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2020 VIRTUAL MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE
MEMORIAL SERVICE, SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020



Michigan Conference
The United Methodist Church



Memorials

Today's service remembers those who have died since the last session of Annual Conference, including: associate members, provisional members, members in full connection, local pastors, missionaries, missionaries' spouses, deaconesses, clergy spouses, clergy surviving spouses, diaconal ministers, diaconal ministers' spouses, members of the Episcopal family and lay persons recommended by the Commission on the Annual Conference Session. Today's service honors those who we have lost up to May 31, 2020 for whom we received notice.



CLERGY

REV. JOHN L. (LEE) ANDREWS

Born February 2, 1929. Rev. Andrews served: 1951 Blanchard; 1955 Riverdale; 1960 Oshtemo; 1962 Coloma; 1968 Jackson: Calvary; 1972 Big Rapids: First; 1980 Grand Traverse District Superintendent; 1986 Grandville; 1989 Marshall; 1992 Retired. Died January 20, 2020.

John Leon ("Lee") Andrews was born February 3, 1929, in Superior, Wisconsin and died at home in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on January 20, 2020. His ministry spanned 42 years in the West Michigan Conference. He completed a Master of Divinity at Garrett-Evangelical School of Theology and was ordained a full Elder of the West Michigan Conference in 1960. He also served as District Superintendent for the Grand Traverse District (1980-1986). He served churches in Blanchard, Riverdale and Elwell, Oshtemo, Coloma, Jackson Calvary, Big Rapids, Grandville, and Marshall prior to his retirement in 1992. He and his wife Arlene retired to a home he built on Lake Louise and later moved to Clark Retirement Community. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Arlene, and four sons.



REV. THERON E. (TED) BAILEY

Born November 2, 1928. Rev. Bailey served: 1955 Kewadin; 1957 Union City; 1964 Ogdensburg/Wesley Foundation; 1966 Hart/Mears; 12/15/1969 Wyoming: Wesley Park; 1977 Sabbatical Leave; 1978 Empire (interim); 1978 Lansing: First; 1982 Conference Staff Program Coordinator; 1989 Grand Rapids: St. Paul's; 1994 Retired. Died November 17, 2019.

Ted held several jobs before entering ministry including grease monkey at his father's gas station, a factory job at Eaton Manufacturing and driving a laundry truck. He met and married Evelyn Dolph, and they attended Urbandale UMC. Rev. Lester Bailey (no relation) asked Ted to help with worship and urged him to enter ministry. Although never having preached a sermon, he accepted his first appointment to three churches, while a full-time student at Northwestern Community College in Traverse City.

Ted was a member of the first graduating class at MTSO (1963). During his ministry, he and Evelyn led many marriage enrichment classes.

A man of deep faith, Ted loved ministering to and touching the lives of those he served.



REV. ALFRED T. BAMSEY

Born May 18, 1936. Rev. Dr. Bamsey served: 1961 Grosse Pointe (assoc.); 1964 Detroit: Bethany; 1969 Troy: First; 1976 Detroit West District Superintendent; 1982 Conference Program Director; 1990 Ann Arbor: First; 2000 Retired. Died November 26, 2019.

Rev. Alfred T. Bamsey, retired clergy member of the former Detroit Conference, died in the early morning of November 26, 2019. He served for 39 years before his retirement in 2000. His appointments included Grosse Pointe (Associate), Detroit: Bethany, Troy: First, Detroit West District Superintendent, Conference Program Director and Ann Arbor: First.

Al is survived by wife, Karen, sons Scott and Craig and deeply loved step-children, Will MacFarland and Amy Heikkila. His wit, wisdom, and deep thinking as a man of God and his influence upon this conference, its clergy, and its churches will not be soon forgotten. Well done, good and faithful servant.

REV. RALPH T. BARTELD

Born October 24, 1930. Rev. Barteld served: 1958 Lakeville; 1966 Forrester; 1966 Essex, Mt. Olive (Ohio); 1970 Mayville, Silverwood, Fostoria; 2/1979 Cheboygan; 1985 Escanaba: Central; 1991 Marysville; 1979 Retired. Died October 19, 2019.

Ralph T. Barteld wore many "hats" throughout his life which included husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, minister in the United Methodist Church, Michigan State Police Chaplain, director of Michigan Christian Ashram, dean of Church Camps and member of many boards and committees. Preaching, teaching and calling on people were his favorite pastoral duties. Retiring in June 1997 from full-time ministry, Ralph continued to preach at two churches in a part-time capacity.

Psalm 127 says that children are a reward from God and "Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them." Ralph and his wife Diane took this scripture to heart as they had eleven children of their own. They had one very busy household!

Throughout Ralph's life, he had a love for trains, classical music, travel and the beaches of our Great Lakes. His top priority was always that of serving our Heavenly Father.



REV. ROBERT H. BOUGH

Born November 23, 1934. Rev. Bough served: 1965 Westfield (Ohio); 1967 Pontiac: Covert; 1968 Vassar; 1972 Madison Heights; 1976 Honorable Location; 2004 Retired. Died May 13, 2019.

Bob graduated from MSU in May 1958 and in June married his soulmate Carolyn. He worked for the Detroit Alcohol & Tobacco Commission and shortly after Bob began seminary. Upon graduation in 1967, he headed to Pontiac, pastoring his first church. Then to the next church in Vassar, and then to Madison Heights. In the early 70's Bob took a counseling position at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit for Alcohol and Drug Abuse. In 1981 he helped open Henry Ford MapleGrove Center in West Bloomfield, a substance abuse facility. He later decided his clients needed more time than what was being given, and he left MapleGrove to begin his own private practice along with assisting with Samaritan Counseling Center at Nardin Park UMC in Farmington Hills. He was very proud of his wife, Carolyn, and his daughters, Cynthia and Kathryn. Family time was most enjoyed on the lakes of Michigan, sailing, water-skiing, and picnics.



REV. KENNETH J. BREMER

Born September 10, 1953. Rev. Bremer served: 1992 Holton; 2006 St Johns: Pilgrim; 2014 Rockford; 2017 Retired. Died April 3, 2020.

Pastor Kenneth “Ken” John Bremer, age 66, died on Friday, April 3, 2020, in Grand Rapids, MI after fighting a six year battle with prostate cancer.

Ken was born on September 10, 1953, in Hastings, MI, to Tom and Lois Bremer. He was raised in Middleville, MI and graduated from Thornapple Kellogg High School in 1971. Ken trained to be an electrician and worked in the skilled trades division of GM. When he was called to a second career as a pastor in the United Methodist Church, he moved his family to Wilmore, KY to attend Asbury College and Theological Seminary. Returning to Michigan, he faithfully served congregations in Holton, St. Johns, and Rockford.

Ken will be remembered for his love of the Lord, his fondness for the outdoors, and his investment in the lives of his family and those he served.

Ken will be sadly missed by his wife of 46 years, Vicky Bremer, their three children, ten grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

REV. DR. RICHARD C. (DICK) CHEATHAM

Born May 24, 1934. Rev. Dr. Cheatham served: 1961 Napoleon; 1967 Ann Arbor: Glacier Way; 1974 Detroit: St. James; 1977 Brighton; 1988 Franklin: Community; 1998 Retired. Died November 30, 2019.

Reverend Dr. Richard C. (“Dick”) Cheatham was a multitalented man loved by many. Born May 24, 1930 in Detroit, he lived an abundant life filled with his faith, family and friends. He gave freely to others, championed the CROP Walk, volunteered on mission trips and devoted his time to working with incarcerated juveniles. He lived his life based on The Beatitudes.

In 1967 he and his wife Diane moved to Ann Arbor where he began a church in his home and launched Glacier Way UMC. He received a double doctorate in Sacred Theology from Garrett Theological Seminary and Northwestern University and authored seven books. Dick retired in 1998 and moved to San Antonio, Texas where he was an associate pastor for 12 years at University UMC. Dick’s other passion was playing “Clara” his clarinet in jazz groups and the church orchestra.

Wife Diane (Schleicher), who has shared in his mission for 68 years, survives him along with their three daughters, seven grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.





REV. DAVID A. CHEYNE

Born December 7, 1942. Rev. Cheyne served: 1972 Mulliken; 1975 Sand Lake/South Ensley; 1977 Hersey/Grant Center; 1982 Alden/Central Lake; 1991 Webberville; 1995 Hillside; 1998 Three Oaks; 1999 Baldwin: Covenant Community/Luther; 1999 Pine River Parish: Leroy/Ashton; 2003 Sodus: Chapel Hill; 2005 Retired. Died April 11, 2020.

David received his undergraduate degree from Owosso College and his Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. As a pastor, he led many to Christ, serving in Michigan churches starting at Newberry Wesleyan and then at United Methodist churches. He retired in 2005. David was also an emergency medical technician and a volunteer firefighter in Hersey, Alden and Webberville, MI.

After retirement, he frequented his grandson's band, choir and sporting events. He took up oil painting. He attended performances at the Lansing Symphony Orchestra, Michigan State University jazz students, and Jazz Tuesdays at Moriarty's Pub. He was a founding member of the Jazz Alliance of Mid-Michigan.

David was known as a kind and generous person who loved visiting with everyone he met. He is survived by his children, grandchildren and his former wife Paulette Cheyne.

REV. DR. OSCAR W. (BILL) COOPER, JR.

Born May 31, 1929. Rev. Dr. Cooper served: 1961 Ypsilanti: First; 1965 Manchester; 1969 Manchester: Sharon; 1970 Elkton; 1974 Port Huron: First; 1979 Warren: First; 1985 Saginaw: Ames; 1989 Retired. Died November 11, 2019.

The Reverend Dr. Oscar William (Bill) Cooper, Jr passed away on November 11, 2019 at his home in Fort Collins, CO. He was born on May 24, 1939. In June 1953 he married Ruth Zimmermann. She survives him along with his brother Dr. Terrence Cooper (Dr. Martha) and his sister, Corliss Mick (Rodney), his two children, Dr. Ruth Mannschreck (The Reverend Dr. Jack) and Kiel Cooper (Tauna), 6 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren.

Bill was an insatiable student. He received a Bachelor of Theology from Nyack College, a Bachelor of Art from Wayne State University, a Master of Divinity from Biblical Seminary in New York City and his Doctor of Ministries from Asbury Theological Seminary.

He served the following churches: Ypsilanti: St. Matthew's, Manchester/Sharon, Elkton, Port Huron: First, Warren: First, and Saginaw: Ames. After his retirement, ministry took an international turn. He served seminaries in 6 different countries: Ukraine, Moscow, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, and Haiti. In Haiti he started and built the Emmaus Biblical Seminary.

The scripture that would best describe Bill is Jeremiah 15:16 "Your words came to me and I ate them, and your words became a joy and the delight of my heart." To this he would say, "Amen!"





REV. BRUCE M. DENTON

Born October 12, 1950. Rev. Denton served: 1975 Iron River; 1978 Harrisville, Lincoln; 1983 West Branch; 1988 Birmingham: First (assoc.); 1995 Flushing; 2004 Lake Orion; 2012 Retired. Died May 5, 2019.

Bruce grew up in Livonia St. Matthew’s Church and was a graduate of Adrian College and Garrett-ETS. He married his high school sweetheart, Jeannine Churchill, daughter of Rev. Ralph & Jean Churchill. He loved music, computers, travel, humor and had a heart for people which served him well in ministry.

He was a loving grandson, son, brother, husband, father and grandpa in addition to his ministry to his church families, District and Conference. He sought to live daily by his faith and to leave each place better than he found it. In his ten year battle with rare neuroendocrine cancer he sought out experts in the field and advocated for himself and others. A clinical trial he participated in resulted in a new treatment being available in the U.S. to give others hope.

REV. GEORGE W. FLEMING

Born September 14, 1939. Rev. Fleming served: 1965 Turk Lake/Greenville; 1975 Sodus: Chapel Hill; 1987 Charlotte; 2002 Retired. Died April 16, 2020.

George Fleming was born September 14, 1939 in South Haven. George was active with his family in the Casco United Methodist Church. George attended Buys School and South Haven High School graduating in the class of 1958.

George attended North Central College in Naperville and American University in Washington, D.C. where he majored in Political Science. He graduated from seminary in 1965 from Evangelical Theological Seminary. On November 28, 1970, George married Edna Abel of Cedar Springs. George’s marriage to Edna was the highlight of his life. George and Edna became parents to Alice Mary on October 20, 1972 and Christina Joy on August 10, 1977.

George served as pastor of the Turk Lake (EUB) United Methodist Church and Assistant Pastor at the Greenville United Methodist Church in 1965, then at the Sodus Chapel Hill United Methodist Church from 1975 to 1987. George and Edna served as co-pastors of the Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church in Charlotte from 1987 to 2002. In retirement, George once more returned to blueberry farming.



REV. DR. CHARLES (CHUCK) GARROD

Born October 7, 1929. Rev. Dr. Garrod served: 1955 Lawton/Porter; 1962 Kalamazoo: Simpson; 1967 St Louis: First; 1972 Church of the Dunes; 1978 Grand Rapids: Trinity; 1984 District Superintendent, Central District; 1990 Lansing: Asbury; 1992 District Superintendent, Grand Rapids District; Retired 1995. Died July 25, 2019.

Chuck was a compassionate, caring, gentle and humble man. He loved his family deeply; wife Marcile and their four children. Over time he was blessed with a growing family to love as precious new members were added through marriages and births.

The things he most cared about had little to do with his own life and welfare. He worked tirelessly to advance God’s work through the UMC, at his various appointments, in congregants’ hearts and souls and lives. In the church at large, he was described by colleagues as a “gentle giant” for his deep insights and wise counsel regarding the business and future of the church. His influence reached around the globe as he and his wife Marcile were instrumental in organizing the start-up of a UMC in Cameroon.

Chuck’s love of his Lord was evident in his daily walk of ministry, to everyone he met.



REV. GEORG F.W. GERRITSEN

Born September 11, 1934. Rev. Gerritsen served: 1972 Howarth, Thomas; 1978 Saginaw: West Michigan Avenue; 1980 Monroe: Calvary; 1985 Jeddo, Central-Lakeport; 1988 Caring Covenant Group Ministry: Oregon, Elba; 1996 Port Huron: Gratiot Park, Washington Avenue; 2000 Retired. Died May 15, 2020.

He was born in Batavia, Indonesia on September 11, 1934, son of the late Gerrit and Maya (Barbara) Gerritsen. Georg married Barbara Foulks on September 23, 1961, in Pemberton, New Jersey.

After graduation from high school in The Netherlands, Georg graduated from Calvin College in 1959. He studied at Westminster Theological Seminary and graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1963 and obtained his Master of Divinity in 1974. In 1980, Georg graduated with a Doctor of Ministry degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary. Georg liked listening to classical music, traveling, and most importantly spending quality time with his friends and family.

He is survived by his wife Barbara of 59 years; his son, Greg; sisters, Maya (Bourke) Lyklema of The Netherlands, and Ruth Schneider of Germany; as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

REV. GEORGE R. GRETTEBERGER

Born April 16, 1930. Rev. Gretteberger served: 1955 Middleville; 1959 transferred to Argentina Conf; 1965 Transferred from Argentina Conf; 1965 Potter Park; 1967 Cadillac; 1970 Cadillac United; 1980 Mason: First; 1989 Jackson Calvary; 1992 Retired. Died July 28, 2019.



George enjoyed his boyhood days in Grand Rapids. He graduated from high school and went to the University of Michigan. He earned a Master of Divinity in 1955 at Boston University and also met his future wife, Diane.

Middleville, Michigan was George's first pastorate. His love of missions led him to Cordoba, Argentina with his wife and 3 children (John, Susan, and Charlotte) to serve as a missionary for 5 years. His son Louis was born there. George also led mission trips to Bolivia, Haiti, and Nicaragua. He served as chair of the Michigan Area Haiti Task Force and the Board of Global Ministries.



REV. A. RAY GRIENKE

Born August 27, 1937. Rev. Grienke served: 1971 transferred from South Indiana Conf; 1971 Battle Creek: Sonoma/Newton; 1974 Boyne City/Boyne Falls; 1981 Kent City: Chapel Hill; 1985 Carson City; 1999 Retired. Died March 10, 2020.

Ray was born on August 10, 1937, in Alta, Iowa. He graduated from Alta High School in 1956. He received his BA in Social Services from Indiana University in 1964, and his Master of Theology from Southern Seminary in Louisville, KY in 1969.

He and Beverly married in 1967. They lived in New Castle, Indiana, for two years where he pastored New Castle UMC, then in Michigan for 29 years where he pastored in Battle Creek, Boyne City and Boyne Falls, Kent City, and Carson City.

Ray and Beverly had three children, Beth, Daniel, and Paul. Upon retirement in 1999, Ray and his wife moved to St. Joseph, MO, his wife's hometown. He served as interim minister of First Presbyterian Church.

He enjoyed fishing, especially several times each year in Canada. Ray earned his Master Gardener Certification and took pride in his fruit trees and flowers. His unselfish love for others will be forever remembered and deeply missed by all.



REV. JOYCE A. HANLON

Born May 28, 1937. Rev. Hanlon served: 1992 Deacons Appointed Beyond the Local Church (¶331.1a) Psychotherapist, Psychology Assoc of GR 1992; 1995 Deacons Appointed w/in UM Connectional Structure (¶331.1b) GR Reflections Counseling & Consultant Services; 2001 Retired. Died April 26, 2019.

Rev. Joyce A. Hanlon, age 81, of Jenison, died on Friday, April 26, 2019. She is lovingly remembered by her husband of 58 years, Charles B. Hanlon, children, grandchildren, great-granddaughter, and brother. Joyce received her B.S. in Nursing (with Honors) from Michigan State University, and her M.S.N. in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing from Wayne State University. Joyce was a life-long learner, and shared her talents in many positions including Psychiatric and Medical-Surgical Nursing instructor at Gloucester County College, New Jersey; Psychiatric and Medical-Surgical Nursing Instructor at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center in Grand Rapids; Director of Counseling Services at Hope College; Consecrated as a Diaconal Minister in the UMC; founded and developed her own business as Reflections Counseling and Consultations Services; Clinical Nursing instructor for Ferris State University in Big Rapids, in Bachelor of Science, nursing program at Pine Rest Hospital in Grand Rapids. She also implemented E.M.D.R. therapy techniques while working with P.T.S.D. clients and retired in 2001 from her own psychotherapy practice.

REV. RON L. KELLER

Born March 14, 1936. Rev. Keller served: 1956 Battle Creek: Washington Heights; 1958 Appointed to Northeast Ohio Conference, Republic; 1962 Union City; 1966 Battle Creek: Birchwood; 1970 Rockford; 1973 Conference Staff Director; 1982 Kalamazoo: Milwood; 1988 Muskegon: Central; 1993 Battle Creek: First; 1998 Retired; 2000 Kalamazoo: First (interim). Died November 25, 2019.



Ron L. Keller was born in Morenci, MI. He attended a one-room country schoolhouse and Morenci High School. He attended Albion College and Oberlin School of Theology. He loved to tell the story that he had a diploma from a school he never attended. Oberlin merged with Vanderbilt after he graduated and Vanderbilt sent him a new diploma.

Ron's passion in ministry was two-fold. He felt strongly that Christian education should be life-long and encouraged adult education in every church he served. He also was passionate about every church being welcoming. He recently wrote that he wanted to be a part of a congregation that welcomes everyone and whom loudly and clearly makes that known within and beyond the church. He was an ally of the LGBTQ+ community.

Ron was an amateur candlemaker for 50 years giving away hundreds of candles. He loved to travel and had visited 48 states. He leaves his wife, Pat, a daughter, three sons, three daughter-in-loves and seven precious grandchildren.





REV. MARGARET A. KIVISTO

Born February 6, 1941. Rev. Kivisto served: 2004 Linden, Argentine; 2009 Linden (LTFT ¼); 2013 Retired. Died July 7, 2019.

Margaret Amelia Kivisto, born February 6, 1941 in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of Roy and Neva Dodd, passed suddenly while walking through her beloved Mount Brighton subdivision. She met Jeffrey Kivisto in high school and after six years of dating, they wed and spent 55 wonderful years of marriage together. Margo and Jeff had two children: Eric and Megan. Margo set an example by always seeking knowledge, striving to learn and study, and to be productive by using the skills God gave her to help others. She thought life without these two blessings would be hollow and a frightening prospect. Anyone who knew Margo knew her love of silliness and irreverent humor. One of her greatest joys was spontaneous laughter, finding and embracing the foolishness in life. Margo is survived by her husband (Jeffrey), children Eric (Cheri) and Megan, grandson Carter, sister Carolyn (Robert), beloved nieces and nephews, and cats Augustine and Henry.

REV. F. RICHARD MACCANON

Born October 6, 1925. Rev. MacCanon served: 1947 Laurel; 1949 Seminary; 1952 Center Point; 1957 Honorable Location; 1969 EUB, Dearborn: First (assoc.); 1974 Detroit: Thoburn; 1978 Detroit: Zion, River Rouge: Epworth, Detroit: Woodmere; 1983 Oscoda, Oscoda Indian Mission; 1988 Retired. Died December 18, 2019.



Rev. F. Richard MacCanon was born October 6, 1925 Ames, Iowa. During his pastoral ministry in Iowa and Michigan, Rev. MacCanon faithfully served both Evangelical United Brethren and then United Methodist Churches. In retirement, he enjoyed his time in Florida with family and friends. He died December 18, 2019 in Lakeland, FL. He is survived by his wife Shirley Glover-MacCanon and son David MacCanon, three grandchildren, and one great-grandson.



REV. KENNETH D. MCCAWE

Born June 2, 1934. Rev. McCaw served: 1962 Transferred from Indiana Conference; 1962 Caledonia; 1966 Muskegon Parish; 1969 Grand Rapids: South; 1975 Portage; 1983 District Superintendent, Kalamazoo District; 1989 Conference Council Director; 1991 Kalamazoo: First; 2000 Medical Leave; 2000 Retired. Died September 5, 2019.

Ken attended Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. He served as Kalamazoo District Superintendent, West Michigan Conference Council Director, and as pastor in the West Michigan Conference.

Ken had a great sense of humor and a unique combination of administrative and people skills. While traveling the world, it was not unusual for him to run into someone he knew! Ken offered experiential worship long before it was common. He found ways to bring popular music, props, humor, and other elements into worship. His preaching always called for an active response from the listener.

Ken enjoyed many hobbies including reading, classical music, woodworking, travel, and camping. He and Jeanne often used their singing voices in programs. A great husband, father, pastor, and friend, Ken handled his health struggles the past 20 years with grace and was an example of faith and perseverance for us all.



REV. JOHN W. MCNAUGHTON

Born January 25, 1939. Rev. McNaughton served: 1973 Webberville; 1973 Bell Oak; 1979 Oakwood; 1982 Concord; 1984 Plainfield; 1986 Kendall; 1986 Gobles; 1987 Blackhearth Circuit, England; 1993 Elberta, Frankfort; 1996 Lane Boulevard; 1998 Kalamazoo: Stockbridge Ave; 2000 Kalamazoo: Northwest; 2003 Retired; 2008 Bloomingdale – Interim. Died May 11, 2020.

REV. ROSS N. NICHOLSON

Born January 5, 1933. Rev. Dr. Nicholson served: 1958 Mt. Freedom, NJ (Newark Conf); Stroudsburg, PA (assoc.) (Phila. Conf); 1961 Melvindale; 1967 Madison Heights; 1972 Bad Axe; 1977 Conference Staff: Education; 1984 Detroit: North Detroit (LTFT-1/2); 1985 Leave of Absence; 1990 Retired. Died June 29, 2019.

He had wonderful friends, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He had a good life. In the end, it is said of those like Ross, "Well done, good and faithful servant."



REV. SHARYN KAY RUSH-OSMOND

Born February 19, 1951. Rev. Rush-Osmond served: 1996 Rochester Hills: First; 1999 Rochester Hills: St. Luke's (assoc.); 2002 Dansville, Wheatfield; 2008 disability leave. Died April 19, 2019.

Rev. Sharyn Kay Rush-Osmond, age 68, of Farwell went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, April 19, 2019. Sharon leaves behind her beloved husband Rick, and Daughters Fran and Alexandria, and a large family including her dearly loved grandchildren. Sharyn attended

The Methodist Theological School in Ohio and Duke School of Divinity and was very proud to serve as a United Methodist Pastor. She served churches in Rochester Hills, Dansville, Wheatfield, Trinity, Leaton and Countryside. After retirement, Sharyn was a member of Farwell United Methodist Church. Sharyn was a published author of poetry. She also loved to sing and was in a quartet called "The Five of Us" while living in Novi. Her greatest accomplishments in her eyes were being a mother, grandmother, and most recently, a great-grandmother.

REV. GARY L. SANDERSON

Born October 5, 1936. Rev. Sanderson served: 1966 Goodrich; 1970 Durand, Duffield; 1979 Wyandotte: First; 1989 Flushing; 1995 Ann Arbor: West Side; 1999 Retired. Died May 28, 2020.

Gary was born in Owosso on October 5, 1936. He married Caroline Warner on August 8, 1964, in Owosso. He earned a bachelors degree from Michigan State University and attended Chandler School of Theology, at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. Gary was ordained an Elder and served the Goodrich, Durand, Wyandotte First, Flushing and Ann Arbor West Side UMC's. In retirement, Gary served at Flint Court Street UMC as an Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care.

Gary served on the Flint District Board of Church Building and Location, the Flint District Committee on the Superintendency, the DAC Division of Evangelism, the United Methodist Foundation and the DAC Board of Pensions.

Gary is survived by his loving wife, Caroline; son Marc and wife Marie, and special grandson's; Riley, Grayson and Nicholas Sanderson of Sartell, MN; sister Mildred, and husband Ron Smith of Owosso; and nephews Jeffrey and Matthew Smith.



REV. DR. ANTHONY J. SHIPLEY

Born May 19, 1939. Rev. Shipley served: 1964 NY: Metropolitan-Duane; 1966 Brooklyn, NY: Union; 1968 Assistant Program Director, NY Conf.; 1971 Transfer to Detroit Conf., Conference Staff, Program Director; 1982 Detroit West District Superintendent; 1987 Detroit: Scott Memorial; 1992 Deputy General Secretary, National Division, Gen. Bd. of Global Ministries; 1994 Eastside Covenant Cooperative Parish: Detroit: Christ; 2007 Retired. Died April 1, 2020.

The Rev. Dr. Anthony J. Shipley, went to be with his Lord on April 1, 2020 at the age of 80. Anthony was a Retired Elder of the Michigan Conference who served first in the New York Conference before transferring to the Michigan Conference where he served as a Program Director; Detroit West District Superintendent; Detroit: Scott Memorial; Deputy General Secretary, National Division, General Board of Global Ministries; Eastside Covenant Cooperative Parish: Detroit: Christ. Anthony retired in 2007.

REV. WEBLEY J. SIMPKINS JR.

Born September 27, 1930. Rev. Simpkins, Jr. served: 1952 Victoria, Colonial Manor; 1954 Aldine; 1956 Sharptown, Hainesneck; 1958 Eldbrooke; 1959 Woodside; 1961 transfer to NW IN Conf., Grave; 1956 transfer to Detroit Conf. Birmingham: First (assoc.); 1966 Midland: First (assoc.); 1970 Pigeon: First; 1975 Marquette: First; 1980 Marysville; 1985 Trenton: First; 1994 Retired. Died September 17, 2019.



Webley started pastoring about 52 yrs ago in the New Jersey, Philadelphia area after graduating from Wesley Seminary. He pastored in several small churches in the area. He worked his way west with a stop in Indiana to Michigan starting in Midland as an Associate pastor. Then on to Pigeon, Marquette, Marysville and ending in Trenton. After retiring June of 1994, Web and his wife Betty traveled the country in their motorhome for 5 years than ended up settling in Malabar, FL by one of their daughters. Web worked part time for several years at the Methodist church in Palm Bay, FL as an Associate Pastor. Web's favorite services were the Music services. He would lead the congregation in singing for the entire service out of the hymn book. He loved to sing and had a beautiful Baritone voice.



REV. PHYLEMON D. TITUS

Born December 4, 1937. Rev. Titus served: 1969 transfer to Detroit Conf., Detroit: Fourteenth Avenue; 1971 Detroit: Henderson Memorial; 1974 Conference Staff, Urban Missioner; 1984 Detroit: Conant Avenue; 1988 Detroit East District Superintendent; 1995 Detroit: St. Timothy 2002 Detroit: St. Timothy, West Outer Drive; 2002 Retired; 2006 Inkster: Christ. Died March 23, 2020.

The Reverend Phylemon DePriest Titus, Retired (Dec. 31, 2002) Elder of the Michigan Conference, passed away on Monday, March 23, 2020 in Waycross, GA. with his wife (Rev. Linda Slaughter-Titus, Waycross) and daughter (Ilyana Titus-Richards, NY, NY).

Although 'Tite' was ordained in the Texas Conference, he served in pastoral ministry in the Georgia Conference (1967-69) and the Detroit Annual Conference (06/1969-12/31/2002). His pastorates included: Augusta: St. Marks UMC, Detroit: Fourteenth Avenue, Detroit: Henderson Memorial, Detroit: Conant Avenue, Detroit: St. Timothy, West Outer Drive and Inkster Christ (after retirement). He also served the Methodist connection church as Detroit Conference Urban Missioner, Detroit East District Superintendent, NCJ Town and Country President, NCJ Judicial Council, Conference Delegate to Jurisdictional Conference (4 times) Conference Delegate to General Conference (4 times), Conference Delegate to World Methodist Conference (6 times), as well as serving as Trustee to Garret Evangelical Seminary (Life Trustee) and Adrian College.



REV. CLARENCE W. VANCONANT

Born June 13, 1944. Rev. VanConant served: 1993 White Pine, Bergland, Ewen, Trout Creek Presb; 1997 Kilmanagh, Unionville; 1999 Harbor Beach, Port Hope; 2004 Sanilac, Forrester; 2007 Monroe: First; 2010 Retired. Died July 29, 2019.

Clarence saw active duty as a Navy SeaBee during the Vietnam War.

He and his wife, Earleen, served four churches in the Upper Peninsula: White Pine, Bergland, Ewen, and Trout Creek Presbyterian. He also served Kilmanagh/Unionville, Harbor Beach/Port Hope, Port Sanilac/Forester, and Monroe: He is survived by his wife Earleen, six children, five step-children, 33 grandchildren, and 26 great-grandchildren.

He lived his faith and shared the love of God with everyone he met. He did woodworking, making toys to give away and loved playing with his great-grandchildren. He retired in 2010 and spent winters in Arizona where he rode his special tricycle around as he spread the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. No matter where he lived everyone in the neighborhood knew him. He brought joy to a lot of people.

REV. ROBERT E. WALTON

Rev. Walton served: 1977 transfer to Detroit Conference, Detroit: Central (assoc.); 1981 Wesley Foundation, Wayne State University; 1986 Program Secretary, United Methodist Volunteer Services, National Division, Gen. Board of Global Ministries; 2002 Retired.

Rev. Robert Earl Walton, age 83 years, passed away on April 13, 2020 after battling illnesses for several years. He is survived by his wife Alice Walton and is a father of three, grandfather of eight, great-grandfather of one and a beloved friend of many.

Born in Loogootee Indiana, Bob was an ordained Methodist Minister and worked in international relief during his later years. He lived and worked in Cincinnati, Detroit as the Wayne State University Wesley Foundation Campus Pastor, and New York City as the Assistant General Secretary at the National Division of the General Board of Global Ministries.



REV. DR. ROBERT P. WARD

Born August 13, 1927. Rev. Ward served: 1952 Detroit: Westlawn; 1954 Troy: First; 1957 Marquette: First; 1961 Ypsilanti: First; 1965 Adrian: First; 1969 Flint: Court Street; 1972 Ann Arbor District Superintendent; 1978 Grosse Pointe; 1982 Birmingham: First; 1993 Retired. Died May 26, 2020.

Rev. Dr. Robert Paul Ward died May 26, 2020. He was 92 years old.

His first appointment was Westlawn where he met Joan, his wife of 62 years, who predeceased him in 2016. He served as senior pastor at the First UMCs of Troy, Marquette, Ypsilanti, Adrian and Flint Court Street, as District Superintendent of the Ann Arbor District, Grosse Pointe, and Birmingham First where he retired in 1993. While there, Dr. Ward was nominated for Bishop at the North Central Jurisdictional Conference.

He was instrumental in securing funding for underprivileged students to attend Adrian College on full scholarships. When the college opened its new admissions building, it bore the name "Ward Admissions House" in his honor.

He is survived by his daughters Wendy and Carolyn Ward who will remember him as a faithful servant of the church, devoted husband and loving father. In recent weeks, he told his daughters that he had lived a perfect life.

**REV. DONALD S. WEATHERUP**

Born September 14, 1961. Rev. Weatherup served: 2002 Flushing (assoc.); 2006 Pinckney: Arise; 2018 Commerce. Died May 13, 2019.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Rev. Donald S. Weatherup who died on May 13, 2019 at the age of 57. Don served at Flushing UMC, Pinckney: Arise UMC and Commerce UMC. He is survived by his wife Shelley and his extended family.

REV. OWEN L. WHITE-PIGEON

Born January 21, 1957. Rev. White-Pigeon served in the Northern Waters District as a District Superintendent Assistant (DSA) at Kewadin: Indian Mission and as a Part-time Local Pastor and DSA in the Central Bay District at Mt. Pleasant: Chippewa Indian Mission. Died August 26, 2019.

CLERGY SPOUSES**MARGARET C. BEAN**

Margaret C. Bean, passed away on April 22, 2019. Margaret was born in Ann Arbor. She attended Western Michigan University where she met the love of her life and husband of 69 years, Rex E. Bean. Margaret taught elementary music for 30 years and retired from Mona Shores Schools. Margaret was an accomplished musician, playing the piano, organ, violin and viola. She performed from a young age, to her university days and with the West Shore Symphony in Muskegon. She was an energetic grandmother that was always filled with excitement for her grandchildren's life events. Her love for animals, especially cats, was passed down to the whole family.

Margaret never left the house without her trademark jewelry and festive sweaters. She will be greatly missed and remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother and wonderful friend to so many. She had a wonderful smile and her kindness and faith showed in everything she did. She is survived by her two daughters and three grandchildren.

DONNA M. COZADD

Donna Marie Cozadd passed away on May 4, 2020. She was born May 24, 1929. She was married to the late Rev. William B. Cozadd. They served the following United Methodist churches in Michigan: Eagle, Ravenna, Hope and Edenville, West Vienna and Burton Christ. She served the Lord in these churches by doing secretarial work, leading women's groups and making visits.



She was preceded in death by her husband Bill and daughter Patricia Lewis. She leaves behind two daughters, Victoria Cozadd and Bilene (Greg) Crabill, one son-in-law Rev. George Lewis (Howell First UMC), eight grandchildren, and fifteen great-grandchildren. She enjoyed singing in choirs and as a soloist. For the last 30 years she lived in Palmetto, FL where she loved to swim and ride her bike.

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33.



JERRY W. DANIEL

Jerry Wayne Daniel died February 4, 2020. He was born July 9, 1938 in Hughey, Tennessee. While still in high school, he joined the National Guard and later served in the reserves at Fort Bragg, NC. He attended Draughons School of Business in Nashville, TN and managed stations for Esso Oil. In 1959, he married Sandra Huffines with whom he raised three children. The family moved to Warren, Michigan where he was a tool maker and soccer coach. His boys team won the AYSO state championship in 1977. In 1999, he married Rev. Reva Wykes Hawke. After retirement, he became a security guard at Sandy Pines Resort and Checker Motors.

Jerry Wayne is survived by his wife Reva, his two daughters, one son, and their mother Sandra Daniel. He leaves eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild. He is also survived by his wife's three children, eleven grandchildren, (including Andrew J. Hawke whom he helped raise) and thirteen great-grandchildren.

NANCY J. ELLISON

Nancy graduated from Dearborn High, obtained her RN from Lansing's Sparrow Hospital, and worked as a nurse. She married Floyd in December 1951 at Dearborn First Methodist, where both grew up. They were married for 56 years. Floyd and Nancy served 11 churches across Michigan over Floyd's 30+ year career. Together they grew their family, raised them well, and as doting grandparents watched them raise families of their own. Being in the Detroit area in the 70's and 80's allowed Nancy to join the staff of Dearborn First as financial secretary, a position she held and which her mother had held before her. Nancy continued her commitment to Methodism following Floyd's retirement, joining Detroit's Metropolitan United Methodist where she served as Administrative Council chair. She later become a member of Birmingham UMC. Nancy died the committed Methodist she was raised, supporting the church both locally and globally. She will be missed by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends.



DEBORAH K. (KENNEDY) FERRIS

Deb was born in Western Pennsylvania and attended Adrian College where she met John Ferris. They were married August 22, 1970. When John felt God's call, Deb supported him through seminary where daughter Sonya was born and through thirty-nine years of ordained ministry where son Jeremy was born during his first appointment.

Deb's series of careers demonstrated her interests and diverse skills: high school teacher; Office of Missions and Church Extension of the Detroit Annual Conference; Director of the Senior Citizen Center of the Cass Community UMC; Planning Commission Member for the City of Detroit; Director of Fund Raising for Alternatives for Girls. Beyond volunteer work where John pastored, she was a dedicated advocate for peace and justice.

Deb loved and was loved by God, her husband, their children and grandchildren, her sister, and many other relatives, and seemingly countless friends; including a great many four-legged friends.



CHARLENE F. GARRETT

Charlene was wonderful! Loved life, people, but mostly loved the Lord. She ministered along with her husband Robert for over 55 years, most of them in the Thumb. Charlene took great joy in capturing memories through writing poetry. One favorite she shared during Robert’s retirement moment at Annual Conference, “Minister’s Wives Don’t Chew Gum.” She taught her four children and grandchildren a legacy of kindness. In the last 10 years, she had cognitive impairment, living the last two in memory care. Even there she brought joy and smiles with her love. Her doll, “Baby Angel,” was her comfort when we couldn’t be there. She sang “Jesus Loves Me” to her and made her dance after dinner which brought smiles to her community. Oh, and by the way...” Minister’s wives do chew gum!”

JANET L. HUDDLESON

Janet Lee Huddleson, beloved wife of Reverend Robert “Bob” Kemp Townley, died April 30, 2020 in Wichita Falls, Texas, after a prolonged illness. We rejoice that she is once again reunited with Bob in Heaven and her pain has ended. Born November 6, 1949 in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, Janet married Bob in 1973 and supported his ministries in East Lansing and Bay City, Michigan. Janet graduated from Michigan State University and together they built a 40’ trimaran “Winds of Change” by hand, and sailed off through the St. Lawrence Seaway, eventually landing in Providenciales, Turks & Caicos Islands in 1980 where they lived for 40 years. There Bob served as Pastor and counselor, and Janet found special delight teaching young children English as a second language. Her gentle warmth and kindness drew people to her; she bloomed and thrived wherever life took her. Following Bob’s death on August 29, 2017, Janet lived first with her sister in Colorado and later with her brother in Texas. Janet’s love and kindness lives on in brother Jim (Dorothy) Huddleson, sister Judy Ladd, stepson Michael Scott Townley, grandsons David Townley and Matthew Townley, best friend Barbara Cooley and all who knew her.



MAGGIE J. KALLWEIT



Maggie Jean Kallweit, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away April 17, 2019 at the age of 85. Maggie will be sorely missed, but her family rejoices knowing she is now reunited in Heaven with her husband, Ralph. Maggie was also preceded in death by her son, Daniel.

Surviving to cherish her memory are children, Debbie, David Wayne (Leanne), Peggy (Mike); grandchildren, Trevor (fiancé Rona), Robert, Tony (Kara), Lisa (Andy), Tim (fiancé, Holly), Megean, Alea, Bobby (Alissa), Thomie (Nick), Ryan (Melissa), Adam (Krystal); great-grandchildren, AJ, Braylon, Keyli, Hazel, Madison, Jona, Jacob, Callen, Henry, Rhiyan; and her devoted dog, Annie. Maggie loved to travel. She also enjoyed picking apples to create her famous pies and strawberries for her delicious jam. Maggie liked Precious Moments figurines and put together an extensive collection over the years.

WILMA J. KING

Wilma King, age 82, died Wednesday, May 27, 2020. Wilma Jean Ross was born May 28, 1937 in Deckerville, Michigan. She is the daughter of the late Leroy and the late Dorothy (Innes) Ross. Wilma grew up in Deckerville and Marlette, Michigan. She is a graduate of Marlette High School, Class of 1955. Wilma married Rev. Willard Arthur King on June 4, 1955 in Marlette, Michigan. He preceded her in death on April 29, 2012. Wilma has lived in the Capac area for 22 years. She held several different positions throughout the years: teacher assistant for Imlay City High School, a store clerk at Dean’s Pharmacy, bus driver for Peck Schools, and a teacher aide for Genesee Schools. Wilma was a member of Capac United Methodist Church where she played the organ and piano and was also a preschool assistant. Wilma is survived by three daughters: Karen, Connie, and Brenda, her sister Wanda, and seven grandsons and eight great-grandsons.





THOMAS L. KLACKING

Thomas Lee Klacking passed away April 30, 2020. He was born in Garden City, MI on February 1, 1938 to Wallace and Bessie Klacking. Tom graduated from West Branch High School, Class of 1956. Tom was a dairy farmer for over 40 years and a U.S. Air Force veteran. He was an avid golfer and bowler. Tom was well known as a high-pitch softball pitcher for Wangler's Trucking. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing and Thursday coffee with the Jackson's.

Tom is survived by his wife of 42 years, Pastor Brenda Klacking; children, Gary Klacking and Annet (DeWayne) Culbertson of West Branch, Tammy Bell (Sean Aversa) of Post Falls, ID, and Terry Klacking of Howell, MI. He had six grandchildren; Ben Klacking, Jessica Sheppard, Christina Grell, Mitchell, Mason and Mallory Bell and nine great-grandchildren. He also had a sister, Mary Hughes of Arlington, TX and many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

MATTI R. KOIVULA

Matti Richard Koivula, 62, of Mesick, husband of Rev. Laurie Koivula, passed away on Wednesday, May 15th surrounded by family and friends. He was born March 4, 1957, in Ypsilanti. He spent his life troubleshooting and repairing computers in various industries. His favorite was his last place of employment which was Detroit Public Schools where he loved putting smiles on the faces of the children. Matt was an active member of Mesick United Methodist Church. He was baptized and became a member of the United Methodist Church Easter Sunday 2016 at West Goodland UMC in Imlay City.



Matt loved his family and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. He was an avid reader and enjoyed helping others.



BETTY J. LUCE

Betty, age 89, passed away Friday, April 19, 2019. She was born December 30, 1929 in Munger Michigan to the late Jay and Louise (Morel) Briggs and was an area resident all of her life.

She married Michael Luce on February 13, 1971 in Reese Michigan and he survives her. She is also survived by her children, Terry Shooltz, Barb (Gary) Behmlander, David (Susan) Shooltz, and Stacey (Randy) LaPreze; grandchildren, Zachary, Casey, Jennifer (Bryan), Kevin, Brooke, Richard, Andrew (Kristine), Jessica (Mark), Andrew, Landrie, Sydnie, Clint (Jennifer), and Ali LaPreze; 10 great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Michelle Shooltz; mother-in-law, Inez Luce; several nieces, nephews, cousins; and many friends. She was predeceased by her son Larry Shooltz; siblings, Dorothy VanTol, Arthur Briggs, & Mary Helmreich; and father-in-law, Robert Luce.



NANCY L. MECARTNEY

Nancy Lee Mecartney died February 1, 2020 in Irvine, California. Nancy was born in Ferndale, Washington on September 16, 1924.

Nancy graduated from Ferndale High School in 1942 and Seattle Pacific College in 1946, majoring in psychology. She met John Mecartney at a peace meeting in Chicago. They married on September 17, 1951. While John served churches in Wisconsin, they welcomed four daughters, Mary, Martha, Susan and Crystal. In Albion, Nancy went to work part time as a teacher in 1966. She then received her teaching credential and began her career as an elementary school teacher.

Nancy and John were members of Detroit Metropolitan UMC where Nancy helped run the Good Samaritan program and volunteered with the Detroit Institute of Arts.

They moved to the Chelsea Retirement Community in 2002. John passed away on their 53rd wedding anniversary September 17, 2004. Nancy continued to be an active member. She moved to Irvine, California in December 2017, to be closer to her family.

ELOISE (ELLIE) M. MOORE

Eloise (Ellie) Janette Millikan Moore was born in Rensselaer, Indiana on Feb 1, 1935. Ellie died Feb 15, 2020 in Lawrenceville, GA.

Ellie married Paul Millikan in Upland, Indiana on June 3, 1957, and they were married for 20 years. Ellie and Paul had three children and five grandchildren. The family enjoyed their lives in Upland Indiana, Fredericksburg, Virginia and Portage, Michigan, following Paul's assignments and teaching career.

Ellie married Rev. John Moore in Portage, Michigan on Sep 27, 1982. Ellie and John lived in Portage, Berrien Springs, Kalamazoo, Galesburg, Union City and back to Portage following John's pastoral assignments. Ellie lovingly welcomed John's four children and five grandchildren into her life.

Ellie always put family first. Her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren (one in utero), stepchildren & all their families were all the light of Ellie's life. There were always stories and there was always laughter. She was an amazing Mom, Grandma and "G-G".



RICHARD K. OSMOND

Richard Kenneth Osmond died on Saturday, March 14, 2020. Rick was born on May 27, 1945 to parents Aubrey and Gwendolyn Osmond in Washington, D.C. He graduated from Glen Burnie High School in Maryland. Rick worked for and retired from Detroit Edison. Rick was married several times and had two children; Keli Su Mills and Kristopher Kenneth Osmond with his second wife and two children; Frances Owens and Alexandria Blain with his third wife, Rev. Sharyn Kay Rush-Osmond. After retiring Rick enjoyed singing in his church choir, helping with church functions, attending bible studies and prayer groups, as well as singing with a Barbershop Quartet. He had an extensive record collection, and he loved singing and music of all types. Rick was preceded in death by his wife of 34 years, Rev. Sharyn Kay Osmond. He is survived by his children, step-mother, siblings, step-siblings, half-brother, grandchildren, great-granddaughter, and many nieces and nephews.



JOANNE R. PÉREZ

Joanne Robinson Pérez, 88, died October 24, 2019. Born and raised in Clarksburg, WV she graduated with a BA from West Virginia Wesleyan, a MA from Ohio Wesleyan and a Specialist Degree in Educational Administration from Eastern Michigan University. Joanne was an elementary music teacher and principal in the Adrian Public Schools. She was a member of the Adrian First UMC and was President of the UMW at Adrian FUMC, the President of the Ann Arbor District UMW, Vice-President of the Detroit Conference UMW, Vice-President of the North Central Jurisdiction UMW, trustee of the District Board of Missions and Church Extension, and member of the Detroit Conference COSROW. In 1967 Joanne co-founded the Adrian Community Preschool and was the first President of their board of directors. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Joseph A Pérez; daughter Sarah A Pérez of San Francisco, CA; son John W. Pérez; granddaughter Julia M Pérez of Little Rock, AR; and other family and friends.

KARLEEN J. PETTIS

Karleen J. Pettis, age 80, a resident of Lyndonville, VT, died April 19, 2019. She was born May 27, 1938 in Midland, Michigan to Carl and Eileen Strayer (Bowsher). A Graduate of Midland High School in 1956 and a Graduate of Albion College of Michigan in 1960. She worked with the Summer Migrant Ministry program through the Michigan Council of Churches, teaching and leading the Summer Program for migrant children. She taught Elementary School in Royal Oak and Petersburg Public Schools prior to her marriage to Seminarian, Warren Pettis in 1964. She was a faithful homemaker and Pastor's wife in all the churches her husband was appointed to in the Detroit Conference of the United Methodist Church. She led the Children's Church Ministry and was involved in the United Methodist Women. In retirement, she was a member of the Lyndonville UMC Tuesday Ladies Bible Study group.

She is survived by her husband, Warren Pettis; three children; five grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



EILEEN L. POHLY

Eileen Lois (Hamilton) Pohly, age 88, died on July 2, 2019 at Clark on Keller Lake in Grand Rapids. Before her marriage to Gerald Pohly, she began her working career at Addressograph-Multigraph Corporation in Cleveland, OH. Later, following a pivotal faith event at Linwood Park, Ohio, she became a Secretary at the Master's UMC in Euclid, Ohio. Eventually, she became the Director of Christian Education where Gerald's brother, Dr. Kenneth Pohly, was Senior Pastor. Eileen was very active in Christian Education, United Methodist Women and in other activities wherever her husband was appointed. She enjoyed gardening and traveling. She was known for her loving spirit, compassionate mind and heart, and self-giving spirit to her immediate family, extended family and many others in her wide circle of friends.



JEAN M. SCHAAF

Jean (McDonald) Deal Stine Schaaf passed away on October 29, 2019. Jean traveled many complex paths in her life with one common theme, service.

After graduating from her beloved Oberlin College, she married Ralph Deal and moved to Baltimore, where she served as a social worker. Jean gave birth to three daughters: Rebecca, Heather and Deborah. While in Kalamazoo, Jean was active in the Peace Center, ACLU and People's Unitarian Fellowship youth group. She was elected County Commissioner. She later married Reverend Wendell Stine. Wendell's children Cynthia, David, Wendell Jr. and Rebecca were very much a part of their lives. After Wendell passed in 2004, Jean met and married George Schaaf. George and Jean enjoyed five years together.

Jean's life was filled with music and she lived in service to helping her fellow human beings.

Her family is very proud of her accomplishments, her passions, her feistiness, her durability, and the amazing example she left for her family and all who met her.

NANCY L. STEELE

Nancy was born in Kalamazoo to Coramay and Richard O. Wheeler. Nancy graduated from Mattawan HS in 1957. In 1983 she received her Associate in Applied Science with a General Marketing Major from Kalamazoo Valley Community College. She married Rev. Philip P. Steele on June 20, 1957, supporting him as he served Schoolcraft, Wolf Lake: Muskegon, Sitka, Cooper UCC, Portage, Coopersville, Battle Creek: Birchwood, Portage: Chapel Hill, Alma, Climax-Scotts, Oakwood, Lane Boulevard, and Milwood UMC. She was an accomplished pianist, seamstress and artist. She worked as the assistant accompanist for the St. Luke's Choristers in Kalamazoo and the Oakwood UMC Organist. She shared love, faith, hope and joy through the piano strings and into our souls. She loved animals and was dedicated to caring for many feral barn cats. Her greatest loves and joys were her children Mark, Melody and Genipher, grandchildren Rhiannon, Katelyn, Brandyn and Miranda, and great-grandson Shadow.



MARY E. TEN HAVE

Mary was carried by the angels into heaven on August 31, 2019 at the age of 91. Mary was born in Howell, MI, November 7, 1927, the daughter of Alfred and Helen (Whittaker) Shaffier. She was an affiliate member of the many United Methodist Churches where she served alongside her husband, Milton. Mary was also a member of the Eaton Rapids Holiness Camp Meeting and was active in church leadership. She was a 4-H leader and devoted her life not only to church and fellowship but also as a licensed practical nurse caring for countless others.

Mary is survived by; daughters Dawn (Charles) Kissack of TX, Katherine (Thomas) Davis of IN, Helen (David) Jones of Haslett; son Milton (Tammy) Ten Have of Riverdale; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Pastor Milton Ten Have and a son, Harold Ten Have.

LEANNE TREBILCOCK

Born January 17, 1942. Leanne was a member of the Escanaba: First UMC (8/26/92 – 7/13/01) and Corunna UMC (6/1/00 – 7/13/07), while her late husband, Rev. Michael Peterlin, served those churches as pastor. She died April 3, 2020.

BENJAMIN C. WILSON

Benjamin Charles Wilson, a man of devout faith and ardent patriotism, died on June 30, 2020. A native of Traverse City, Ben graduated from High School in 1962 and enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served with the Corps of Engineers for three years. Ben married his first wife in 1971 and had two daughters who describe him as a gentle, guiding father who took great pride in his family. Ben remarried in 2000 to Pastor Margaret “Meg” Wilson and, together, they fostered several children and adopted others. For many children, Ben would be the only father figure they would know. He was a man with the “patience of Job”, who gave of his time to help his neighbors and strangers alike. He never raised his voice, was a good listener and had Christian values that impressed even the pastor whom he called his wife. Ben will be missed by his wife, Meg Wilson, his children, grandchildren, brothers, and sisters.



CAROL A. WINGEIER

Carol Ann (Wise) Wingeier, spouse of Rev. Dr. Douglas E. Wingeier, passed away in Asheville, NC, on July 4, 2019, at the age of 89. Born in Calhoun, GA, she is survived by her husband of 67 years, two daughters, two sons, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Graduating from Georgia College (BS), and Roosevelt University (MEd), Carol served ten years as a Methodist missionary in Singapore, founding a bilingual kindergarten, then publishing a mission study book, “Where the Jungle Meets the Street.” Carol taught preschool and worked as education enabler in Chicago churches. Upon retirement, they returned to her beloved Appalachia, where she took up the banjo and gardening, volunteered in church and social action activities, and did extensive hiking, canoeing, camping, travel, and roughing it at her MN log cabin. Carol will be remembered for her love of nature, creative teaching skills, faith-based dedication to peace and justice, global perspective, devotion to family and her heartfelt, engaging smile.



LAITY



LUCILLE R. EVANS

Lucille Ruth Evans was born on May 8, 1937, in Elkhart, Indiana, the daughter of the late Clarence and Lilia Fuss. Lucy went on to be graduated from Adrian High School in 1955.

Lucy and George Evans were married on June 8, 1957, at the Baptist Church in Adrian. Together, Lucy and George raised their family in Dearborn and Royal Oak. Lucy eventually went to work in the radiology department for Beaumont Royal Oak. Lucy retired after having put in 30 years of service with Beaumont Health Systems. In retirement, Lucy kept busy working as a receptionist at Birmingham First for the last several years. A long-time delegate to Annual Conference, Lucy also served as head usher for the Detroit Annual Conference for many years.

Lucy will be greatly missed by her family, her church family, her friends, and all those whose lives she touched as she lived out the life that God had first shared with her in Jesus Christ.

MERNA I. FRANCIS

Merna was born in Cairo, Iowa on August 22, 1933 to Royce and Ruby Partington. Merna and Aden Francis were married on October 24, 1954. While their children were growing up, Merna volunteered her secretarial skills at church and community organizations. She was employed as a secretary at the Upjohn Company, retiring as executive secretary in 1995. Merna became an active member of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP). She was proud to attain the Certified Professional Secretary certification.



Merna was a member of the Gull Lake UMC, where she was active in the UMW, sang in the choir, and served on many committees. She enjoyed attending the West Michigan Annual Conference and served on the Commission on Archives and History for the North Central Jurisdiction of the UMC. Merna also served on the Conference Journal Committee and the Conference Historical Society.



LUCILE M. OGDEN

Lucile Marie Ogden was born June 3, 1921 in Port Hope and passed away November 26, 2019 in Port Huron, moving there in 1938. A family that Lucile lived with suggested she go to First Methodist Church. She found a home there, and met her future husband, Floyd Ogden, in a Sunday School class. When they married in Port Hope, Dwight Large, who taught that class, officiated.

United Methodist Women were always special to Mrs. Ogden. She served at the District level in the 60's, the Conference as Secretary and as Treasurer from 1972-1980, and the Jurisdiction from 1981-1984. She also was active in the Schools of Christian Mission. She served the Detroit Conference Commission on Archives and History and the Historical Society of the UMC. She took to heart a verse from Luke 24:24 "...some of our womenfolk have disturbed us profoundly...". It became her life's mission at a time when a woman's contributions were not always appreciated or heard.

JANET E. POOL

Janet Eileen Pool, prior employee of the former West Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church, passed away on September 4, 2019 at the age of 63 years at Masonic Pathways Nursing Home in Alma, Michigan after nearly eight years of illnesses.

Janet was born at Gratiot Community Hospital, Alma on December 7, 1955 to James Robert Whitman and Shirley Jean (Root) Whitman of Ithaca, Michigan. She married Brien Belanger on October 18, 1980. Brien passed away on January 2, 2000. Janet married Willard Pool on July 9, 2005 and he preceded her in death on November 10, 2011.

Janet worked in the former West Michigan Conference Treasurer's Office as an Accounts Payable Coordinator from October 1999 until December 2005 and from February 2008 to October 2008 as a Receptionist.

JACQUELIN E. WASHINGTON

Jacquelin E. Washington, a pioneering leader for women's rights and equal justice, died on April 27, 2019. She was 87.

In 1970, she organized and chaired the first Violence Against Women Committee for the National Organization for Women (NOW) Detroit Chapter. She co-founded the personnel agency New Options in 1975. In 2000, she was elected to the Wayne State University Board of Governors, serving as president. She was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame in 1995. For 17 years she served on the ACLU Michigan Executive Board, serving 4 years as president, and representing Michigan on ACLU's national board.

For nearly 50 years, she was an active member of Central United Methodist Church in Detroit.

She is survived by her three children, a granddaughter, a brother-in-law, a cousin, six nieces and nephews, and other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth B. Washington, DDS, in 2004.





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