

## MEMOIRS

## Deceased Clergy

**The Rev. Thomas Alvin Bandy, 89**, retired clergy member born July 20, 1925, passed away Dec. 23, 2014. He was married to Betty Jane Gates on Aug. 14, 1948. Survivors include his wife, children, Philip Bandy, Bruce Bandy, Brad Bandy and Kirk Bandy. He served Rolla-Richfield, Deerfield, McLouth-Jarbalo, Lucas-Luray, Healy-Shields, Sharon Springs, Russell-Otterbein, St. John-Antrim, Norcataur-Clayton-Lyle, Cassody-Burns, Meade and Lewis-Garfield. A service was held Mon. Dec. 29, 2014 in Colby, Kansas.

**The Rev. Donald E. Carper, 90**, a retired clergy member born June 24, 1923, passed away May 24, 2014. Survivors include his wife, Lorene Buehler Carper, children; Terewsca Carper-Espino and Cynthis Maronick. He served Fairview-Smith, Wichita Park City, Mullinville, Asst. Dir. Conf. Council, WaKeeney-Prairie Home-Collyer, Wakeeney-Prairie Home and Wichita Hyde Park. A service was held June 14, 2014 in Salina, Kansas.

**The Rev. Donald G. Christensen, 81**, a retired clergy member born July 16, 1932, passed away July 5, 2014. He was married to Bethel Kathry Frandsen on Nov. 14, 1954. He was preceded in death by his wife Bethel Christensen. Survivors include his children, Steven Christensen and David Christensen. He served Juniata, Wallace-Grainton, Lincoln Wesley Park, Chaplain US Army, Beaver Crossing-Salem, DeWitt-Pickrell and Ainsworth-Johnstown. A service was held Aug. 3, 2014 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

**The Rev. Donna D. Dudley, 83**, a retired clergy member born Feb. 24, 1932, passed away April 2, 2015. Survivors include her children David Dudley, Steve Dudley, Paul Dudley, Roger Dudley and Tricia Grafelman. Donna served North Loup, Elba, Cotesfield, Atkinson and Amelia. A service was held April 10, 2015 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

**The Rev. Dale Lee Ellenberger, 79**, a retired clergy member born June 12, 1934, passed away Apr. 28, 2014. He was married to Loretta Mae Orr on Aug. 10, 1957. He was preceded in death by his wife Loretta. Survivors include his children, Mark Ellenberger and Melody Ellenberger. He served Healy-Shields, Meade, Chaplain Valley Hope Norton, Wichita St. Luke, Syracuse, Tisdale-Grandview, Satanta and Canton-Galva. A service was held May 17, 2014 in Granbury, Texas.

**The Rev. Ardith O. "Art" Ernst, 87**, a retired clergy member born Sept. 13, 1927, passed away April 22, 2015. Survivors include his wife, Jane Ernst, and children; Richard Ernst, Dr. Randal Ernst and Heather David. He served Scottsbluff, Wauneta-Mt. Zion, Lincoln Warren, Fairbury, Doniphan, Rosedale, Broken Bow (Custer Parish), Northeast District superintendent and Lexington. A service was held Sunday, May 3, 2015 at St. Mark's UMC in Lincoln, Nebraska.

**The Rev. Herman John Heise, 82**, on honorable location member born July 28, 1932, passed away Dec. 5, 2014. He bequeathed his body to The University of Kentucky College of Medicine. A private service was held at a later date.

**The Rev. Beth E. Hodgson, 77**, a associate member born Mar. 21, 1937, passed away Feb. 22, 2015. She was married to Willis Hodgson on June 27, 1965. Will passed away on Sun. Feb. 22, 2015 also. Survivors include daughter Pastor Jada Hodgson; son Wayne Hodgson; wife, Mary; and two grandchildren, Dara and Layton. She served Mound City-Blue Mound, Mound City, Heattville and Plum Creek. A service was held Feb. 27, 2015 in Osawatomie, Kansas.

**The Rev. Delbert L. Honn, 78**, a retired clergy member born Jan. 24, 1936, passed away Oct. 8, 2014. Survivors include his wife, Darlene Honn; children, Darin Honn and Dana Honn. He served Palco-Mt. Pleasant, Hays-Second, Hill City, Jewell Co. Parish Coor., Hastings Grace, Omaha First and Omaha Faith Westwood. A service was held Oct. 11 in Sun Lakes, Arizona.

**The Rev. Robert L. Hopkins, 94**, a retired associate member born July 31, 1920, passed away Sept. 19, 2014. He was preceded in death by his wife Virginia Marie Hopkins, and son, Robert W. Hopkins. Survivors include his children; Kenny Hopkins, Larry Hopkins, Herman Kaemmerling, Alice Buschkamp and Billy Kaemmerling. He served Princeton-Union Chapel, Buffalo Ct., Clatonia-Wilber, Loup-Mira Valley-Arcadia, Loup Parish, Polk-Marquette, Bloomfield-Verdigre, Bloomfield-Verdigre-Crofton, Ewing-Page, Spencer and Osmond-Stark Valley. A service was held Wed. Sept. 24, 2014 in Bloomfield, Nebraska.

**The Rev. Naomi Kaye Hull, 83**, a retired deacon, born Nov. 19, 1930, passed away July 5, 2014. She was married to Ron Hull in 1953. Survivors include her husband, Ron Hull, and children; Kevin Hull, Brian Hull, Brandon Hull and Kathryn Hull. She served Lincoln Saint Paul. A service was held July 12, 2014 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

**The Rev. Lorena Hunt, 92**, a retired provisional member born Feb. 14, 1922, passed away Jan. 22, 2015. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Gordon Hunt. Survivors include sons, Robert Allen Hunt and Dr. Randall Hunt. She served as a missionary in Sierra Leone, Africa and Haddam, Emporia Calvary-Reading and Reading. A service was held in Eureka, Kansas.

**The Rev. J. Karl Jones, 88**, a retired clergy member born Mar. 11, 1926, passed away June 3, 2014. Survivors include his wife, Marguerite Jones, and son, Charles Morrow-Jones. He served Denver Christ, Broomfield, Wichita College Hill, Derby, Belleville, Wichita Epworth, Concordia district superintendent, Garden City, Area supt. parish development, Assoc. director conference council on ministries. The family held a private service.

**The Rev. Larry Keller, 63**, a clergy member born Nov. 2, 1950, passed away July 29, 2014. He is survived by his wife, Irene Bockelman, and son, Mathew. He served Edgerton, Topeka Lowman, Stilwell, Overland Park St. Mark's and Kansas City Wyandotte. A service was held Aug. 2, 2014 in Overland Park, Kansas.

**The Rev. Hiram W. Lilley, 80**, a retired clergy member born Mar. 5, 1935, passed away June 16, 2014. He is survived by his wife, Sherryl L. Lilley, and children; Christy L. Goldberg and Lesley L. Parilla. He served Melbeta, Albany, Albany-McFall, Mount City-Fortesque, Bloomfield-Verdigre, Pender, South Omaha Parish, Oakland-Westside and North Bend-Hooper. A service was held June 21, 2014 in Omaha, Nebraska.

**The Rev. Lee Roy Louderback, 73**, a retired clergy member born Nov. 11, 1941, passed away June 23, 2014. Survivors include his wife the Rev. Linda Louderback, and children, Edith, Leah, Maria, Ken, Amy and Andrea. He served Sepulveda, Harper, Harpger-Agronia, Mulvane, South Hutchinson, Sterling and Wichita First. A service was held June 28, 2014 in Wichita, Kansas.

**The Rev. James L. Moores, 84**, a retired clergy member born Dec. 22, 1929, passed away May 23, 2014. He was married to Dorothy "Pat" Mills on Sept. 1, 1951. He is survived by his wife, Pat Moores, and children, Debby Bohaboj, Cherly Kay, Betty Taylor, Amie Hanson and Richard Moores. He served Marhsall, Baltimore, Hyattsville, Benton Harbor, Litchfield, Jackson First, Alliance, Alliance-Lakeside, Elwood-Orafino, Elwood, Dakota City-Homer, Ponca and Belgrade-Cedar Rapids. A service was held May 29, 2014 in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa.

**The Rev. James Mote, 95**, a retired clergy member born May 23, 1919, passed away Feb. 6, 2015. He was married to Dorothy Loella Tupper on Sept. 6, 1964. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Mote. He served Wilsonville-Hendley, Indianola-Bartley, Tryon, Overton, Lord's Parish, Laurel-Logan Center-Dixon, Orchard-Royal and Mascot Bethel. A service was held Feb. 13, 2015 in Wilcox, Nebraska.

**The Rev. Raymond E. Nuetzman, 92**, a retired clergy member born Nov. 16, 1922, passed away Dec. 30, 2014. He was married to JoAnn Chudomelka Nuetzman on Oct. 27, 1953. He is survived by his wife, JoAnn Nuetzman, and daughters, Deborah Rae Soneson and Suzanne Jo Mayo. He served Schuyler-Rogers, St. Edward, Seward, Central D.S., Kearney First and Kearney Bethel-Haven's Chapel/Methodist Memorial Homes. A private serviced was held in Estes Park, Colorado.

**The Rev. Ross Andrew Olson, 72**, a retired associate member born Aug. 26, 1942, passed away Sept. 14, 2014. Survivors include his wife, Cher Olson, and children, Ezra Olson, Spencer Olson, Michelle Green and Mark Olson. He served Cawker City-Glen Elder and Alida-Industry. A service was held Sept. 20, 2014 in Dwight, Kansas.

**The Rev. Lynda J. Radant Parson, 65**, a clergy member born July 7, 1949, passed away Dec. 31, 2014. Survivors include children Erin Miller and Ryan Radant, and mother, Betty Parson. She served Malcolm, Mullen-Tryon and Bushnell-Kimball. A service was held Jan. 5, in Valentine, Nebraska.

**The Rev. Jack E. Sample, 77**, a retired associate member born Oct. 12, 1936, passed away May 30, 2014. He was married to Linda Morris on Dec. 23, 1956. Survivors include he wife, Linda Sample, and children, Terry Sample and Tobin Sample. Jack served Pierce Chapel-Clarks, Guide Rock-Inavale, Guide Rock-Inavale-New Virginia, Wood River-Alda, Wood River, Beatrice, Omaha Aldersgate-Lefler, Waterloo-Valley-Elk City, Gordon-Clinton and Kimball-Potter-Bushnell. A service was held Tue. June 3, 2014 in Wood River, Nebraska.

**The Rev. Kurt A. Stecker, 60**, a local pastor born Nov. 1, 1954, passed away Feb. 10, 2015. Survivors include his wife, Debbie Stecker, and children, Lucas Stecker and Rachel Couch. He served Omaha St. Paul and Plattsmouth. A service was held Feb. 16, 2015 in Omaha, Nebraska.

**The Rev. Maria "Riet" Stonger, 77**, a clergy member born April 5, 1938, passed away April 13, 2015. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roelof Bos and her second husband, Ray Stonger. Survivors include her children, Marsha Bos and Roger Bos. She served Wichita Cedar Chapel, Haviland and Douglass-Rock. A service was held April 18, 2015 in Wichita, Kansas.

## Memoirs

**The Rev. Nelson Lavert “Fuzzy” Thompson, 70**, a retired clergy member born Dec. 3, 1944, passed away Jan. 11, 2015. Survivors include his wife, Cheryl Thompson. He served Kansas City King Memorial, Exec. Dir. Martin Luther King Urban Center, Kansas City Mason Memorial and Kansas City Chapter of Southern Christian Leadership Conference A service was held Jan. 17, 2015 in Kansas City, Missouri.

**The Rev. William Henry Winter, 86**, a clergy member born May 2, 1927, passed away April 20, 2015. Survivors include his wife, Leona D. Winter. He served Reading-Miller, Axtell-Vermillion, Burlington, Waterville-Blue Rapids, Oskaloosa-Ozawkie, Oskaloosa and Madison-Ebenezer. Bill’s wishes were to donate his body to medical research at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

**The Rev. M. Max Wright, 94**, a retired clergy member born Feb. 21, 1920, passed away Jan. 25, 2015. He was married to Marie Leta Ehlers on Sept. 5, 1943. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie Wright. Survivors include children, Dr. Kendall M. Wright, Dr. Keith A. Wright and Kathleen M. Brittenham. He served Bern, Turkey Creek-Yates Center, Holton, Topeka District. Independence District, Toeka Highland Park and Shawnee. A service was held Feb. 7, 2015 in Topeka, Kansas.

## Spouses

**Dixie Alsobrooks, 105**, the spouse of a clergy member born Oct. 3, 1909, passed away Dec. 18, 2014. She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. George Roscoe Alsobrooks. Survivors include her daughter Bessie Faye Fedlam. The service was held Dec. 22, 2014 in Erin, Tennessee.

**Kathryn “Katy” Baker, 92**, the spouse of a clergy member born Nov. 24, 1921, passed away Nov. 15, 2014. She was preceded in death by her husband John Baker. Survivors include her children John Baker, Charles Baker, David Baker, Dan Baker, Mary Nelson and Ruth Ann Fischer. The service was held Nov. 19, 2014 in Washington, Kansas.

**Jerrald “Jerry” Boden, 62**, the spouse of a clergy member born June 25, 1952, passed away May 16, 2014. Survivors include his wife the Rev. Lorna Boden, and children, Lindsay Sapp, Rachel Bise and Jordan Boden. A service was held May 21, 2014 in Mulvane, Kansas.

**Deborah J. Burgess, 55**, the spouse of a clergy member born Oct. 14, 1958 passed away June 19, 2014. She was married to Michael Lee Burgess on Aug. 12, 2006. She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Michael Lee Burgess; mother, Ruth Jean Nixon; and daughters, Precyus Jalbet, Janay Merriweather and Adana Merriweather. A service was held June 25, 2014 in Elmwood, Nebraska.

**Erlene M. Dillon, 94**, the spouse of a clergy member born May 22, 1920, passed away Dec. 25, 2014. She was married to F. Vernon Dillon on June 2, 1945. Survivors include her children Gregory L. Dillon and Patricia “Trish” Moore. A service was held Dec. 30, 2014 in Columbus, Kansas.

**Willis Hodgson, 78**, the spouse of a clergy member born May 8, 1936, passed away Feb. 22, 2015. His wife the Rev. Beth Hodgson also passed away the same day. Survivors include children, Jada Hodgson and Wayne (Mary), and grandchildren Dara and Layton Hodgson. A service was held Feb. 27, 2015 in Osawatomie, Kansas.

**Arlene T. Jensen, 92**, the spouse of a clergy member born July 5, 1922, passed away Oct. 15, 2014. She was married to the Rev. Harold Jensen on June 9, 1943. She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Harold Jensen. Survivors include her children, James A. Jensen, Lois M. Jensen and Ruth Ann Jensen. A service was held Oct. 18, 2014 in Independence, Kansas.

**Violet S. Jones, 92**, the spouse of a clergy member, born April 3, 1922, passed away March 27, 2015. She was married to the Rev. Ralph J. Jones on Dec. 9, 1945. She was preceded in death by her husband in 2011. She is survived by children, Sharon Jones, Ronald, Wesley and Mary Jones. A service was held April 3, 2015 in Concordia, Kansas.

**Kathleen K. Karlowksi, 92**, the spouse of a clergy member, passed away April 16, 2015. She was preceded in death by her husbands, the Rev. Rex Mann Moody and the Rev. Wayne E. Karlowksi. Survivors include her step-daughter, Martha Knudsen. A service was held April 20, 2015 in College Hill, Kansas.

**Jane Sawyer Kersenbrock, 76**, the spouse of a clergy member born July 29, 1937, passed away June 26, 2014. She was married to the Rev. Jack Kersenbrock on June 17, 1956. She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Jack Kersenbrock, and children, Dwayne Kersenbrock, Luann Horchem and Kris Schulte. A service was held July 1, 2014 in Norton, Kansas.

**Shirley W. Lathan, 93**, the spouse of a clergy member born May 8, 1921, passed away Dec. 12, 2014. She was married to the Rev. A. Wylie Lathan on May 4, 1943. She was preceded in death by her husband the Rev. A. Wylie Lathan. Survivors include her children John Lathan, Bill Lathan, Debra Lathan and Steve Lathan; and daughter-in-law Christine Lathan. A service was held Dec. 16 in Shawnee, Kansas.

**Sally Mae Loomis, 83**, the spouse of a clergy member, passed away April 20, 2015. She was married to the Rev. Robert Loomis May 29, 1970. She is survived by her husband and children, Monty Loomis, Terri Wells and Mary Kemper. A service was held April 23, 2015 in Goddard, Kansas.

**Melva Metzger, 96**, the spouse of a clergy member born Dec. 11, 1917, passed away June 18, 2014. She was married to the Rev. Ernest Metzger on Nov. 20, 1940. She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Ernest Metzger. Survivors include daughters, Christine Bledsoe and Kathleen Metzger. A service was held June 27, 2014 in Mesa, Arizona.

**Maria C. Munoz, 77**, the spouse of a clergy member born May 6, 1937, passed Nov. 29, 2014. She was married to the Rev. Josue Munoz in 1958. She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Josue Munoz and daughter, Gaddi Munoz Marrero. Survivors include her children, Phebe Vidaurri, Orpha Valverde, Josue Munoz, Ruth Fernandez and Timothy Munoz. A service was held Dec. 5, 2014 in Arlington, Kansas.

**Barbara E. Nunnally, 80**, the spouse of a clergy member, born July 18, 1934, passed away April 1, 2015. She was married to the Rev. Donald Nunnally on June 9, 1954. Survivors include her husband, and children, Janet Williamson, Douglas Nunnally, Bruce Nunnally, Carol Countryman Nunnally and Gary Nunnally. A service was held April 7, 2015 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

**Clara P. Phillips, 85**, the spouse of a clergy member, born Apr. 10, 1929, passed away Dec. 12, 2014. She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Grover C. Phillips Jr.

**William H. "Bill" Post, 94**, the spouse of a clergy member born Nov. 5, 1919, passed away Oct. 25, 2014. He was married to Doree Martin on June 7, 1947. Doree preceded him in death in 1961. He married his second wife, the Rev. Orvaleen Pritchett on Aug. 23, 1970. He was preceded in death by his wife Orvaleen, son, John Post and step-daughter, Dr. Rita J. Pritchett. Survivors include daughter-in-law, Kathy Post, stepsons, Larry Pritchett, Craig Pritchett and Monte Pritchett. A service was held Oct. 30, 2014 in Mount Hope, Kansas.

**Isabelle K. Ricker, 93**, the spouse of a clergy member born June 17, 1921, passed away Feb. 28, 2015. She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Richard W. Ricker. Survivors include her children, Karen Ricker and Richard Ricker. A service was held Mar. 17, 2015 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

**Leona Rogers, 82**, the spouse of a clergy member born Jan. 28, 1932, passed away Dec. 16, 2014. She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Wiley K. Rogers. Survivors include her children, Ross A. Rogers, David M. Rogers, Janine Rogers Pleasant and Christina Rogers.

**Alvina A. Shaw, 89**, the spouse of a clergy member born June 23, 1925, passed away Feb. 8, 2015. Preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Elmer Shaw. Survivors include her children Howard Shaw and Ramona Shaw. A service was held Feb. 12, 2015 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

**Blanche I. Simmer, 92**, the spouse of a clergy member born June 21, 1922, passed away Dec. 28, 2014. She was married to the Rev. William Craig Simmer on June 3, 1945. She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. William Simmer. Survivors include her children, Judith Simmer-Brown, Steve Simmer, W. Scott Simmer, David Simmer and Mark Simmer. A service was held Jan. 10, 2015 in Odessa, Missouri.

**Betty Whitsitt, 85**, the spouse of a clergy member born Dec. 12, 1929, passed away Dec. 17, 2014. Preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Joseph Whitsitt. Graveside service was held Dec. 30, 2014 at Florida National Cemetery.

**Merrietta Jo Wolfe, 74**, the spouse of a clergy member born Dec. 25, 1939, passed away Nov. 4, 2014. She was married to the Rev. Roland L. Wolfe, Jr. in 1962. Survivors include her husband, and children, Roland L. Wolfe III, David H. Wolfe and Russell M. Wolfe. A service was held Nov. 15, 2014 in Oak Hill, Virginia.