

MEMOIRS

Those We Honor

Deceased Clergy

The Rev. Charles A. Bailey, 86, retired clergy member born Aug. 25, 1927, passed away Nov. 2, 2013. He was married to Juanita on July 5, 1952. Survivors include children Chaplain Brigadier General Charles "Ray" Bailey and Beth Weatherly. He served Springview-Long Pine, Stromsburg-Swede Plain, Stromsburg, Stromsburg-Polk, and Tekamah-Decatur. The service was held Nov. 6 at Stromsburg, NE.

The Rev. Donald R. (Don) Barb, 79, retired clergy born Jan. 21, 1934, passed away Nov. 24, 2013. He was married to Golda Lucille on Dec. 10, 1954. He is survived by his wife Golda Lucille Barb, and the couple's five children and their families: Sandra Barb-Cochran, Cheryl Tollett, Lois Bradley, Larry Barb, and Mark Barb. He served Gilboa-Swanington, Swede Creek-Peach Grove, Red Bird Mission, Alta Vista Simpson, Alta Vista-Emmanuel, Ft. Scott St. John-Hiattville, Olpe, and Hartford-Neosho Rapids. The service was held Dec. 2 in Emporia, KS.

The Rev. Ronald Bumstead, 85, retired clergy member born Dec. 17, 1927, passed away June 6, 2013. He was married to Connie on July 2, 1955. He is survived by his wife Connie and children, Ron Jr., Kevin, Jonathan, and Beth Ann. Ron served Frankfort, Mound City-Blue Mound, Humboldt Big Creek, Humboldt, Leonardville, Howard and Pleasanton. The service was held June 10, 2013 in Humboldt, KS.

The Rev. Michael W. Conner, 74, retired clergy member born Aug. 9, 1939, passed away Saturday, Apr. 26, 2014. He was married to Marilyn on Aug. 28, 1960. He is survived by his wife Marilyn and children, Sharalyn Nelson and Joycelyn Hardy. Michael served Iowa Conf., Akron Westfield, 1969; Nebraska Conf., Genoa, Special Appt., Leave of Absence, Washington Co. Alcoholic Ctr, Ceresco-Raymond-Valparaiso, Central Parish, Cozad Parkview, and David City. The service was held May 2, 2014 in Omaha, NE.

The Rev. Burr P. Crickard, 63, a clergy member born May 3, 1950, passed away Apr. 3, 2014. He was married to Elsie on Dec. 29, 1973. He is survived by his wife Elsie and daughters, Liz Crickard, Laura Crickard, Juli Crickard. He served Dodge City, Natoma Pleasant Plains, Natoma, Burrton, Mitchell Chapel, Republic, Concordia Trinity, Clyde, Wichita Zion, and Maize. The service was held Apr. 12, 2014 in Valley Center, KS.

The Rev. Frank Lee Dorsey, 75, retired clergy member born Apr. 10, 1938, passed away Feb. 5, 2014. He was married to Nancy in June 1961. Survivors include his wife Nancy Dorsey and their children, Tim Dorsey, Matt Dorsey, Chris Dorsey, Beth Politsch, Sandy Dorsey and Kathy Dorsey. He was preceded in death by his son, Mark Dorsey. He served Madison Lena Valley, Kansas City Central Ave., Burlington, Emporia-Manhattan District Superintendent, Flint Hills District Superintendent, Conf. Council on Ministries, and Prairie Village Asbury. Celebration of life was held Feb. 10, 2014 in Olathe, KS.

The Rev. Keith O. Dudeck, 79, retired clergy member passed away Sept. 27, 2013. He is survived by his wife Joyce Dudeck, son, Mike; daughters, Kathy Porter and Kim Bays. He served Bloomington, Latham, Prairie View, Hutchinson Trinity, Pretty Prairie, WaKenney, Belle Plaine, Newton First, Wichita Bethel, Winfield Grace and Augusta. The service was held Oct. 1, 2013 in Wichita, KS.

The Rev. Duane Lee Dyer, 75, retired clergy member born Oct. 1, 1938, passed away June 9, 2013. Duane is survived by his wife Beth Dyer, sons Greg and Chad Dyer. He served Assoc. Trinity, Clearwater, Kansas West Exec. VP, Exec Dir Pension Act Comm., Wesley Medical Endowment Foundation, and Pension Action Committee.

Virginia Rae Fleharty, 80, retired local pastor born Feb. 10, 1933, passed away Dec. 27, 2013. Survivors include her daughters, Jerri Bossie, Kristin Fleharty and Melanie Lauer. She served Bassett-Newport-Rose, Bassett-Newport, and Atlanta-Ragan-Wilcox. The service was held Jan. 2, 2014 at Holdrege, NE.

The Rev. Clifford Fryda, 78, retired clergy member born Oct. 3, 1935, passed away Dec. 28, 2013. Survivors include his children, Dean, Daniel, Paul, Darrel, David, Candice Fryda, Debra Fryda, Diane Fryda, Kim Fryda and Nadine Fricke. He served Clinton-Gordon, Mullen, Denton-Raymond-Malcom-Pleasant Dale, Denton-Raymond-Pleasant Dale, and Kenesaw-Holstein.

The Rev. Robert C. Harder, 84, retired clergy member born June 4, 1929, passed away April 12, 2014. Robert and Dottie were married in 1953. He is survived by his wife Dottie Harder, his children, Anne Harder Marley, and James David Harder. He served East Topeka UMC. The service was held Apr. 16, 2014 in Topeka, KS.

The Rev. Billy Hughes, 89, retired clergy member born Jan. 30, 1930, passed away Feb. 8, 2014. He was married to Alice on June 8, 1980. He is survived by his wife Alice and children. Billy served Blue Mound and Arkansas City St. Paul.

The Rev. Dr. Hugh A. Maddry Jr., 73, retired clergy member born Oct. 7, 1940, passed away Jan. 11, 2014. Hugh is survived by wife, Janet T. Maddry; and children, Paul Maddry, Mark Maddry, Rebekah Baker and Sarai Austin. He served Virginia Conference; Gretna Ct, Marsh Memorial, and National VA Chaplain Center. The service was held Jan. 16, 2014 in Huntersville, NC.

The Rev. Donald F. Marsh, 88, retired clergy member born Nov. 15, 1924, passed away Nov. 13, 2013. Survivors include his wife Helen, and sons, the Rev. Steven Marsh and David Marsh. He served Schuyler-Rogers, Papillion, Omaha Hanscom Park, Southeast District Superintendent, Geneva, and Omaha Faith-Westwood. The service was held Nov. 18 in Lincoln, NE.

The Rev. Lila Picton, 72, retired clergy member born Dec. 13, 1940, passed away Aug. 9, 2013. She is survived by her husband Owen Picton, son, Corey Jenkins and daughter Suzanne Eickhoff. She served Mullen-Tryon, and Chamber-Amelia. The service was held Aug. 14, 2013 in Broken Bow, NE.

The Rev. Ralph A. Rosenblad, 92, retired clergy member born June 8, 1921, passed away Mar. 8, 2014. He was married to Helen on June 8, 1946. He is survived by his wife, Helen Viola Rosenblad; children, Signe and Glen Rogers, Eric and Kathy, Kirstin and Robert Zielke, and Lars and Christine. He served Springfield, Lowell and Balladvale, Andover, MA, Tisdale, Sylvia-Huntsville, Bushton-Geneseo, Stafford, Minneola and Downs-Portis, Renalosa and Turon, KS. The service was held Mar. 12, 2014 in Hutchinson, KS.

The Rev. Marvin L. Ruebsamen, 83, retired clergy member born Apr. 28, 1931, passed away May 7, 2014. He is survived by his wife Jinna Yoon, sons, Randy, Mark and Gary; daughters, Michelle Miller, Denise Putland. Step-children, Jill Bergkamp, Rev. Jay Moses. The service was held May 17, 2014 in Seal Beach, CA.

The Rev. Vincent Rutherford, 88, retired clergy member born Sept. 29, 1925, passed away February 15, 2014. He is survived by his wife Ferne Rutherford, sons, Frank, Roy, Steven, Victor and Walter. Vincent started a church in Kansas then spent 26 years as a missionary in South Asia.

Phyllis Samuelson, 84, retired Diaconal member born Oct. 16, 1928, passed away Sept. 11, 2013. She is survived by her children, Mike Skinner, Rev. Lew Kaye-Skinner, Jenny Ahlemeyer, Jim Krohn and Rebecca Winey. Phyllis served at Bassett, Newport, Rose, and Lincoln Faith. The service was held Sept. 14, 2013 in Lincoln, NE.

The Rev. A. K. Saul, 83, retired clergy member born Oct. 10, 1930, passed away May 5, 2014. He was married to Vibha on Dec. 5, 1956. He is survived by his wife Vibha, daughters Rebecca Czubak, and Rachel Monnier, son, Ruben Saul. He served Loup Cooperative Parish, Giltner-Phillips, Giltner, Clay Center-Emmanuel, Falls City Parish, Falls City First, Omaha Olive Crest, and Randolph. The service was held May 10, 2014 in Falls City, NE.

The Rev. Melvin Lee Short, 85, retired clergy member born Apr. 15, 1928, passed away Dec. 3, 2013. He married Gloria Lou in 1948, she preceded him in death in 2012. He is survived by his children David Short, Kathy Stone, Dr. Steve Short, and Marsha Kedigh. He served Florence, Hosie, Goodland First, Wichita St. Pauls, Eldorado First, and Hutchinson First, District Superintendent in Wichita, Hays First, Newton Trinity and Pratt First. Services were held Dec. 6, 2013 in Wichita, KS.

The Rev. Phyllis Southard, 77, retired clergy member born Sept. 18, 1936, passed away October 11, 2013. Survivors include daughters, Susanna Southard and Melody Choate. Services were held Oct. 18, 2013 in El Dorado and Oct. 28, 2013 in Overland Park.

The Rev. Thomas H. Walsch, 97, retired clergy member born Apr. 27, 1916, passed away Feb. 13, 2014. He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris. Survivors include his sister Gertrude Hanschke and two nieces. The service was Feb. 18, 2014 in Wilson, KS.

The Rev. Charles Earl Wretling, 86, retired clergy member born June 20, 1927, passed away Dec. 7, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Orpha; children, Chuck Wretling, Mark Wretling, Mike LeRoy Delayna Danenberg, Kathy Hinde, Kristy Moore and Karen Westhusin. Charles served churches in Oklahoma and New York before coming to Kansas. He served Trousdale, Elkhart, Canton, Washington, St. John-Antrim, Montezuma-Ensign, Atwood, and Sharon Springs. The service was held Dec. 13, 2013 in Hudson, KS.

Spouses

E. Laverne Amend, 89, the widow of a clergy member born Apr. 23, 1925, passed away Apr. 29, 2014. She was married to Rev. Glenn on July 8, 1956. She is survived by her daughter, Sarah Gray. The service was held May 4, 2014 in Caldwell, KS.

Myron Juanita Bailey, 82, the spouse of a retired clergy member born Sept. 8, 1931, passed away Nov. 2, 2013. Survivors include children Chaplain Brigadier General Charles "Ray" Bailey and Beth Weatherly. Her service was held Nov. 6, 2013 in Stromsburg, NE.

Gary S. Blasi, 59, the spouse of a clergy member born June 9, 1954, passed away September 2, 2013. He is survived by his wife Rev. Jan E. Balsi, four sons, Nicholas, Patrick, Ryan, and Aaron. The service was held Sept. 6, 2013 in Pratt, KS.

Bethel K. Christensen, 78, the spouse of a retired clergy member born Dec. 29, 1934, passed away Oct. 14, 2013. Survivors include her husband the Rev. Don Christensen and sons, Steven Christensen and David Christensen. The service was held Nov. 2, 2013 in Lincoln, NE.

M. Nanon Clare, 80, the spouse of a retired clergy member born June 16, 1933, passed away October 24, 2013. She is survived by her husband Rev. Dale Clare, three daughters, Dr. Lisa Jolene Clare, Lori Cross and Linda Clare. The service was held Nov. 1, 2013 in Logan, UT.

Delores Doran, 82, the spouse of a retired clergy member born Sept. 16, 1931, passed away Dec. 31, 2013. Survivors include her husband, the Rev. William H. Doran, and children, Robert Doran and Linda Grant. The service was held Jan. 4, 2014 in Lafayette, CO.

Loretta "Orr" Ellenberger, 78, the spouse of a retired clergy member born June 30, 1935 and passed away July 31, 2013. Loretta was married to Dale Aug. 10, 1957. She is survived by her husband Rev. Dale Ellenberger, son, Mark and daughter, Melody Ellenberger. The service was held Aug. 10, 2013 in Granbury, KS.

June M. Froelich, 91, surviving spouse of a clergy member passed away Dec. 24, 2013. She is survived by her sons, Jerry, John Curry; daughters Jane Brooks, and June Simon and step children Suzanne Jordan, Paul and John Forelich. She was preceded in death by husbands Harold Curry and Rev. Max Froelich. The service was held Dec. 30, 2013 in Loveland, CO.

Norma Gates, 95, the spouse of a retired clergy member born Aug. 29, 1918, passed away Jan. 21, 2014. Survivors include her husband, the Rev. Charles Gates and daughter, Leora Platte.

The service was held Jan. 24, 2014 in Lincoln, NE.

Beverly Ann (Benson) Goering, 76, the spouse of a retired clergy member born May 31, 1937, passed away Mar. 10, 2014. She was married to John Aug. 17, 1957. She is survived by her husband, the Rev. John J. Goering; children, John III (Jay), Shawn, Schuyler, Anneliese Homan, and Kyla Gossett. A private service was held Mar. 12, 2014 in Pretty Prairie, Ks., and a celebration of life service was March 29, 2014 in Marion, KS.

Glenna J. Newkirk, 64, the spouse of a clergy member born Sept. 7, 1948, passed away May 31, 2013. She was married to Jim on Oct. 5, 1969. She is survived by her husband Rev. James Newkirk, son Jeff, daughter, Tami Harbin. The service was held June 24, 2013 in Marion, KS.

Nina E. Pringle, 74, the spouse of a clergy member born Aug. 5, 1939, passed away September 25, 2013. She was married to Gerald on March 29, 1975. She is survived by her husband Rev. Gerald M. Pringle, two daughters, Tammy Wilborn and Teresa Hallam. The service was held Sept. 30, 2013 in Edna, KS.

Sylvia Stearns, 107, the surviving spouse of a retired clergy member born Dec. 9, 1905, passed away July 27, 2013. She was preceded in death by her husband Rev. Arthur F. Stearns. She is survived by her daughter Diana Lynn Palmer. Private services held by the family.

Eileen Stoupe, 96, the spouse of a clergy member born Dec. 12, 1916, passed away Sept. 1, 2013. She was preceded in death by her first husband Stuart Herd and her second husband Rev. Hugh Stoupe. She is survived by 3 step daughters; Ruth Parker, Janet Payne and Grace Jolly and a step daughter-in-law Marilyn Stoupe. A memorial service was held Oct. 26, 2013 in Ligonier, PA.

Dennis Lee Tompsett-Welch, 60, the spouse of a clergy member born Apr. 4, 1953, passed away Dec. 22, 2013. Survivors include his wife the Rev. Debra Tompsett-Welch and his son John Henry. The service was held Dec. 27, 2013 in Omaha, NE.

Shirley Turner, the spouse of a clergy member passed away Aug. 28, 2013. She is survived by her husband Rev. O. Wayne Turner, and son, Darin Wayne Turner and daughter, Angela Slaton. She was preceded in death by her son Lindsey Wayne Turner. Shirley worked at Saint Paul School of Theology in the Field Education Dept. for 16 years. Celebration of life was held Sept. 3, 2013 in Olathe, KS.

Sharon Vaughn, 64, the surviving spouse of a retired clergy member born Sept. 15, 1949, passed away March 3, 2014. She was married to John on Feb. 22, 1969. Survivors include sons, John and Ryan. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. John Vaughn. The service was held March 10, 2014 in Council Grove, KS.

Ruth E. Viets, 91, the surviving spouse of a clergy member born Nov. 14, 1922, passed away May 4, 2014. She is survived by her daughter Dona Gibson. She was preceded in death by her husband Rev. Donald Viets. The service was held May 9, 2014 in Marion, KS.

Ruth K. Warner, a surviving spouse of a clergy member born Apr. 2, 1921, passed away May 6, 2014. She is survived by her daughter Rita Elizabeth Warner Grillo. She was preceded in death by her husband Rev. Culver Warner. No services at her request.

Linda L. Woods, 65, the spouse of a clergy member, died November 16, 2013. Survivors include her husband Rev. Ed Woods of Goodland, daughter Andrea Chiflcott, son, Christopher. The service was held Nov. 20, 2013 in Goodland, KS.