 2006. Services were held Monday, March 4 at 11:00 am at Christ United Methodist Church, 4530 A St in Lincoln.

The Rev. Milton Martin Miller, 89, a retired member of the Great Plains Annual Conference, born July 13, 1929; died April 30, 2019. After seminary he served churches in Oklahoma as part of the Oklahoma-Texas Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. He moved to Wichita where he as associate pastor of Hyde Park EUB. He taught for a while at Douglass High School in Douglass, Kansas. Returning to the ministry he became associate pastor for Mulvane United Methodist Church. He also served as pastor in the Kansas East Conference of the UMC, serving Galesburg, Thayer, Girard, Farlington, Altamont and Mound Valley. He retired in 1993, then served as the Minister of Visitation at Wichita Grace UMC. Survivors include: son, Timothy Miller of Parsons, Kansas; brother, David Miller and his wife Lynnita of Ponca City, Oklahoma; sister, Eda Mae McCune of Lenexa, Kansas; several nieces and nephews; great-nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends. Preceding him in death were his wife, Lucille Eleanor (Frenzke); parents; stepbrothers, Ralph Royse and Verdin Royse. A celebration of his life was held Tuesday, May 7, at Albright United Methodist Church, Ponca City, with Rev. Tracey Ivy and Rev. Jeff Gannon, officiating. He was laid to rest Friday, May 3, at Mulvane Cemetery.

The Rev. Paul Miller, 85, a retired clergy member of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference; born August 16, 1932, died June 14, 2018. He was preceded in death by his wife Marilyn. He is survived by his son Vincent (Priscilla) Miller, daughters KayLani (Virgil) Peters, Cassandra

(Dennis) Belisle, and Krassina Young. A private ceremony was held at the Pikes Peak National Cemetery at a later date.

The Rev. Patsy A Moore, 86, elder in the Great Plains Conference born November 16th, 1931 died Monday, July 2, 2018. Patsy was ordained and served Lincoln General Hospital as Chaplain, Lincoln Trinity, Asst. Chaplain to Lincoln General Hospital, Lincoln General Independence Ctr/Women's Institute for Theology, and Nebraska Wesleyan. She was a visiting Professor of Religion, Coordinator for the Woman's Institute for Theology and served NWU until her retirement in 1995. Services were held Tuesday, Monday, July 23rd at Trinity United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Rev. Nathan J. Morgan, 65, a clergy member of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference born Feb. 2, 1953, died June 28, 2018. Nathan graduated from Phillips Theological Seminary and was ordained as an elder in the United Methodist Church in 1979. He spent his adult life as an itinerant pastor in the United Methodist Church, serving churches in Jefferson, Renfrow, and Ponca City in Oklahoma; and Argonia, Goodland, Kendall, Lakin, Wichita Mt. Vernon, Anthony, and Newton in Kansas. Nathan is survived by his wife Lorraine; daughter, Rachelle Morgan; and sons, Joseph (Dyan) Morgan, Wesley (Angela) Morgan and Davis Morgan. Memorial service was held July 3, 2018 at First United Methodist Church of Newton, Kansas.

The Rev. Homer Ray Noley, 85, a retired clergy member of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference, born May 3, 1932, died March 3, 2019. He served churches in Nebraska including Omaha City Mission Society, Wallace-Grinton, Nebraska Conference Native American Ministries, General Board of Global Ministries before joining the Baker University staff and being the executive director of ISNAM. Following he served the following churches in the Kansas East Conference: Parker-Beagle-Fontana, Waterville-Blue Rapids, Independence Grace Memorial-Sycamore and became the Executive Director of the National UM Native American Center before retiring in 1999. Services were held Saturday, March 10th at Mary Lee Clark United Methodist church in Del City, Oklahoma, followed by burial on the Center Point Baptist Church cemetery in Wilburton.

The Rev. Floyd M. Nolin Jr., 92, retired clergy member of the Kansas East United Methodist Conference born August 26th, 1926 died October 24th, 2018. He served Circleville, Wathena-Elwood, Holton First, Topeka Kansas

Avenue, Columbus-Bethlehem, Kansas City Wyandotte, Tonganoxie and Topeka Oakland. Retired 1993 and continued to serve as pastor to Mayetta-Pottawatomie until 2004. Survivors include his wife, Julie McCullough; his children: Michael Nolin, Santa Barbara CA; Susanne Nolin, Peabody, KS and Floyd M. "Mart" Nolin III (Lana), LaRue, TX. Service was October 29th at Susana Wesley UMC, Topeka, Kansas.

The Rev. Donald J. Nunnally, 90, a retired clergy member of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference, born August 1, 1929, died April 2, 2019. He served the following churches: Seward EUB, Aurora EUB, Hastings Grace UMC, District Superintendent of the Southwest District UMC, Lincoln Calvary UMC, Alliance-Lakeside UMC and Wayne-Carroll UMC before retirement in 1994. He was preceded in death by wife, Barbara. Survivors include daughter Jan Williamson (Steve), son Doug Nunnally (Carrie), son Bruce Nunnally, daughter Carol Countryman (Tedd Enck) and son Gary Nunnally (Melanie). Services were held April 10 at Saint Paul United Methodist Church, 1144 M St., Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Rev. Duane Parker, 81, a retired clergy member of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference; born August 3, 1937, died January 8, 2019. He served the Topeka State School, Elmont, Hadley Memorial Hospital, Chaplain supervisor of the Topeka State Hospital, Heath Care Min in Providence, RI, Executive Director of the Association for Clinical Pastors Education, and the Interfaith Heath Care Ministries before retirement in 2000. He is survived by his wife Barbara. A celebration of life was held January 19th at the Bellevue First United Methodist Church in Bellevue, Washington.

The Rev. Fred W. Pinkerton, 81, died Monday, July 30, 2018. Rev. Pinkerton served several congregations during his time as a pastor in the Kansas West Conference including Coat-Lake City-Glendale, Argonia-Anson, Wichita First, Haysville, Wellington. He served as the Hays District Superintendent before his retirement in 1991. After retiring he continued to serve as pastor for congregations in Pratt and Iuka. Survivors: sons, Randy (Joanna), Wichita, KS, Rus (Lynne), Cincinnati, OH, Rob (Lisa), Logan, KS, Tim (Cindy), Goddard, KS. A memorial service was held Saturday, August 25, 11am, at Haysville United Methodist Church, Haysville, Kansas.

The Rev. Albert J. Rymph, 92, a retired clergy member of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference; born November 9, 1925, died, February 16, 2019. He served churches in Bloomington-Latham, Copeland,

Ebenezer Green, Wichita Mt. Olivet, Wichita St. Luke's, Kingman, Russell Trinity, El Dorado First, Beloit, Dodge City and Ulysses before retirement in 1989. Services were held February 21, 2019 at Trinity Heights United Methodist Church, Newton, Kansas. Burial with military honors followed at Greenwood Cemetery, Newton.

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Milton Schneider, 80, born Nov. 11, 1937 peacefully passed away Aug. 26, 2018. Tom served as pastor to Leon, University Church in Wichita, Johnson, Sublette, Goodland, Concordia District Superintendent, Hesston and as a staff member at the United Methodist Conference Office. On Aug. 14, 1965, he married Phyllis Anna Romig in Sedalia, Missouri. They recently celebrated their 53rd anniversary; she survives of the home. Survivors: Phyllis Schneider of the home, two sons, Steve and wife Nancy of Sublette and Jon and wife Dedre of Liberal; and three grandchildren, Ashlee, Scott and Casen. Memorial service held Aug. 31, 2018 at Trinity Heights United Methodist Church, Newton Kansas.

The Rev. Jerry Duncan McInnis, 90, born September 6, 1928 died, April 12, 2019. He graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan in 1950, and then attended Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, Georgia, and was ordained in 1957. He married Jolene Albert in Culbertson on May 24, 1954, and they had four children Suzanne, Timothy, Thomas, and Beth. In his ministry, he served six United Methodist Churches in Nebraska for 29 years, as well as churches in Tennessee, Georgia, and Minnesota. His last appointment was Trinity United Methodist Church, from which he retired in 1991. Survivors include his wife Jolene; three children Suzanne Peterson, Thomas McInnis, and Beth Minter; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; his sister Joanne Scott; and nieces and nephews. He willed his body to the University of Nebraska Medical Center for research. Memorial service was held on April 16th, at Trinity United Methodist Church Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Rev. Cato Sims, Sr., 89, a clergy member of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference born on May 26, 1929 in Holmes County, MS, died Tuesday, June 26, 2018. Rev. Sims was a man of faith, ordained Elder in the A.M.E. church in 1969 and later in the United Methodist Church. Cato served in Missouri, Mexico-St. Luke's, St. James Parish, in Nebraska, South Omaha Parish, Pearl Memorial-Asbury-Wesley, Walthill-Rosalie, Dawson-Howe, Polk-Bradshaw, Kenesaw-Holstein, Falls City Parish, Chester-Hubbell, Ceresco-Valparaiso, retired in 1997. Survivors: children Bob (Charlene) Sims, Cato (Patty) Sims, Jr. and Denise Walker, Naomi Cole,

JoAnn Sims and Rosie Sims. A visitation was held Friday, July 6, 2018 at Carson-Speaks Chape Independence, MO, 64052.

The Rev. Dr. Robert “Bob” Loren Shelton, 84, a retired member of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference born July 6, 1934, died December 23rd, 2018. He was ordained in The Methodist Church in 1960 and appointed as campus minister at Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS and then at Washburn University in Topeka, KS. He was also State Director of the Kansas Methodist Student Movement where he was involved in civil rights issues. Bob then returned to Boston to complete his Ph.D. in Social Ethics at Boston University Graduate School. In 1967 he accepted a faculty position in the Kansas School of Religion at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS. He was a professor for 48 years at KU, during which time he was Chair of the Religious Studies Department for ten years and was appointed as University Ombudsman for eighteen years. Survivors include his wife, Carolyn, daughter, Heidi (Marty) Shelton-Jenck, daughter, Wendi Shelton, son, Michael (Holly) Shelton, son, David Shelton, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Life service was held at Saturday, January 26, 2019 at First United Methodist Church in Lawrence, KS.

The Rev. Kenneth Wayne Short, 85, a retired clergy member of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference born December 31, 1932, died December 10, 2018. He served United Methodist churches in Kansas, including Norwich, Tribune, Salina, Newton and Wichita, where he served three churches. He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Lois (Fieser) Short; sister, Janet Hopkins (Jarold); daughters, Debra Seely (David), Jan Short, and Lisa Smading (Daniel). A Funeral service was held Dec. 15, at First United Methodist Church, 330 N. Broadway, Wichita, Kansas.

The Rev. Alvin Trucano, 82, a retired clergy member of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference; born November 1, 1936, died March 9, 2019. He served churches in Table Rock-Elk Creek, Lincoln Wesley Park, Stromsburg, Stromsburg-Swede Plain, Gibbon Faith, Hay Springs-Rushville, Humboldt-Table Rock, Red Cloud-Guide Rock-Cowles before retirement in 1999. He is survived by his wife Jean, children Bonnie June (Denver) Hartwell, Marlin Trucano, and stepson, James Leroy (Tiffany) Forster. The funeral was held Saturday, March 16, at the Hay Springs United Methodist Church. Burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery, Rushville.

Spouses

Robert Carey, 65, husband of the Rev. Ladonna Carey (who preceded him in death), was born Oct. 8, 1953, died Nov. 4, 2018.

Robert is survived by two children, Anne (Ron) Westgate of Baldwin City; John (Janelle) Carey of Lecompton. A service for both Robert and Ladonna was held Nov. 19, 2018, at First United Methodist Church, Baldwin City, Kansas.

Lois Ann Culver, 87, spouse of a clergy member, born April 18, 1931, died September 11, 2018. Lois is survived her children Bradford Culver (Janet); Stephen Culver (Linda); and Joy Culver Torchia. A service was held September 20, 2018 at Grace United Methodist Church, Olathe, Kansas.

Betty J. Cummings Baldwin, 86, spouse of a clergy member; born July 30, 1932 died March 23, 2019. She was preceded in death by husbands Donald Cummings, Rev. Harold Baldwin and son Michael S. Cummings. She is survived by daughters Patti (Thom) Taylor; Kathy Cummings; brother, James Winney. A memorial ceremony was held Friday, March 29, 2019 in Topeka, Kansas.

Linda Sue Flanders, 68, spouse of a retired clergy member of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference was born Nov. 10, 1949 in Joplin, Missouri, died May 23, 2018. Linda is survived by her husband the Rev. Wayne Flanders of Branson, Missouri. Funeral services were held Saturday May 26, 2018 at Branson United Methodist Church, Branson, Missouri.

Edith Fogleman, 95, widow of a clergy member of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference born on March 7, 1923 died June 13, 2018. Edith is survived by her daughter, LaDonna Boyd and husband, Vic; sons, Ron Fogleman and Dr. Lynn Fogleman and wife, Sharon. A service was held June 22, 2018 at Front Street United Methodist Church Chapel, North Carolina.

Diane Krivo, 95, spouse of a Great Plains United Methodist clergy; born in 1932, died September 25, 2018. Diane married Rev. John Krivo in 1946, he preceded her in death in 1985. Diane is survived by two daughters, Carol and Karen; sons-in-law, Nick and Brant; grandson, Jonathan (Lindsay) and two great grandsons, Deacon and Wade. She is also survived by 23 cousins/ nephews/ nieces and their families. A celebration of life was

held at the Fort Huachuca cemetery on Tuesday, November 20, 2018.

Jeannie Kurtz, 95, spouse of a clergy member, born March 9, 1924, died Friday, April 12, 2019. She married Merwin Kurtz on August 22, 1947, in Des Moines, Iowa. He preceded her in death on Jan. 28, 1989. Survivors include one son, Lester Ray (Mariam) Kurtz, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon, Republic of Korea; four grandchildren, Patence Kurtz, Chicago; Amina Kurtz, Amani Kurtz and Brian Kurtz, all of Yeonsu-gu, Incheon, Republic of Korea. Funeral services were held Monday, April 22, 2019, at the First United Methodist Church in Independence .

Ethelda Kurth, 97, spouse of a Great Plains United Methodist clergy; born December 1, 1920, died August 4, 2018. Ethelda married Lawrence Kurth on December 27, 1941. She was preceded in death by her parents, one son Larry Kurth, one grandson Travis Kurth and a sister Eva Wood. She is survived by her son Lee Kurth (Joanne) of Paola; daughter Laurinda Voth (Ken) of Olathe; Jeremiah Kurth (Jennifer) of Yuba City, California; Tori DeGrande (Dexter) of Paola; Ali Wright (Joshua) of Las Vegas Nevada. A service was held August 11, 2018 at the Paola United Methodist Church.

Elizabeth Kwankin, 80, the widow of a clergy member of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference, born October 15, 1937 in Duggada, Garhwal, India, died June 22, 2018, at home in York, NE. She is survived by her three sons Vinit Kwankin, Alok and his wife Shalini Kwankin, Jyoti Kwankin and one daughter Binita and her husband Joseph Hmieleski. A service was held June 27, 2018 at the McCool Junction United Methodist Church, McCool Junction, Nebraska.

Carol McCrery, spouse of a retired clergy member of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference; died December 23, 2018.

Richard Moore, Jr., 87, spouse of a clergy member, born December 4, 1930, died March 28, 2019. He married Sandra Tutorow on February 10, 1962, in Elkhart, Indiana. Survivors include his wife, the Rev. Sandra Moore; daughters Diana (Col. Lee) Durham, Catherine (Kirk) Cherry and Wendy (Dave) Sadler. Services were held Tuesday, April 9 in Elkhart, Indiana.

Isabel Reyes, spouse of a clergy member; died August 14, 2018. Her husband served the congregations at Deerfield and Lydia from 1974-1978.

Melissa Ann Raymie Siler, 52, spouse of a clergy member; born February 19, 1966, died July 1, 2018. She was preceded in death by her father Bobbie Raymie. Survivors: husband, David; her children, Eric Kiddoo, Dustin Raymie, Kristen Siler, Cody Vancenbrock, Allison Railsback and Spencer Vancenbrock; her mother, Gloria Olesen; sister Brenda Dwight; brother, Bobby Raymie Jr. Service was held July 6, 2018 at the Reading United Methodist Church, Reading Kansas.

Melinda Sue Phillips, 68, spouse of a clergy member; born Nov. 3, 1950, died April 15, 2019. She married the Rev. Art Phillips on March 24, 1972. She is survived by her husband, Art Phillips of York; her son, Paul Phillips of Lincoln; daughter, Amy (Robby) Haines of Benkelman, Nebraska; son, Peter (Shelly) Phillips of Laramie, Wyoming; son, Nathan (Samantha) Phillips of Milford; daughter, Amanda (Zachary) Brown of Ashland; son, Austin (Kelsey) Sayer of Garland, Nebraska; daughter, Dawn (Jerad) Tucker of Lincoln; son, Erik (Brittany) Sayer of Polk, Nebraska; She was preceded in death by her parents and niece, Toni Dawn. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 20, 2019 at the First United Methodist Church in York.

Doris Louise Shoemaker, 90, spouse of a clergy member; born January 10, 1929, died Monday, May 20, 2019. Doris married Rev. Gene Shoemaker on May 1, 1946. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband Gene. Doris is survived by her children, Joe (Brenda) Shoemaker, of Drummonds, TN, and Janet (Kal) Morin, of Parker, CO; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. A private family burial took place at Beulah Cemetery, Colby.

Mary Louise Wills McIntosh Shull, 73, spouse of a clergy member, born February 19, 1946; died April 8, 2019. Mary married the Rev. Philip Arlan Shull on July 7, 1968. Mary is survived by her husband, the Rev. Phil Shull; daughter, Melinda (Mark) Merrill; son, Andrew (Danielle Unruh) Shull; sisters, Ann (Thomas) Adrian and sister Sue (James) Fawcett. A memorial service was held April 22 at University United Methodist Church, Wichita.

Amy Laura Powers Stapp, 45, spouse of clergy member; born October 21, 1972, died September 8, 2018. She is survived by her parents, her husband, Thomas Cayce Stapp; son, Thomas Cullom; daughters, Emma Katherine Stapp and Isabelle Margaret Stapp; brother, Bryce Allen (Karen) Powers of Palmyra, TN; two sisters, Mary Frances (Jason) Daugherty of Cumberland City, TN and Susanna Lind Powers of Clarksville, TN. A Celebration of Life Service was held Thursday, September 13, at Madison Street United Methodist Church, Clarksville, Tennessee.