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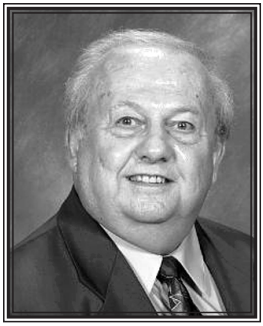
A. MEMOIRS



Reverend Wilbert Taylor Bradley

May 20, 1939 – December 20, 2012

Wilbert Taylor and his twin brother Warren Clyde were born on May 20, 1939 in Brooklyn, NY to Wilbert G. and Florence (Taylor) Bradley. They were welcomed by their older sister Barbara, and followed by their youngest brother William seven years later. Wilbert attended New York City Public Schools, including the Manual Training High School (1953-1957). He went to Brooklyn College (1957-1961) and graduated from Wesley Theological Seminary (1961-1964) with his masters degree.

Rev. Bradley made it known to his friends and family the path he chose was one that was influenced by his friend and mentor, Rev. Jim Davis of East Hampton, NY with whom he remained in contact throughout his life.

Rev. Bradley was married on June 20, 1964 and was blessed with two sons. Paul Todd Bradley and David Thomas Bradley.

Wilbert received a license to preach in 1958 and was ordained a deacon in 1963 as he began probationary membership in the New York Conference. He was ordained an elder of the church and became a full member of the New York Conference in 1965.

He was appointed to the following United Methodist Churches:

Napanoch and Ulster Heights, 1964 to 1967. Hauppauge 1967, for ten years. During Rev. Bradley's appointment to the Ossining Church he successfully merged two churches: Highland Avenue and Ossining Heights creating the Ossining United Methodist Church which he served from 1977 to 1983. Rev. Bradley's last appointment was to Albertson: Searing-Roslyn, where he was the pastor from 1983 until his retirement in June 2011.

While residing in Albertson and serving as pastor of the Searing-Roslyn Church, Rev. Bradley was proud and honored to hold positions such as:

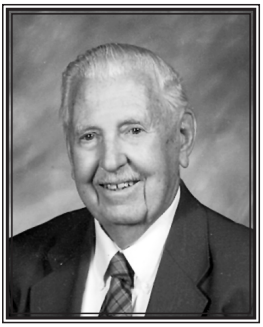
- Chaplain and Honorary Member of the Albertson H & L, E & H, Co. # 1 and was affectionately known as Will or Bert
- Chaplain to The Nassau County Fireman's Association
- Nassau County Fire Chief's Council
- Southern New York Fireman's Association, The North Shore Fire Council where he was known as "The Rev."
- 8th Battalion Past Chiefs
- Executive Council of Fire Districts
- Past Chaplain of F.A.S.N.Y.
- Ossining Fire Department
- Masonic Club

Rev. Bradley's best friend, Rev. Jack Piper (of Pittsburgh) whom he met 50 years earlier at Wesley Seminary, officiated at his funeral on Christmas Eve. Burial was at the Searing-Roslyn United Methodist Church and Cemetery in Albertson, NY with full fire department honors.

Months later, people still express their sincere sadness at the sudden passing of Rev. Bradley. He was an"unsung disciple." Such expressions were made known verbally and through donations in his memory to his beloved Searing-Roslyn United Methodist Church, the New York Firefighters Burn Center and by "a ring of three trees" that were planted in his memory in Israel, where he once traveled.

Rev. Bradley is survived by his sister Barbara, twin brother Warren, as well as his son David, daughter-in-law Beth, his granddaughter Taylor and his grandson Dylan Thomas. (Rev. Bradley was not only Taylor and Dylan's grandfather, he was their "Gpa," a very unique and special name that he loved to be called that was coined just for him). Rev. Bradley was predeceased by his son Paul Todd Bradley in 2010.

Submitted by David, Beth, Taylor and Dylan Bradley



Reverend Francis W. Carlson

March 7, 1917 – November 17, 2012

Francis W. Carlson, son of John and Hannah (Peterson) Carlson, was born in Windsor Locks, CT, on March 7, 1917. The fourth of seven children, he spent his early years on his family's farm and attended public schools in the Windsor area. After graduating from Windsor High School in 1935 he secured employment at the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company where he worked for the next seven years. During this time he became active in the various ministries at the Windsor Methodist Church, and began to feel a calling into the ministry. With encouragement from several friends he pursued this calling, and as a result enrolled in Gordon College in Massachusetts in the fall of 1942. He eventually transferred to Boston University where a full scholarship allowed him to pursue his dream of becoming a minister. The culmination of his collegiate experience was graduating magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from BU in 1945. He then entered Boston University School of Theology.

While in seminary, he met his future wife, Dorothy Fowler, who was pursuing a degree in physical therapy at BU. After they both graduated, they married on June 11, 1949, in Brookline, MA. The newlyweds then set sail for Scotland where Rev. Carlson spent the following year pursuing his theological studies at the University of Edinburgh. Adventurous trips to many European cities made it an exciting first year of married life.

A license to preach was granted to Francis through the New York East Conference in 1941. He was ordained a deacon and probationary member in 1949, and received elder's orders in the conference in 1951.

Upon their return to the United States in 1950, Rev. Carlson was appointed to his first pastorate, St. Andrew's in New Haven, CT. A year later his appointment also included Park Church.

In 1956 he was appointed to Watertown, CT. It was during his years in Watertown that he and Dorothy built a home on Bantam Lake that would henceforth lovingly be referred to as "the cottage." Many happy years with friends and family would be spent at this home built by Rev. Carlson himself.

In 1962 he became the pastor of First Methodist Church in Hartford, CT, where he spent the next 12 years preaching, nurturing and ministering to his congregation. Ecumenical work was near and dear to his heart, and his outreach extended into the community.

In 1974 Rev. Carlson was appointed to St. Paul's in Middletown, NY, where he served the last 11 years of his full-time ministry.

Retirement came in 1985, and the Carlsons moved permanently to their beloved "cottage" in Connecticut.

Retirement did not last long, however, as he was hired by the Waterbury Church as associate pastor. He received great joy serving in this capacity because it allowed him to continue to do what he loved – visiting and caring for members and those in need.

The year 1999 brought two special events to the Carlson family: Rev. Carlson celebrated his 50th year in the ministry with a gala reception; then he and Dorothy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 11, 1999.

Sadly, a short time later, Dorothy became ill. She passed away on August 16, 1999.

The last years of Rev. Carlson's life were spent traveling and visiting with his three children, Douglas Carlson, Robert Carlson and Barbara Carlson Dunlap and their families including his four grandchildren; his sister, Dorothy Carlson of Windsor, CT, and his many friends and relatives. He truly enjoyed going back to the churches he served as pastor and visiting with those who had meant so much to him throughout his life.

His final two-and-a-half years were spent at Middlewoods Assisted Living Center in Newington, CT, a place he affectionately came to call "home."

Rev. Carlson passed away on November 17, 2012. A beautiful service was held at the Waterbury Church on November 24, 2012, with Rev. Robert A. Knebel officiating.

Throughout his life Rev. Carlson had a profound impact on the churches and people he served. He was known to have a kind and gentle spirit, and he exemplified Christ in all aspects of his life. He was truly loved and will be greatly missed.

Submitted by Barbara Carlson Dunlap

Reverend Poong Ro Cha

May 11, 1930 – March 27, 2013

Rev. Cha passed away peacefully on March 27, 2013 in Morristown, NJ after having faithfully served God as an ordained minister for 55 years.

Poong Ro was born on May 11, 1930 in Sin Chang near Pyong Yang, North Korea to Jae Young Cha and Sung Sook Kim as an only child. His mom was a devoted Christian who earnestly prayed to God that she would dedicate her son to God's ministry. He

attended Kum Kang Elementary School in Harbin, China where his family migrated during the Japanese occupation of Korea. After the liberation of Korea in 1945, he returned home and completed his middle- and high-school education in Pyong Yang. He was a member of youth group at Jang Dae Hyun Church. The youth group met secretively due to the oppression of Christian-faith activities imposed by the North Korean communist regime. Poong Ro made a commitment to serve the Lord as a pastor at one of the youth group meetings. He went on to attend the Sung Hwa Theological Seminary, but his education was discontinued as the North Korean communist regime shut down the seminary just before the outbreak of the Korean War. Poong Ro escaped to South Korea as a refugee during the war and completed his education at the Methodist Theological Seminary. During this time, he joined the barbershop quartet that performed at evangelical meetings and broadcast programs on the radio. Poong Ro married Soonae during his senior year at the seminary and served as a chaplain in the South Korean Army (1956-1959).

He earned a masters of religious education from Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL in 1966 and doctor of ministry from Claremont Theological Seminary in Claremont, CA in 1979. He studied ecumenics in Switzerland and group dynamics at Salisbury Theological College, England in 1970. He also studied human relationship at Rikkyo University, Japan in 1971.

Rev. Cha was ordained an elder in 1956 and was received into full membership of the Korean Methodist Church. Throughout his calling, he served as a director of the Methodist Youth Fellowship in Wonju, South Korea (1960-1966), and professor at the Methodist Theological Seminary in Seoul, Korea (1966-1981). In 1981 Rev. Cha was received as a full member of the New York Conference and was appointed to the Mid-Hudson Korean United Methodist Church in Poughkeepsie, NY (1981-1987). His next ministry was as Mission Superintendent, Eastern Seaboard Korean Provisional Mission (NEJ) (1987-1995). He retired in 2000 following a disability leave (1995-2000), but served as a retired pastor on staff of the Bethany Church in Wayne, NJ (2000-2008).

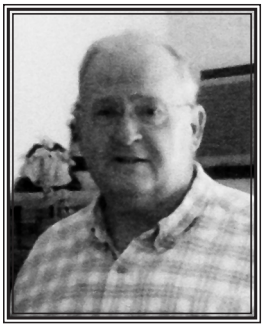
Rev. Cha cared for his students with constant encouragement while he was teaching at the Methodist Theological Seminary. He served the congregation with dedication and outpouring love at the Mid-Hudson Korean UMC. He loved praising the Lord through singing duets with his wife, Soonae, in addition to joining a quartet and a choir. Even after he was partially incapacitated by a stroke and physically challenged by cancer, he continued to serve the Lord with an unyielding spirit of faithfulness by leading the bible studies and caring for others.

He is survived by Soonae Cha, his loving wife of 58 years and by four children, Bruce of Cheshire, CT; Yong Kwon of Seoul, Korea; Dennis of Naperville, IL, and Helen of Morristown, NJ. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, Christine, David, Stephen, Ashley, Jennifer, Christopher and Michael.

A service of death and resurrection was held on April 1, 2013 at Bethany Church in Wayne, NJ with Rev. Paul Dong-Chan Chang officiating and Bishop Hee-Soo Jung preaching. The eulogy was delivered by Rev. Yonki Kim and the benediction was offered by Rev. Sang Mo Kim. A funeral service was held on April 2, 2013 at the Bethany Church with Bishop Jeremiah J. Park preaching and Rev. Yong Wook Kim as the eulogist. The committal service was held at the Westwood Cemetery in Westwood, NJ.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."
— 2 Timothy 4:7

Submitted by his loving family



Reverend Charles W. Cheeseman

July 8, 1941 – December 16, 2012

Charles William Cheeseman was born on July 8, 1941 in Brooklyn, NY. He was the second of three children to Walter Colin Cheeseman, Sr. and Charlotte Elberta Cheeseman (Scott). He is survived by his wife Patricia Cheeseman and his two brothers, Walter and Robert Cheeseman. Charles and Patricia were married August 10, 2001 on Long Island, NY. Also surviving him are five children: Robin Bianculli, Chuck Cheeseman, Pauline Thalmann, Andrew Cheeseman and Michael Ippolito, as well as eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Charles graduated from Island Trees High School in 1959. During his years in school he was an accomplished athlete, playing basketball and soccer. He was on both the junior and varsity soccer teams, and was a member of the track team in high school. He was a certified lifeguard, swimmer, bicyclist (American Wheelmen), roller skater and ice skater. He was also becoming a gifted artist and received recognition for his painting.

He attended Suffolk Community College, Farmingdale College and held a master of fine arts degree. Charles was a gifted artist who painted in several mediums, but he truly loved painting in watercolor. Over the years he won numerous awards for his paintings. He was also an accomplished guitar player and played in a band beginning in high school. He and his brother Walter played many gigs together. Charles also taught watercolor and guitar and wrote a number of songs. In his later years he enjoyed getting together with his brother Walter and playing guitar.

He had a wonderful sense of humor and you could always count on him for a joke. When people were around him you always saw smiles and heard laughter and they always came away feeling better about themselves and others.

In his later years he enjoyed spending time with his granddaughters, Kaitlyn and Meghan, who adored him and lovingly called him Poppy Chuck. He would spend time painting with them and because of this they developed a love of art. He would make up songs for them which they loved to sing together.

He worked at quite a few jobs including operating heavy machinery until his call to the ministry and his doctor referred to him as a true "Renaissance Man."

Charles graduated from Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC. He received a local preacher's license in 1979 and was ordained a deacon and became an associate member of the New York Conference in 1985. Rev. Cheeseman was appointed to serve the West Sullivan Parish in 1981: White Sulphur Springs; Harris and Jeffersonville (NY); Islip (NY) in 1985; and Coram (NY) in 1991. While serving in upstate New York, he hosted a weekly radio program. Charles went on disability leave in 2000 and retired on July 1, 2007.

Charles was always looking for ways to help people who were less fortunate than he. He was always there to lend a helping hand no matter the situation and he put his needs last and never complained. He always saw the good in people and did whatever needed to be done to help them.

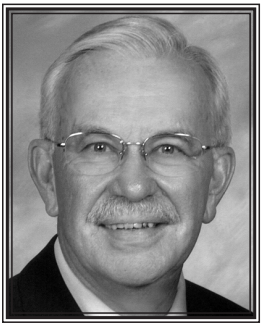
Charles was appointed an honorary colonel in the Air Division, Texas State Guard on November 1, 2009 in Austin, TX by his brother General Robert Cheeseman of New Braunfels, TX. He was very proud of this appointment.

Of all the things mentioned above, none were more important to him than his family and his love of God and his church.

Charles passed away on December 16, 2012 after a two-year battle with cancer. When he was diagnosed, the doctors said he had very little time, but Charles had such a strong belief in God, never doubted his faith and refused to give in to his illness. His faith and his love of God gave him the strength to fight his illness for two years.

Charles was cremated and a service was held for him at the Setauket United Methodist Church in Setauket, Long Island; the Reverend Sandra Mantz, pastor, officiated. Charles touched so many lives during his time there as was evidenced at his service by the number of people who stood up to speak about him and the standing-room-only crowd in the church.

Submitted by Patricia Cheeseman and Walter Cheeseman



Mr. Ralph Bromley Eddy

October 11, 1941 – October 29, 2012

Ralph Bromley Eddy of Greenville passed away on Monday, October 29, 2012 following a heart attack at the age of 71. Born on October 11, 1941, in Hammond, IN, he was the son of the late Ralph Victor Eddy and the late Marguerite Brumley Eddy Holbrook, and the step-son of the late Henry Lee Holbrook, all of Indiana.

He was the devoted husband of Sandra Lumb Eddy, the beloved father of Erik Ralph and Margery Eddy of Glenmont and Elizabeth Anne Eddy and Michael Smith of Richland Hills, TX, and grandfather of Jackson Sayers Eddy, Gabriel Bromley Smith and Nathaniel Carman Smith. He is also survived by a sister, Lynne Joanne Eddy George (Barry); niece, Jennifer George; nephew, Brian George; and an aunt and cousins in Indiana.

A graduate of Wabash College in Indiana and the Indiana University School of Law, Ralph served in the Office of Special Investigations, United States Air Force at Griffiss Air Force Base, Rome, NY. Upon release from the Air Force, Ralph was an appeals examiner at the Civil Service Commission and senior trial attorney and head of the Complaints Examining Unit of the Office of the Special Counsel in Washington, DC. Following retirement, he was a member of the Potomac Mediation Group in Maryland and was a mediator for the United States Postal Service. He always said, however, that his family was his most important job, and he demonstrated his commitment to his family and friends in countless ways, always offering love, kindness, generosity, and support.

In 2002 Ralph retired to Greenville, NY. There he became an active member of the Greenville-Norton Hill United Methodist Church, serving on many committees and singing in the choir. At his death Ralph was serving as the church lay leader. He was also a certified lay speaker, a Catskill Hudson District lay leader, lay member of the New York Conference and served on the Conference Board of Laity.

One of the great joys of Ralph's life was singing. He was a former member of the Catskill Glee Club and a current member of the Mendelssohn Club. A highlight of his singing career was performing in a massed chorus at Proctor's Theater with son Erik and grandson Jackson. He also was a lover of books and language and especially enjoyed a good play-on-words, even at his own expense.

Submitted by Rev. Robert T. Milson

Ms. Lucretia Winifred Fernandez

November 17, 1928 - August 3, 2012

Lucretia Winifred was born on, November 17, 1928, in St. Augustine, Florida, to the late Will Jennings and Ruby Copeland Jennings Blake. In the early 1930's, the family moved to New York City, where she grew up in Harlem and attended the New York City public schools.

Lucy as she was fondly known and called, worked at the New York City Department of Motor Vehicles, where she met Frederick Carpenter Fernandez. They were married on July 4, 1953. Lucretia, worked for the Department of Education, District #3 for many years, until her retirement in September 1994.

Lucretia was reared in the Salem United Methodist Church, where she served in many ministries. She was a faithful member of The Faith Club (class #17), the children's choir, soprano soloist of the Chancel Choir, librarian of the Sanctuary Choir, a member of the United Methodist Women, serving as president for a number of years. Through Salem's ministries Lucy was a dedicated volunteer of the senior program, Hunger Relief and Food Pantry Ministry. In addition, she was a member of the United Negro College Fund Choir, The Voices of Ebony Choral, The Women's Day Chorus, and shared her voice with various churches in the community. Whenever one needed help or assistance, Lucretia was there for everyone.

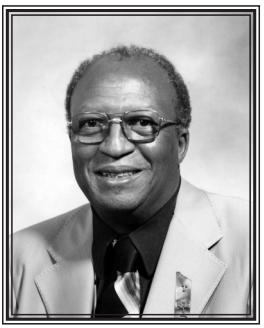
Through the Metropolitan District, Lucy became a certified lay servant (formerly known as lay speaker). Salem Church elected her to serve as a lay member of the New York Annual Conference.

Lucretia was described as a proud, humorous, caring, vibrant, strong, valiant and energetic woman. She had a sweet tooth, and loved cakes, pies, ice cream, you name it. She was a selfless, hardworking person, and helpful to anyone. Lucretia, truly loved her Lord and Savior.

On August 3, 2012, Lucretia Winifred Fernandez departed this life, and moved on to be with her heavenly Father. She left to cherish her legacy, her daughter, Patricia Harris and her husband, Kevin; son, Laurence Fernandez and his wife, Renee; two grandsons: Steven and Kristopher, many cousins, relatives, a host of adopted families, and a treasure chest of friends.

A fulfilled life is measured not by its length, but by dedication and service to others. By this measure, Lucretia W. Fernandez, will be remembered as a woman of God, who dedicated her life to her family, friends, church and community.

Submitted by M. F. Harris, daughter



Reverend Seaborn Benjamin Gay

October 26, 1925 – December 7, 2012

Reverend Seaborn Benjamin Gay was born on October 26, 1925 in Ellaville, GA to the late Annie Amelia Gay. He was educated in the Ellaville, GA school system and graduated from the Ellaville Colored High School. He served in the United States Air Force as a chaplain.

Rev. Gay attended and graduated from Teacher's School in the State of Georgia where he received his teacher's certificate; Morris Brown College, Atlanta, GA; student at Wayne University, Detroit, MI; Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, GA and Drew University, Madison, NJ (S.T.M.).

Seaborn Gay's response to a call began in the African Methodist Episcopal Church when he was granted a license to preach in 1944; ordained deacon and on probation (1946) until he received elder's orders 1948. In 1971 Rev. Gay was appointed to the United Methodist Church of South Ozone Park, NY and became a full member of the New York Conference in 1973. His next appointment was to Ossining: St. Matthew's (1978), followed by service as the minister of visitation at Bronx: Willis Avenue (1985). The following year he moved on to St. Luke's Church in New Rochelle, NY, and retired there in 1993. In retirement, he served as an associate pastor at the Port Chester Church (1996-1999). His members praised him often for his gentle caring nature and his Godly Spirit.

Before being called into the ministry he worked as a library assistant and high school teacher.

Rev. Seaborn B. Gay always cared about other people and it showed by being involved in community activities. He was treasurer of Ossining Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.; Interreligious Counsel of New Rochelle Board of Directors; Phelps Memorial Hospital chaplaincy volunteer and hospice consultant; served as a founder member Pastoral Care Committee; and the Trinity Saint Paul Episcopal HIV/AIDS Community Board and served on the Mayor-Clergy Counsel.

His affiliations are: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and Sublime Prince (32°) AFAM Scottish Rite.

Rev. Gay was truly a man of God. He was frequently asked to interpret passages in the Bible. Family and friends enjoyed hearing him speak because of his calm and soothing voice. People that knew him and the ones who met him would say, "He is truly a man of God because he not only spoke in a Godly way but always made you feel so comfortable." Rev. Gay was loved and respected by all who knew him. He had a wonderful sense of humor.

Reverend Seaborn Benjamin Gay passed away on December 7, 2012, in Atlanta GA. He was cremated and his interment was on December 13, 2012 at Georgia National Cemetery, 2025 Mount Carmel Church Lane, Canton, GA 30114.

> I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge shall give me at that day. — II Timothy 4:7-8

Submitted by his loving family

Reverend Ruby Elinor Hare

January 8, 1928 – July 25, 2012

Ruby Elinor was born January 8, 1928 in Jamestown, NY to Melvin and Ruby Wheelock Bloomquist. She was called by many titles, Rev., Rev. Dr., Pastor Elinor, Ruby, Elinor, mom and grandma.

In 1945 she graduated from Falconer High School; Jamestown Community College in 1969 with an associates of arts degree; SUNY Fredonia in 1975, with bachelor of arts; Union Theological Seminary, NYC in 1977 with masters of divinity; John Jay College, NYC in 1980 with masters of criminal justice, and Drew University, Madison, N.J. in 1995 with a doctorate of ministry. In 1973 Elinor became a probationary member of the Western New York Conference, was ordained a deacon with full membership in 1975 and received elder's orders in 1978. She transferred to the New York Conference as a full member in 1987, where she retired in 2012.

Her work history was just as varied as her education. She owned and operated Elinor's Beauty Shop in Lakewood, NY for 20 years. She served United Methodist churches throughout her years of ministry, including Buffalo: First, Buffalo, NY (1977-1987); Brooklyn: Hanson Place Central (1987-1990) and Bethany as interim pastor for 6 six months in 1991, both in Brooklyn, NY; Manhattan: St. Mark's as associate pastor (1991-1994); and moved back to Lakewood, NY in 1999, she served Lakewood UMC, Lakewood, NY (2005-2010).

In 1983 she founded the Women's Advocate Ministry, Inc., working with the female inmates at Riker's Island Jail, NYC. She enjoyed music and singing. She formed and sang with the Good News Singers I and II, and the Parables, accompanying the group on her guitar.

Elinor was married December 25, 1945 to Vincent Hare. They were divorced in 1954. She never remarried.

She is survived by a daughter, Kathleen Parker; a daughter and son-in-law, Colleen and Don Robert Stiles; ten grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Her son Millard Hare predeceased her.

Elinor's earthly pilgrimage ended on July 25, 2012, 24 days following her retirement, at her home in Jamestown, NY. A service of death and resurrection was held at the Lakewood UMC, Lakewood, NY on July 29, 2021. The Rev. Violet Davidson conducted the service,with robed local clergy in procession. The committal service was held at the Levant Cemetery, Levant, NY where Ruby was laid to rest next to her mother, father and brother Walter.

Elinor was saved at a tent meeting revival service in Jamestown, NY, at the age of 26. Newly divorced, and ravaged from an abusive marriage to an alcoholic, she knew she could not go on filled with the anger and bitterness that drove her. After she accepted Jesus as her Savior, she began attending Calvary Assembly of God Church in Jamestown, NY until 1960. She then began attending Kidder Evangelical United Brethren Church, Jamestown, NY until her move to New York City.

In the early years of her conversion, she experienced a call to ministry. Her desire was to immediately fulfill that call. After praying and waiting on the Lord, she knew

she had to continue her work in the beauty shop until such time as her children were grown and left home. She began preparing for ministry by serving in the local church, teaching Sunday school, leading youth activities, visiting people in nursing homes, singing and speaking in local churches.

Elinor has received awards for Woman of the Year and Woman of Distinction, NY State. She was recognized in several capacities for her work with the women in jail.

Elinor retired from the pastorate in 2010. She continued her work with the women in jail, driving to Mayville, NY once or twice a week to conduct Bible studies and do one-on-one counseling with the women incarcerated there. She continued that work until just a few short weeks before her death. This was where her heart was…with the broken, the lost, the poor, the weak and the outcast.

Submitted by Kathleen Parker, daughter

Reverend Dolores Helena Johnson Henderson

November 16, 1935 – May 17, 2013

Dolores Helena Johnson was born November 16, 1935 in Elizabeth, NJ to Viola Helena Davis Johnson and Rev. Henry Wise Johnson. The youngest of their eight children, she grew up in Roselle, NJ and graduated from Abraham Clark High School.

Dolores received a full athletic scholarship to Barrd College, New York, NY and began studying the sciences there. Following graduation, she earned a master of science degree in biology from New York University, and then spent several years working in community health and family planning. She also was the first woman to serve as coroner in Union County, NJ. In 1970, she competed on the television game show Jeopardy! and was a five-time champion; she returned to compete in its Tournament of Champions the following year and won again.

Dolores, a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, NY for 26 years, heard and heeded the call of God and joined the ministry. She followed in the footsteps of her Baptist minister father, as well as her grandfather Rev. Joseph Lockwood Davis, uncle Rev. Joseph Norwood Davis and aunt Rev. Mary Davis Hundley, all Methodist Episcopal elders. She earned the master of divinity degree from New York Theological Seminary in 1991. She received deacon's orders and became a probationary member of the New York Conference in 1990. Three years later she was ordained an elder of the church and was received into the conference as a full member.

Rev. Henderson's first appointment was to attend school and served as assistant pastor of Vanderveer Park United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, NY in 1990. Her next appointment was to Trinity United Methodist Church, City Island, NY, where she served for three years (1991-1994). Rev. Henderson then served as the pastor of Freeport United Methodist Church, Freeport, NY from 1994 -1997. Her tenure as superintendent of Metropolitan South District (the first African-American woman appointed as a district superintendent in the New York Annual Conference) began on July 1, 1997 and continued for seven years until she retired in 2006. However, she was called out of retirement to return to Freeport (2006-2009) before being assigned as

pastor of the St. James United Methodist Church, St. James, NY, where she served for four years until her death (2009-2013).

Reverend Henderson was the vice-president of the Black Clergy Caucus of the New York Annual Conference, a life member of the National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, and served on the Executive Committee of The Monday Club which was founded in 1915. The Monday Club allowed United Methodist clergy of the New York metropolitan area to hear distinguished speakers on vital issues in an informal luncheon setting.

Dolores married Maurice A. Henderson on July 4, 1964; her daughter, Mary Theresa Henderson, was born July 1, 1967. After her beloved Mary's passing, Dolores was very proud to be able to raise her granddaughter, Mara.

Following in another family tradition, Dolores was an avid New York Giants fan and a long-time fan of the New York Yankees as well. She had a beautiful alto voice, and sang in the Gospel Choir at Second Baptist Church, Roselle, NJ with her mother. She was often heard singing solos and duets in churches, in the homes of friends and family, and with professional organizations including the Brooklyn Philharmonic. Dolores especially adored the sacred poetry of Isaac Watts and the music of the Psalms.

Rev. Henderson passed away on Friday, May 17, 2013 at the age of 77. She was predeceased by her seven siblings: Frances Johnson, Beulah Johnson, Iva M. Johnson, Mabel Johnson, Henry Raymond Johnson, Thelma Smith and Randolph Johnson.

Dolores is survived by her granddaughter, Mara Helena Rani Watkins; a devoted niece, Viola M. Johnson; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Submitted by Viola M. Johnson

Reverend Lucile Chambers Hill

October 2, 1944 – January 25, 2013

A SERVANT'S HEART

Lucile Chambers Hill was born on October 2, 1944 in Chester, PA to the union of the late William Chambers and Luelvert Chambers. Lucile attended Frederick Douglass JHS and graduated from Chester High School, in Chester, PA. She was a graduate of York College in Queens, NY where she earned a bachelor of science in elementary education. She also earned a masters degree in supervision and administration at St. John's University. She earned a masters of divinity at Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, GA.

Lucile married Ellis R. Hill, Jr. on August 17, 1963. They were married 49 years. Three children were born from this union: Carmen, Kim and Tonya.

Lucile realized the value of a good education early in life. She served as an elementary school educator in the private and public schools in New York City for more than 25 years. She was inspired to pursue a career in the art of dance as she was a creative spirit. Lucile was inspired to launch into the creative arts field which was ultimately sanctioned by God. Thus, the dream she always carried in her heart came true when The Lucile Hill Theatre of Dance Movement was organized in 1973. Lucile believed

that life without goals and dreams is a life not worth living. Her dream was to cultivate, promote, and foster greater knowledge, appreciation, and understanding of the cultural arts and to raise the level of human consciousness, and ethnic solidarity through the dance art form within the community. Lucile was one of the contemporary pioneers to introduce liturgical dance to the African Methodist First Episcopal District including the Allen A.M.E. Church of Jamaica, New York where she formerly served as director of the Liturgical Dance Choir. As an extension of her cultural arts school, she was founder of New Creative Ministries and the Liturgical Dance Institute.

In recognition of her 40 years of community service, the Reverend Hill has received proclamations and citations from the New York State: Senate, Congress, City Council, and Queens Borough president. She was a member of the National Sacred Dance Guild, NAACP, Negro Council of Women, the St. Albans Chamber of Commerce and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Lucile loved the Lord, and accepted the call to ministry to become an ordained minister. She became a provisional member of the New York Conference in 2004 and was appointed to Long Island City: Peoples. In 2007 Rev. Hill was ordained an elder and became a full member of the conference. Her last appointment before going to glory was in 2008 to Bronx: Epworth.

The Reverend Lucile Chambers Hill was a vessel from God who never placed limitations on the ministry to which God called her. Reverend Hill was able to create programs, activities and resources to reflect upon and meet the various needs of a growing community. She provided a nurturing environment and was an integral part of enhancing the spiritual growth and development for many families to reach their fullest potential. She was an inspiration. Rev. Hill's efforts to expand the minds and transform the hearts of the young people has contributed greatly to providing avenues where they can dream beyond their immediate surroundings and make their own visions become a positive reality.

Her gentle and kind nature was often sought out by family and friends during times of stress and strife, when they needed wise counsel. She would always have a soft voice, a word of encouragement and a heartfelt prayer to offer during challenging times.

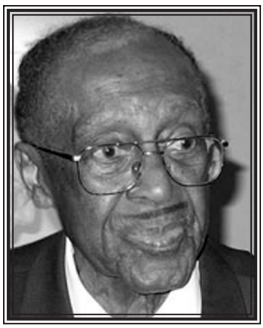
Lucile loved life. She believed that every day was a gift from God and that each day should be celebrated for the things that God brought your way. Not only did she celebrate, worship and praise God through the physical dance, but her heart danced each day by leaps and bounds for the Lord during quiet times of prayer and meditation.

Reverend Hill completed her assignment on earth, departing this life on January 25, 2013. She passed on to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The life she led was full and satisfying. The life she lived was a true testament of God's goodness and grace; His tender loving kindness and His mercies that endure forever.

In honor of her dynamic community contributions, her loved ones were honored to witness the New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg sign the bill for a street named after Reverend Lucile C. Hill. "Lucile C. Hill Way"

His Lord said unto him, well done thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. — Matthew 25:21

Submitted by Kim Hill, daughter



Reverend William Marcus James

June 4, 1915- January 18, 2013

The Reverend Dr. William Marcus James a mentor, friend and spiritual advisor to hundreds of clergy in the New York Annual Conference and across the country died January 18, 2013.

William Marcus James was born in Mississippi on June 4, l915. He was the youngest son born to Mr. and Mrs. Warren James. His education was in the Mississippi school system. In hopes of becoming a physician, he attended Butler University while maintaining his connection to the local church, Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1936 he received his call to the ministry and by 1939 he received two degrees from Butler University. In May 2003, Butler University honored Rev. Dr. William James with a doctor of humane letters degree.

William "Bill" James received his license to preach in the South Indiana Conference in 1936. He was ordained a deacon in the South Indiana Conference in 1938 and was ordained an elder in the New York Conference in 1940. He was appointed to East Calvary – Harlem in 1940. In 1945 he was appointed to Trinity Methodist Church in the Bronx. In several years the church grew to 700 people. Young people flocked to the church and several of them eventually became Methodist ministers or entered professions under Rev. James's mentoring. In 1952 he was appointed to Community Methodist Church in Harlem, and in 1971 the church became Metropolitan Community United Methodist Church. Rev. James served this church for 33 years until "retiring" in 1985. But during his ministry at Metropolitan, Rev. James organized a youth seminar which sent hundreds of youth to colleges and on to different professions. After retiring Rev. James continued his ministry to young people and the Harlem community.

Rev. James served in New York City and Harlem during the Civil Rights Movement, the urban rebellion and the Vietnam War. He led nearly one hundred men and women into the ministry of The United Methodist Church as well as other denominations. His mentoring helped to mold several United Methodist bishops and denominational executives.

Rev. James was a delegate to eight general and jurisdictional conferences, where he was a key leader in the struggle to end the Central Jurisdiction. At the conference level, Rev. James could always be counted on to fight for racial equality and to oppose war. He was a champion of gay and lesbian rights. He served on the board of the United Methodist City Society, a mission agency of the church in the Metropolitan region for 70 years, where he helped shape the church's response to the urban crisis.

Rev. James influence reached beyond the church into the larger society. For 11 years he traveled to Drew University in Madison, NJ to teach ministers about ministering in the urban setting. He was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from Drew. Rev. James wrote over 40 hymns including "Easter People; Raise Your Voices" which is in the United Methodist Hymnal. Bill James was the author of five books which are available on Amazon. He was very involved in politics and knew representatives from Congress and several democratic Presidents. Rev. James was a founder and leader in many programs including HARCAP (Harlem College Assistance Program), Haryou-Act, (a federally funded youth program) and HCCI (Harlem Churches for Community Improvement) which redeveloped entire blocks with new housing. He was the

chairman of the Harlem Urban Development Corporation which oversaw the funding of community improvement programs. Rev. James was the founder of the Ministerial Interfaith Association which he led for over 30 years.

Rev. Dr. William James spent his last years attending Christ Church. A celebration of life service was held on February 23, 2013 at Salem United Methodist Church, clergy and bishops were well represented at the service. The interment was held at Trinity Cemetery, New York. His immediate survivors include his daughter-in-law Jade Sharp James; grandsons Ryan James and Kyle James; great grandchildren Makhi James and Khloe James. Rev. James was predeceased by his wife Juanita James and son Edward James.

"Well done Good and Faithful Servant"

Submitted by his loving Family

Ms. Thelma Elizabeth Fortune Little

December 11, 1927 – February 18, 2013

Thelma Elizabeth was born in Florence, SC in 1927 as the oldest of four siblings (two sets of twins) born to Thelma and Herbert "Punch" Fortune, a store owner and taxi driver respectively. Thelma had a happy childhood and was known for her outgoing nature, her feistiness and her sense of humor. Her father's pet phrase was "Business is Business," (pronounced "Bidness is Bidness") which he would shout to people as a greeting from his cab on a daily basis. People he would pass in the street would shout back the reply "Bidnessman." It was no surprise when Thelma excelled in business education and at age 19, earned her first degree, a bachelor of science in business administration from South Carolina State University in 1947. Thelma left Florence for New York shortly after that and worked for many years as a bookkeeper before earning her second degree — a masters in social work from Fordham University in 1972. Eventually Thelma combined her business acumen with her love of helping people by becoming a social work manager. Thelma also used these skills in her church life.

Thelma was a member of Bethany United Methodist Church, where she served as chair of the following committees: Social Concerns, Pastor-Parish Relations and Finance. She served as lay leader and was a lay member of the annual conference. She was the chair of the Metropolitan South District Council on Ministries and a member of the Superintendency Committee. In addition, Thelma organized leadership training and conducted various church leadership workshops for the district.

Service to the New York Annual Conference included the Council of Ministries as a member of Nurture Committee; coordinator of the annual Black College Fund Luncheon which provided support to the eleven historic Black Colleges related to The United Methodist Church. She coordinated and led black college tours for New York City high school students and continued to do so until her late 70's. She also worked with community groups in organizing Senior Centers.

Thelma Little was a life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. She worked with the audit, finance and fundraising committees of Delta Rho Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha. She was a legacy life member of the National Council of Negro Women, a golden heritage life member of the NAACP, life member of the Brooklyn Chapter of Church Women United. She was listed in *Who's Who in Religion*, *Who's Who of American Women* and has received numerous awards from various groups including the National Council of Negro Women. She was treasurer and board member of the United Methodist City Society, board member of the 196 Albany Avenue Day Care Center and a member of the Kingsboro Alcoholism Treatment Center Community Advisory Board.

Thelma departed this life on February 18, 2013 after a long illness. Her funeral was presided over by Rev. Alpher K. Sylvester at Bethany United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband Van C. Little in 1997. Thelma is greatly missed by her one surviving brother Herbert, her only son, James, her daughter-in-law Richardeanea, as well as Thelma's five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She is buried at Rosedale Cemetery in Linden, New Jersey.

Submitted by James McIntosh

Ms. Rittinella June Marie Pipersburg Pyne

February 15, 1941 – September 2, 2012

Rittinella June Marie, daughter of Reginald and Mabel Pipersburg was born on February 15, 1941 in Belize City, Belize, Central America. She was the youngest of five children. She attended Wesley Methodist Primary School in Belize City. She attended Wesley Methodist Church, where her Christian walk began.

She married Noel Pyne and migrated to the United States in 1961 with their son, Aston. She later had two daughters, Pauline and Ericka. Ritti or Pyne, as she was fondly called, lived in the Bronx, where she raised her children for 51 years.

Ritti worked at Sears and Roebuck in the early 70's. She later worked at the YMCA Metro Office as a supervisor in the accounting department. She became a citizen of the United States in 1982 and aspired to continue her education, as she did not attend college in Belize. She attended the Borough of Manhattan Community College while working at the YMCA. In 1985, she earned her an associate in applied science degree in computer operation. Ritti also attended Lehman College and studied office organization & management. Her final years of employment were at Kenyon & Kenyon, LLC a patent and trademark law firm, as a paralegal assistant.

Ritti became a member of Tremont United Methodist Church in 1974. She served on many ministries and committees within and outside the church. Ritti served on practically every committee or board in Tremont over the years. Upon her death, she was serving actively as Tremont's lay leader and was a certified lay speaker for many years. She was on the board of Tremont's After School/Summer Day Camp Programs; Evangelism and Anniversary Committees; and was vice president of the Seniors

Group. She also sang with the Chancel Choir. She was a long-time member of Tremont United Methodist Women and served as president for 12 consecutive years up to 2003.

She worked many years with the Metropolitan District: District Council on Ministries; served as Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator from 2002 to 2006; was a member of the Metropolitan District Lay Speakers Ministry and Metropolitan UMW Committee on Nominations.

Ritti served as a Metropolitan district representative to NYAC School of Christian Mission from 2004 until 2011 when she resigned due to health reasons. She was also a lay member of the New York Annual Conference for many years.

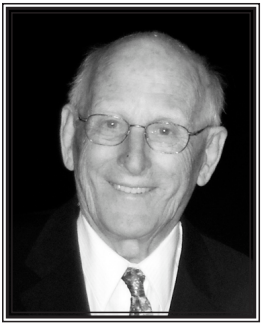
Ritti worked tirelessly in the Tremont community. She was a long-time member of the board of directors of the Tremont Monterey Day Care and the Tremont Senior Citizen Center (now known as the Thomas A. Guess Senior Center).

She was a gifted self-taught seamstress and enjoyed sewing, cooking, singing, gospel music, dancing and traveling.

Ritti had a long battle with a congenital heart condition and heart disease, but you would never know it. She was passionate and energetic in her praise of God, as she continually grew in the Word and evangelized others. She ministered to children, the sick, and anyone in her presence. She even taught Bible classes at the Senior Center. Rittinella was known as a true "Child of God."

She is survived by her son Aston and wife Dawn, and daughters Pauline and Ericka; grandsons Marcus and Brandon and adopted grandson Wayne. Also surviving are her sisters and brother, Lola Pipersburg, Llna Acosta, Lucille Sanchez, sister-in-law Jean Coleman, only brother Keith Pipersburg and wife Beryl; godchildren Jasmine, Mercedes, Ricky and Kathleen and a host of other relatives.

Submitted by the Pyne Family



Reverend Frederick D. Savage

November 30, 1920 – February 5, 2013

Fred was the youngest son of Frederick V. and Laura M. Savage. He was born in Peabody, MA where he grew up with his three sisters and one brother. After graduating from high school he attended Eastern Nazarene College where he earned an artium baccalaureatus (A.B.) degree in 1946. It was there he met Isabelle Gardener. They were married on May 25, 1943. He served two Nazarene churches, one in Phillipsburg, PA and another in Columbus, OH.

Rev. Savage felt the call to enter the mission field and went to the Far East with the Oriental Missionary Society from 1947-1952. He began as a missionary in China but had to leave because of the communist revolution. He finished his work in Japan. He and Isabelle had two children, Linda and Arthur, both born in Japan.

After returning from Japan he traveled extensively for several years lecturing about the Far East mission work. He then returned to seminary at Colgate Rochester Divinity School, completed his masters of divinity degree and was ordained in the Methodist

Church. He received his deacon's orders and became a probationary member of the Western New York Conference in 1955. As a seminarian, his first appointment was part-time at Macedon Center and South Perinton, NY (1955-1957). Rev. Savage was ordained an elder, became a full member of the WNYAC and was appointed full-time at West Webster, NY (1957-1961). After completing his appointment in West Webster, Fred and his family went on a great adventure into the mission field of Alaska between1961 and 1966 where he served a Methodist church in Fairbanks. After Alaska Fred served churches at Rochester: Grace as an associate pastor (1966-1967); Wilson (1967-1970); Penfield (1970-1979); and Bayport, NY, upon transferring his membership to the New York Conference on October 15, 1979. He retired from Bayport in 1983 and moved to Bonita Springs, FL spending his summers at Alton Bay, NH. Isabelle died in August of 1984.

Fred loved to travel and traveled all over the USA and Canada. He also traveled extensively in Europe and served for a year in England through a pastoral exchange program. He loved to fish, hunt, hike, climb, boat, explore national parks, work with his hands and spend time with his family and friends. He was married to Anne Sheriff in 1985. They had ten wonderful years together before she became very ill with Alzheimer's disease. Fred and Anne lived in Florida and then briefly in Colorado. After her death in 2004, Fred returned to Rochester, NY and the Penfield UMC where he was recognized as pastor emeritus. He continued teaching Bible studies and doing one-on-one counseling along with his ministry team in the Rochester area.

He had a passion for Jesus Christ, for the Scriptures, for preaching and teaching and doing ministry particularly for inner healing, deliverance and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Through his unique ministry many people in and outside The United Methodist Church were saved, healed, delivered and became devoted disciples of Jesus Christ. In the last years of his life he struggled with many health issues but he still shared his faith and ministered to the people around him in the hospital and nursing homes. His children Linda Weber and Arthur and Laura Savage, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren greatly miss him.

Submitted by Pastor Arthur Savage

Ms. Chiquita Gloria Smith

October 13, 1923 – April 1, 2013

Chiquita Gloria was the second of ten children born to Richard and Elsie James in Philadelphia, PA on October 13, 1923. The James household was alive with love and political consciousness. Chiquita played the violin and since there was a piano in the home there was always music and dancing.

The love of the outdoors drew her to the Campfire Girls of America as a teenager, then as a young woman she escalated in rank and became the first African American chapter leader and started the first African American chapter of the organization in Pennsylvania.

Chiquita established an African American female horseback riding club, the only one in Philadelphia. Her love of horseback riding and a social cause were the highlights of her life.

A concerned citizen and activist she joined the Signal Corp during World War II doing her part for the war effort. Her vivacious personality and winning smile made her the favorite of her brother-in-law, Roger, serving in the military. He submitted Chiquita's picture in a contest, she was voted pin-up girl for his company overseas. This led to many proposals and boxes of homemade cookies for our troops.

Her love of travel took her to New York where she married William Smith. This marriage produced a daughter Greer and Brooklyn was their home. Always active in The United Methodist Church, Chiquita joined Janes UMC, Brooklyn NY in 1952, under the leadership of her childhood friend, Rev. Grant S. Shockley. As a member of Janes, she served as chairperson of the Commission on Religion and Race and was a member of the Finance Committee, Pastor/Parish Relations Committee and the United Methodist Women. Most recently she established the Golden Circle for members of the church of 50 years or more.

The 1970's had Chiquita on the forefront working and organizing on behalf of women and families. A member of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 205 of District Council 1707, she assisted in developing resource materials for the sponsoring boards of the Day Care Council of New York. She was a member of the National Committee on Pay Equity International Union ASFCME and a member of the board of directors of the Agency for Child Development until 2006.

In the 1980's Chiquita Smith became a staff member of the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church serving as executive secretary in the section of Christian Relations for Community Action. She created the important Campaign for Children that was utilized by The United Methodist Church nationally. She was also a member of the Committee on Policy of the Women's Division, the National Division Women in Crisis, Interfaith Center of Corporate Responsibility Domestic Equality Program, National Council of Churches Justice for Working Women Group, and the Commission on the Status and Role of Women. Chiquita was very active in helping to organize the National Farm Workers, and helping the Wood Cutters of Mississippi get their first union contracts. She was active in the union boycotts of Nestle infant formula, Campbell soup, and in Caesar Chavez's grape boycott. Her work at the Women's Division took her around the globe, including taking sewing machines to Zimbabwe and sitting on domestic violence panels in Venice, Italy.

She retired from the Women's Division in 1992 and shortly after her retirement she lost her eyesight but not her passion for advocacy. She remained active working with Day Care Council of New York City, the Children's Defense Fund, in Washington DC, Global Action on Aging located at the United Nations and the New York Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.

The James children that remain to celebrate her life are Lawrence, William, Dorothea and Patricia. She is held in the heart of her loving and devoted son-in- law Delridge Hunter. On April 1, 2013 Chiquita joined her parents Richard and Elsie, her sisters Ernestine and Acquilla at the Chelton Hills Cemetery in Philadelphia, PA.

Her spirit is free, there is no more pain, she is standing with those who prepared the way for her and she has prepared the way for all of us.

Submitted by Greer Smith, daughter

Reverend Lee Daniel Snyder

June 4, 1933– September 9, 2012

Lee was born on June 4, 1933 in Waterbury, CT but grew up in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY, along with his older sister Jeanne and his younger brother Paul. His father Clermont Snyder was chief metallurgist at Anaconda Wire and Cable, and his mother Ethel was a homemaker.

Lee earned a bachelor of arts degree, summa cum laude from Williams College in 1955, a masters of divinity degree cum laude from Union Theological Seminary in 1961, and a PhD in history from Harvard University in 1966. His honors include Phi Beta Kappa (1954), Valedictorian (1955), Danforth Graduate Fellowship (1955-1963), Fulbright Scholarship (1956-1957) and Hitchcock Prize in Church History (1961), as well as seven awards from the National Endowment for the Humanities for summer study.

In 1961, Lee married Anne Givens in Lafayette, LA, and with his new wife, he struggled with the question of how to best serve God. Lee had a very strong belief that he was called by God for ministry, but was not sure where God wanted him to serve – as a pastor of a local church or as a professor in a college or university. After months of thought and prayer, he came to the realization that his interests, talents and training all pointed toward academia. Consequently, he was granted a license to preach in 1952; received deacon's orders and became a probationary member of the New York Conference (1959). He became an ordained elder in The United Methodist Church in 1961, and was on "special assignment" until his retirement from the ministry in 1997.

Lee's academic career began with appointments at Ithaca College (assistant professor of history 1963-1964) and Ohio Wesleyan University (assistant professor of history 1964-1969). In 1969, he accepted a job on the faculty at New College in Sarasota, FL (assistant professor of history 1969-1971, associate professor of history 1971-1980 and professor of history 1980), where he served until becoming professor emeritus in 2003.

Lee was a dedicated and talented teacher who was known for his breadth of knowledge. He taught multiple courses on the medieval and Renaissance history of Spain, France, Germany and Italy, as well as courses on the Old and New Testaments, early Christianity, the Italian Renaissance, the German Reformation, Dante and Islamic Civilization. Even after retirement, he continued to lecture about Islam around Sarasota, where he was a very popular speaker.

Lee's scholarship and writing include both academic and spiritual topics. His historical learning was consolidated in his book *Macro-History: A Theoretical Approach to Comparative World History*, and he also published a number of articles in academic journals. His reflections on issues of faith are encapsulated in his extensive writings on religious themes, including dozens of Psalms that he wrote near the end of life. In death he leaves two book-length manuscripts unpublished: *Dante's Search for Truth and Love: Creating a Christian Epic* and *Called to Be Priests.*

In 1978, Lee founded the biennial New College Conference on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, which he directed until his retirement. The conference, which continues to this day, "is internationally recognized as one of the preeminent venues for researchers," and, according to the current director, it really "put New College

on the map." Lee was also a long-time member of the International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations and served as its president from 2004-2007.

Throughout his life, Lee served God in many ways. He started a campus ministry at New College that now serves three campuses. He was an active leader at North United Methodist Church (now Crossroads), teaching Sunday school for over thirty years, serving on numerous committees, and assisting with services. His annual Prince of Peace sermon grew out of his strong principled commitment to pacifism.

On September 9, 2012, Lee died from complications related to Alzheimer's at Tidewell Hospice House in Sarasota, FL. A traditional religious funeral service was held on September 15 at Crossroads United Methodist Church in Sarasota. His survivors include Anne, his wife of fifty-one years; his brother, Paul and his wife Jenny of Cary, NC; his daughter, Rebecca Claire Snyder-Hall and her spouse Mikki of Rehoboth Beach, DE; and his son, Timothy Clermont Jeffery Snyder and his wife Lisa of Sarasota, FL. The Lee Snyder Memorial Fund has been set up by New College in his honor.

Submitted by R. Claire Snyder-Hall, daughter

Reverend Edna Grace Soltis

February 21, 1943 – December 17, 2012

Edna Grace was born February 21, 1943 to Michael G. and Edna Clark Soltis. She became the loving older sister to Martha and beloved aunt to her niece and nephew, Carol and Michael. She also adored her eight great-nieces and nephews and knew that each of them returned her love.

From her childhood, Grace had ambitions of teaching. Her career evolved from the education of children to teaching of God's love for humanity through her various ministries.

In 1964, Grace graduated with a bachelor of science from Southern Connecticut State University in early childhood education before later pursuing her masters degree in education. She taught in the Bridgeport, CT public school system for 20 years. The majority of her tenure was spent teaching kindergarten at John Winthrop Elementary School—where her love for children was apparent. She enjoyed watching her students learn and grow and challenged herself to make their first year of school exciting and challenging. Grace was a gifted teacher.

Grace was very active at Summerfield United Methodist Church, where she grew up. She taught Sunday school, sang in the choir and was on every church board or commission at one time or another. She was a delegate from her church to the New York Annual Conference for several years.

After teaching for twenty years, Grace decided to return to school to become a pastor. She graduated from Drew University with a masters in theology in 1987. Grace was ordained a deacon in 1986 and became a probationary member of the New York Conference. She received elder's orders in 1989 along with full membership in the ministry of The United Methodist Church.

Grace's first appointment was to the Cairo, South Cairo and Round Top United Methodist Churches in New York, where she served from 1987 to 1997. She was a beloved pastor and friend to many in her three small congregations.

From New York, Grace moved to the Waterbury United Methodist Church in Waterbury CT (1997-2000), and served until she went on medical disability in 2000. She continued her ministry by leading church services in Shelton, CT as needed, until she retired in 2008. She was respected as a dedicated pastor who led by example while teaching the Word of God.

Retirement was not the end of Grace's ministry, however. She spent her last years in life as a resident of Wesley Heights in Shelton, CT where she led Sunday worship services every week. She arranged the purchase of altar cloths for use in worship services based on the season or holy day. She planned many holiday celebrations and outings for the folks in her area. Her last official action as a clergyperson was to officiate at the marriage of her great niece, Miss Gina Rodriquez to Mr. Steven Martone in 2012.

Grace devoted her life to educating and caring for everyone she met. She touched many lives and was loved by everyone she influenced. A Celebration of Life was held December 21, 2012 in the Wesley Heights Chapel; Rev. James Stinson, chaplain and Rev. Marjorie Nunes, pastor of Summerfield UMC officiated.

Submitted by Martha Morehouse, sister

Reverend Lyman Palmer Taylor

July 10, 1925 – December 12, 2012

Lyman ("Bud") Palmer was born in a parsonage, the son and brother of Methodist ministers. Bud saw music and the church as his first love. At 6 years of age he was captivated by a recording of "The Stranger of Galilee" by George Dibble, a singing evangelist. He literally wore the record out. That song continued to have an impact on his life.

Bud studied violin for nine years, becoming concertmaster of his high school orchestra. He began his college career by studying music at Westminster College in Wilmington, PA; however, having experienced a call to the Christian ministry, he gave up the study of music and violin after the first semester, changing his major to English and graduating with a bachelor of arts degree.

He subsequently attended Drew Theological Seminary. Bud was granted a license to preach in 1945, the following year he became a probationary member of the Erie Conference. In 1947 he was ordained deacon; the following year he received his master of divinity degree, was ordained an elder and received into full membership in the Erie Annual Conference. In that same year, he went to Korea as an Educational Missionary for three years and in Japan for another two years (1951-1953), in the same role. After Rev. Taylor returned to the United States he transferred his conference membership to the New York Conference in 1955.

In Seoul Korea, on June 24, 1950, one day before the Korean War began; he married Marion Bundy (a fellow short-term missionary). Their exciting "Escape Honeymoon" has been an entertaining, shared experience for many of their closest friends. Upon

their return to the United States, he joined the New York Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church in 1955, where he served eight parishes before his retirement.

During the time of his pastoral ministry, Bud served as senior pastor in Tannersville, Haines Falls and East Kill Valley (1955-1957); LaGrangeville (1957-1960); Philmont (1960-1964); Downsville (1964-1970); Greenville and Norton Hill (1970-1973); and for seven years Greenville-Norton Hill and Lamb's Corners (1973-1980), all of which were in the Catskills. He also served as senior pastor in Islip on Long Island (1980-1981); Winsted, CT (1981-1987); and finally returned to the Catskills at East Branch, NY and Harvard (1987) until he retired in 1990. As a "retired" pastor he served the First United Methodist Church of Stamford, CT as the associate pastor, minister of visitation for nine years.

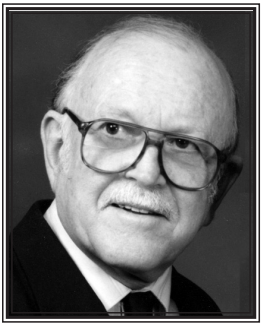
In 1973 Bud acquired his first autoharp, which changed his life. People who were ill or home bound became a regular part of his ministry. In 1974 Bud began composing music. He wrote more than 200 pieces of music including a Christmas cantata "Our Lord's Coming" and a musical passion play "Our Lord's Passion."

The bulk of his compositions were hymns. In 1983 he published "A New Wesley Hymnbook" containing 30 new tunes to Charles Wesley hymns and poems, most of which had never been set to music. In 1997, construction began on a new Assisted Living Facility at the United Methodist Homes, in Shelton, CT. This new addition was named Crosby Commons, after the prolific hymn writer, Fanny Crosby. For Bud, this kindled an interest in Fanny's hymns, particularly the words that had never been set to music. He composed music to accompany 21 of Fanny's unsung hymns resulting in the year 2000's publication of "A New Fanny Crosby Hymn Book."

Bud retired from full-time parish ministry in 1990 and moved with Marian to Wesley Heights, a United Methodist retirement community in Shelton, CT. While there, he and Marian were always active. He served as president of the Resident's Association. Bud Taylor's death occurred on December 12, 2012.

Marian continues as a resident of Wesley Heights. They were blessed with two children: Lawrence, who lives in St. Louis with his wife, Kathleen; daughter, Sandra and her husband Mark, who live in Winsted. Larry's daughter, Jessica (of whom Bud was immensely proud), lives in Washington, DC.

Submitted by Marian Taylor and Rev. Dick Yerrington



Reverend David Perrin VerNooy

June 10, 1929 – December 22, 2012

Rev. David VerNooy middle son of Charles Depew VerNooy and Ruth Perrin VerNooy, passed away at the age of 83 in his home in Beacon, NY on December 22, 2012, after a long struggle with Parkinson's Disease.

David Perrin was born on June 10, 1929 and grew up in Cortland, NY. He became an Eagle Scout and graduated high school with honors in 1947. David earned a scholarship to Hamilton College in Clinton, NY and joined the Emerson Literary Society. He was a band member; on the staff of the newspaper, The Spectator; manager of the soccer team and served on the Chapel Board. He excelled in math

and science, earning both the Edward Huntington Mathematical Scholarship and the Tompkins Prize in Mathematics. Despite his mother's death during finals of his senior year, David graduated with honors in math and physics in 1951.

Although he worked as an insurance company actuary and at the Naval Ordinance Lab, he felt called to the ministry. He attended Drew University, where he earned a masters degree in Theology. Then he accepted a job with Rev. Samuel Truscott as youth minister in Scranton, PA, where he met his future wife, Eleanor (Ellie) Truscott. David and Ellie were married February 5, 1954.

David had four children: Linda VerNooy, whose husband A.M. Noel helped care for David during his long illness; Diane Gallagher, married to Dan; David S. VerNooy, married to Nancy; and Crystal Mayer, married to Frank. He had 10 grandchildren.

David's first steps toward ordained ministry began with a license to preach in the Central NY Conference (1952), followed by probationary membership the following year in the Wyoming Conference, at that time he was appointed to Bethany UMC in Brooklyn. During those "Bethany years" David was ordained deacon in 1954 and elder as a full member in the NY East Conference in 1955. His appointments include Springfield Gardens in Queens (1958-1963), Sheepshead Bay in Brooklyn (1963-1965), Chester Hill in Mt. Vernon (1965-1967), Mount Vernon: First (1967-1968), Seaford (1968-1977), Metropolitan Duane in Manhattan (1977-1986) and Peekskill (1986-1993). Rev. VerNooy retired from the "active" ministry in 1993.

David felt strongly about civil rights. During his tenure at Bethany and Springfield Gardens, he worked towards the integration of the congregations. While at Chester Hill, he helped plan a merger with First Church, a majority African-American church. While at Sheepshead Bay, he traveled with three other ministers to Jackson, MS; they were arrested and held in jail for a week for trying to integrate the Methodist churches. He was also arrested in Brooklyn for picketing an all-white union.

He was active in the New York Conference, serving as chair of the Board of Church and Society, the NY Credit Union, Methodist Federation for Social Action, and Born Free, Stay Free. In the community Rev. VerNooy served on the Nassau County Youth Board.

After retirement, he remained active in the community. While at Christ Church, he was on the finance committee and president of the Methodist Men. He was active in Rotary; served as president, helped organize the Shots for Tots campaign and was given the Paul Harris Fellow Award for service. He taught college-level Bible classes to inmates at the Fishkill Correctional Facility. As short-term missionaries, David and Ellie traveled to Haiti and Guatemala. They worked on several Habitat for Humanity builds, both in the United States and abroad. They traveled to the Caribbean and Europe for vacations.

David had many hobbies. He loved music and played the trumpet, guitar and harmonica. He built his own telescope while taking a course at a museum in New York City, which he used to share his love of astronomy with his family. Both children and grandchildren were treated to views of the night sky using that telescope.

He was devoted to his family and loved doing outdoor activities with his children and his grandchildren. It is with great fondness that his children and grandchildren remember childhood summers spent swimming, singing by the fire, playing volleyball, and canoeing at the family cabin in the Poconos. He was predeceased by one brother, Charles VerNooy, and one grandchild, Ryan VerNooy.

Submitted by Ellie VerNooy

Mr. George William Wright

June 12, 1929 - June 23, 2012

George W. Wright of Lewisburg, PA passed away on June 23, 2012 at the age of 83. He was born June 12, 1929, in Lincoln, IL, a son of the late Joseph A and Bessie Mae (Allen) Wright; he was the youngest of five children. George graduated from Lincoln Community High School in 1948.

A veteran of the Korean War, he served with the US Navy from 1948 - 1952. After this, he entered Bellevue School of Nursing in March of 1953. George graduated in 1956 and continued his schooling by receiving a bachelor of science in education from Hunter College in New York. While working, George received two masters degrees from Columbia University, one in nursing administration and the other in hospital administration.

George was hospital administrator at St. Charles Hospital, Port Jefferson, NY; the Methodist Hospital, Brooklyn NY, and Greenwich Hospital, Greenwich, CT. While employed at Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn, George was board president of Linden Hill United Methodist Cemetery, as well as a founding board member of the United Methodist Mission in Far Rockaway, NY.

In 1963, George married the former Ann C. Hennessy. Together they had three children, Lisa Bernard, Alison Werkmeister and Bill Wright.

George was actively involved in his community of Malverne, NY. He was on the Village of Malverne Tree and Beautification Committee, served as a trustee of the village of Malverne as well as police commissioner. He was also a member of American Legion Post 44. This past spring, the Village of Malverne honored George by planting a tree in his memory.

George was active at church as well and held many positions at St. James United Methodist Church in Lynbrook, NY. His church involvement led him to be very active with the Long Island West District and the New York Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. He held many positions such as associate lay leader of the Long Island West District, Board of Trustees, and Council on Laity.

In 2005 George and his wife Ann moved to Lewisburg, PA where he was active in the Susquehanna Visitors Center, Meals on Wheels, American Red Cross and the Beaver Memorial United Methodist Church.

George enjoyed gardening, cross stitch, garage sales, thrift shops and stamp collecting.

George is survived by his wife of 49 years, Ann Wright as well as three children and their spouses, Lisa and Bill Bernard, of Lewisburg, PA, Alison and Rich Werkmeister, of Sparta, NJ, and Bill and Michelle Wright of Holly Springs, NC; and seven grandchildren, Rich Werkmeister, Zac Werkmeister, Billy Wright, Jake Werkmeister, Shawn Wright, Emily Bernard and Ryan Wright.

A Service of Death and Resurrection was held at the Beaver Memorial United Methodist Church, Lewisburg with his pastors, Rev. Rebecca Foote and Rev. Tim Hogan officiating. Bishop Jane Middleton, a member of the New York Conference and retired bishop of the Susquehanna Conference officiated at the committal service at the Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.

George lived a life that brought joy and happiness to others. At his funeral service, as a tribute to George, seeds were passed out and those present were asked to sow seeds of kindness as George always did. He is forever missed and always in our hearts.

Submitted by Lisa Bernard, daughter

After repeated requests, memoirs were not submitted for the following clergy: George Ellis Gibbs, Alfred C. Thompson, Sharon D. Miller, Paul B. Mengle, Sr., Donald Eugene Goodson, Gerard B. Pollock, Richard Edward Smeltzer and DuBois T. Smith. Memoirs for the forenamed may be included in future Journals of the New York Conference.

B. WORKERS IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

"These all died in Faith" Hebrews 11:13

Listed are those who have passed in the 10 years prior to this Annual Conference; for information on those who have passed before June, 2003 please reference earlier Journals.

1. CLERGY MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE

NAME	ENTERED MINISTRY	EFFEC. YEARS	DATE OF DEATH	AGE	INTERMENT
Louis E. Young	1940	63	July 4, 2003	88	Ashes Scattered Over Family Garden, Center Harbor, NH
Ruthenia Helen Finley	1980	23	August 28, 2003	70	Kensico Cemetery, Valhalla, NY
Laton E. Holmgren	1940	64	January 18, 2004	88	
Joseph William Bell	1936	68	February 2, 2004	90	
C. Wesley Christman, Jr.	1931	73	February 4, 2004	95	Kensico Cemetery, Valhalla, NY
Charles Wesley Lee	1939	65	March 23, 2004	93	
John E. Zampier	1979	25	April 8, 2004	56	
Ian Oakley Reid	1970	34	April 18, 2004	57	Montrepose Cemetery, Rhinebeck, NY
Edward H. Holmes	1945	59	April 27, 2004	85	Lebanon Baptist Cem., Urbanna, VA
Matthew Adams, Jr.	1977	27	May 8, 2004	60	Kensico Cemetery, Valhalla, NY
Richard C. Griffin	1987	17	July 11, 2004	59	St. John's Cemetery, Norwalk, CT
Richard L. Elder	1977	27	July 20, 2004	62	
Martha Kenoyer Lamb	1981	23	September 17, 2004	77	
Sanford C. Stamper	1969	36	October 6, 2004	57	
Edmundo G. Morgado	1936	69	January 2, 2005	96	
Donald John Rooney	1950	55	February 20, 2005	75	Pt. Washington Nassau Knolls Cemetery, Pt. Washington, NY
David V. Samuelson	1965	40	April 19, 2005	94	
H. Burnham Kirkland	1944	61	May 6, 2005	87	
Earl Sanford McCary	1951	54	May 21, 2005	80	
J. Wesley Day	1932	73	June 5, 2005	94	
Barber L. Waters	1948	55	June 19, 2005	81	
Howard Leslie Grant	1964	41	July 6, 2005	83	
Joseph G. Bailey	1947	58	September 9, 2005	81	
Arthur Stephen Marshall	1952	53	December 4, 2005	87	Greenwood Memory Lawn Crematory, Phoenix, AZ
James Joshua Thomas	1968	34	December 19, 2005	87	Fort Lincoln Cemetery, Brentwood, MD
James E. Fitzgerald	1969	37	January 28, 2006	60	
Soon Man Rhim	1964	42	March 4, 2006	79	George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus, NJ
Harry Leon Bryant	1962	44	March 20, 2006	84	
Ralph Bainbridge	1960	46	May 12, 2006	84	
Gerald H. Sargent	1943	63	March 3, 2006	89	Forest Lawn Cemetery, Norfolk, VA
Ivan Jerome Roberts	1983	23	April 5, 2006	69	
Duncan MacKenzie	1954	52	April 8, 2006	81	
John Monroe Vayhinger	1940	66	June 11, 2006	90	Evergreen Cemetery, Colorado Springs, CO
James Jay Benson	1954	52	June 16, 2006	77	
Marion Case Cox	1961	45	July 7, 2006	69	
Robert Amasa Gevert	1930	24	August 26, 2006	86	
Judith A. Mills	1978	28	September 17, 2006	62	
Latimore B. Neale	1943	64	October 7, 2006	89	
Odella Barksdale Williamson	1989	17	October 27, 2006	73	
John Gordon Chamberlain	1933	73	November 29, 2006	93	
Jacob Marco Hunsberger	1938	68	January 30, 2007	91	Williamsport, PA
Kenneth H. Davis	1957	50	February 28, 2007	73	Evergreen Cemetery, Bethel, NY

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James L. White	1953	54	March 6, 2007	76	Dighton, MA
Phillip E. Sanbeck	1968	39	March 12, 2007	84	
Gene Martin Smith	1996	11	May 16, 2007	63	
Arthur Renfro Crowell	1949	58	June 27, 2007	88	National Veterans Cemetery, Liberty, NY
Paul Frederick Abel	1950	57	July 19, 2007	85	Wilmore, KY
George Camilleri	1972	35	July 22, 2007	59	
Arthur Merlin Tingue	1953	54	July 22, 2007	77	Waldoboro, Maine
Nicholas Nappi	1953	54	August 19 2007	79	
Calvin O. Pressley	1962	45	September 21, 2007	69	Martha's Vineyard
Roger Leslie Bauer	1960	47	September 26, 2007	74	
Angel Manuel Arus	1951	56	October 15, 2007	80	Puerto Rico
Jeffrey Alan Glassey	1973	34	November 6, 2007	58	
Arthur Thomas Tedcastle	1973	74	November 10, 2007	100	Riverside Cemetery, North Barnstead, NH
Nathaniel O. Thorpe	2000	7	December 9, 2007	52	
Robert A. Pollard	1944	64	January 12, 2008	85	Union Cemetery, Sayville, NY
Reese E. Griffin	1947	61	July 11, 2008	81	
William A. Robbins	1944	64	October 17, 2008	87	
Clarence S. Bigler	1947	61	November 11, 2008	84	
Robert K. Fell	1947	61	November 19, 2008	86	
Ethelyn Bennett	1991	18	January 6, 2009		
Roger Don Riley	1956	53	February 5, 2009	86	Glen Cemetery, Port Jefferson, OH
Austin Armitstead	1951	58	February 20, 2009	84	
M. Lawrence Snow	1954	55	March 5, 2009	77	
Herbert William Detweiler	1969	40	May 2, 2009	83	
Constance Jackson	1993	16	July 18, 2009	76	Evergreens Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY
John Seongmo Park	1979	30	July 26, 2009	72	
William C. Carroll	1946	61	August 12, 2009	87	
Frederick Craig Clark	1960	49	August 19, 2009	73	
Harold Monroe Jenkins	1951	58	October 23, 2009	85	
Claude R. Welch	1945	64	November 6, 2009	87	
Harold Lee Beaumont	1940	69	December 5, 2009	95	Calvary Episcopal Church Yard
Francis R. Lewis	1949	60	December 7, 2009	90	Arlington National Cemetery, Washington DC
F. Allan Kirton	2004	17	January 30, 2010	69	Port of Spain, Trinidad
Robert Standish Hamilton	1951	49	February 17, 2010	91	Stony Creek Cemetery
Duncan T. Trueman	1957	53	March 8, 2010	85	Warwick Cemetery, Warwick, NY
Evelyn Newman	1975	35	March 9, 2010	83	Sea View Cemetery, NY
Helen Ayer Lombard	1970	40	March 27, 2010	93	
Charlotte Ann Jaroscsak	1987	23	March 30, 2010	78	
Hak Hee Nam	1987	23	June 8, 2010	73	Oceanview Cemetery, Staten Island, NY
Ellen Oliveto	1989	21	June 20, 2010	71	Fairlawn Cemetery, Prattsville, NY
Charles A. Melano	1949	14	July 14, 2010	94	
Jodey R. Williams	2008	2	Jul 24, 2010	60	
Henry Bernard	1991	19	July 26, 2010	76	
Elemit A. Brooks	1952	58	July 29, 2010	86	Calverton National Cemetery, Calverton, NY
Paul Wilson Bowles	1960	50	September 8, 2010	83	Pinelawn Memorial Cemetery
Wallace T. Viets	1943	67	October 6, 2010	90	Grove Street Cemetery, New Haven, CT
Robert A. Traina	1961	49	November 9, 2010	89	Bluegrass Memorial Gardens, Nicholasville, KY
Frank A. Horbert Jr.	1970	40	November 24, 2010	89	
Julian Norris Hartt	1943	68	November 29, 2010	99	
Robert Pearsall	1966	19	January 16, 2011	84	Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL
R. Marston Speight	1963	47	January 19, 2011	96	Hilltop Covenant Church Cemetery Cromwell, CT
Merritt B. Queen	1939	72	February 2, 2011	95	
Albert J. Hillard	1953	58	February 10, 2011	87	

NAME	ENTERED MINISTRY	EFFEC. YEARS*	DATE OF DEATH	AGE	INTERMENT
Alfred Liberatore	1971	40	May 23, 2011	82	
Thomas Irwin Vaughan	1968	43	June 1, 2011	69	Andover, CT
Lloyd Alvah Duren	1947	39	July 7, 2011	87	Vale Gate Cemetery, Schenectady, NY
Richard S. Parker	1951	46	July 12, 2011	81	The Atlantic Ocean
Vernon C. Stutzman	1938	43	August 10, 2011	92	Rutherfordton Cemetery, NC
William Henry Hunter, III	1952	41	September 11, 2011	77	
Paul C. Baresel, Jr.	1966	28	October 18 2011	80	
William A. Studwell	1949	35	January 22, 2012	87	
Jorge J. Cortizo	1951	40	February 18, 2012	85	
Carolyn Watson	1984	22	February 21, 2012	70	
Max Andrew Schwindt	1963	42	March 5, 2012	71	
Robert C. McMillan	1940	36	March 7, 2012	89	
William Howard Baudendistel	1949	44	March 31, 2012	84	The Sea of Galilee
James R. McGraw	1959	44	May 28, 2012	76	
George Ellis Gibbs	1971	13	June 3, 2012	73	
Alfred C. Thompson	1958	33	June 25, 2012	87	
Ruby Elinor Hare	1973	19	July 25, 2012	84	Levant Cemetery, Levant, NY
Sharon D. Miller	1985	24	July 30, 2012	64	
Lee Daniel Snyder	1959	38	September 9, 2012	79	
Paul B. Mengle, Sr.	1986	15	September 23, 2012	89	Blue Mountain Cemetery, Saugerties, NY
Donald Eugene Goodson	1964	29	September 25, 2012	90	
Francis W. Carlson	1949	36	November 17, 2012	95	Bantam Cemetery, Bantam, CT
Seaborn Benjamin Gay	1946	21	December 7, 2012	87	Georgia National Cemetery, Canton, GA
Lyman Palmer Taylor	1947	44	December 12, 2012	87	
Charles William Cheeseman	1985	26	December 16, 2012	71	
Edna Grace Soltis	1986	21	December 17, 2012	69	
Wilbert Taylor Bradley	1963	48	December 20, 2012	73	Searing-Roslyn UM Cemetery, Albertson, NY
David Perrin VerNooy	1954	40	December 22, 2012	83	
Gerard B. Pollock	1958	35	January 16, 2013	80	
William Marcus James	1938	47	January 18, 2013	97	
Lucile Chambers Hill	2004	9	January 25, 2013	68	
Frederick D. Savage	1955	28	February 5, 2013	92	
Poong Ro Cha	1956	19	March 27, 2013	82	Westwood Cemetery, Westwood, NJ
Richard Edward Smeltzer	1951	46	April 28, 2013	86	Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale, NY
DuBois T. Smith	1999	3	May 13, 2013	82	St. James Episcopal Church, St. James, NY
Dolores H. Henderson	1990	15	May 17, 2013	77	Heavenly Rest Memorial Park, East Hanover, NJ

*Effective years calculated by the General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits. This calculation appears beginning with those who died in or after June, 2012.

2. SPOUSES OF CLERGY MEMBERS

PASTOR'S NAME	DECEASED SPOUSE'S (MAIDEN) NAME	DATE OF DEATH	AGE	INTERMENT
Frederick M. Moore	Lois Moore	July 23, 2003	70	Orient Cemetery, Orient, NY
Sandra Moore-Levy Wanamaker	David Wanamaker	September 4, 2004	61	
Josue Rosado	Socorro Rosado	September 28, 2003	69	
Sydney L. Parker	Lottie D. Parker	August 14, 2004	84	
Paul C. Baresel	Nancy Baresel	May 4, 2005	75	
Richard Parker	Grace Keefer Parker	November 11, 2005	83	
Richard N. Ryley	Joan Strakey Ryley	November 12, 2005	70	
George R. Bailey	Mavis McCarthy Bailey	January 8, 2006	87	First UMC Columbarian

PASTOR'S NAME	DECEASED SPOUSE'S (MAIDEN) NAME	DATE OF DEATH	AGE	INTERMENT
Wesley Howard Allen	Mary Elizabeth Allen	February 9, 2006	76	Cremated, Chittonville Cemetery, Plymouth, MA
Lloyd Alvah Duren	Janice Duren	April 26, 2006	80	Newton, MA
Richard Mills	Judith A. Mills	September 17, 2006	62	
James Charles Watson	Marion Doré Watson	March 6, 2007	83	
David James Harper	Linda Kathrine Harper	April 16, 2007	67	
William Marcus James	Juanita Odessa James	May 21, 2007	94	Trinity Cemetery, NY, NY
Robert E. Kanthak	Lois I. Kanthak	May 29, 2007	75	Quaker Hill Cemetery, Pawling, NY
David L. Parker	Merolyn Graham Parker	July 13, 2007	71	Interment, Laurel Grove Cemetery, Patterson, NJ
Alfred Cotto-Thoerner	Dorothy Lee Cotto-Thorner	July 20, 2007	88	
Charles Melano	Doris Melano	October 24, 2008	88	
Donald Goodson	Gladys "Rhea" Goodson	November 2, 2008	83	
Charles F. Brown	Elsie F. Mutch Brown	March 18, 2009	83	Orland, Me
Robert A. Johnson	Mildred M. Johnson	April 8, 2009	77	
Albert H. Scholten	Nila Jean Clark Scholten	April 12, 2009	81	Pine Grove Cemetery
Donald O. Rackcliffe	Lucille M. Rackcliffe	May 12, 2009	78	
Robert Hall Martin	Patricia King Martin	August 12, 2009	77	
Howard E. Newton	Frances Perry Newton	October 5, 2009	79	
Frank A. Horbert	Yolanda Horbert	November 18, 2009	86	
Arthur Hewitt	Beatrice Hewitt	December 21, 2009	78	
Irving A. Marsland	Roberta M. Marsland	December 24, 2009	84	Rolling Green Village Cemetery
William Siktberg	Laura Mae Siktberg	February 26, 2010	84	
Philip A.C. Clarke	Bettie Lee Carothers Clarke	March 12, 2010	78	
John Olofson	Sylvia Dietlin	November 23, 2010	77	
Elliott Oakes	Martha J. Cheeks Oakes	March 2, 2011	56	
Kermit B. Morrison	Mary Ellen "Susi" Morrison	March 2, 2011	82	
Robert E. Richmond	Rose Mildred Richmond	May 3, 2011	77	
Madeline L. McDonald	Russell McDonald	August 18, 2011	85	
Robert J. Cave	Lois Palmland Cave	August 29, 2011	81	National Cemetery, Calverton, NY
Elven O. Riggles	Jill Riggles	November 10, 2011	57	
Matthew H. Gates	Alice K. Gates	January 5, 2012	91	
Bradley Ben Burns	Maureen Burns	January 20, 2012	77	
Richard David Mellerup	Louise Virginia Brooks Mellerup	February 11, 2012	82	
William Wells Ross	Ella Betsy (Case) Ross	July 17, 2012	73	
William Doughty, Jr.	Shirley(Merritt) Doughty	August 26, 2012	85	Calvary Cemetery, S. Portland, ME
Frank S. Denton	Charlene (Lenox) Denton	September 12, 2012	70	
Russell Edwin Sargent	Nancy (Borgese) Sargent	October 20, 2012	86	Cairo Cemetery, Cairo, NY
Bernadette Logan	Mack Logan, Jr.	February 14, 2013	58	

3. WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS OF CLERGY

PASTOR'S NAME	DECEASED SPOUSE'S (MAIDEN) NAME	DATE OF DEATH	AGE	INTERMENT
Walter R. Towle	Patricia Bailey Towle	July 7, 2003	78	Beaverdale Meml. Park, Hamden, CT
Frederick B. Jones	Clara Estella McDonald Jones	Sept. 29, 2003	85	Mettowee Cemetry, Granville, NY
Warren Glenn McCarty	Helen Hauger McCarty	Sept. 30, 2003	82	Sunset Memorial Gardens Kingwood, WV
George A. Ackerly	Dorothy L. Eggleston Ackerly	November 13, 2003	98	
Clair F. Yohe Isle LaMotte, VT	Louise L. Yohe	December 24, 2003	92	
James Thoburn Legg	Mary Gray Legg	January 15, 2004	91	
Douglas W. Cook	Virginia Fitzgerald Cook	May 19, 2004	85	

PASTOR'S NAME	DECEASED SPOUSE'S (MAIDEN) NAME	DATE OF DEATH	AGE	INTERMENT
William G. Staszeski	Mafalda Staszeski	June 8, 2004	97	Bethel UMC Cem., Tottenville, NY
Thomas Falshaw	Wahneta Anderson Falshaw	June 24, 2004	89	Cremated, Deerfield Beach, FL
James Salter Hood	Dorothy Buchanan Hood	July 15, 2004	86	
Harold Joseph Moser	Aasta Indahl Moser	August 9, 2004	88	Seaside Cemetery, Gloucester, MA
Matthew D. Blair	Vivian Barlie Blair	August 31, 2004	88	Cremated, Lancaster, PA
Jack Grenfell	Claire Coffin Grenfell	September 7, 2004	93	Mount Hope Cemetery, ME
Donald W. Hamblin	Margaret Kramer Hamblin	October 13, 2004	64	Diane Swiftwater, PA
Nils Herbert Janson	Alice Quist Janson	October 18, 2004	96	Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY
Frederick I. Smith	Billie Sue Wade Smith	November 13, 2004	81	Cremation, Woodland Cemetery, Bellport, NY
Alson Jesse Smith	Florence McLeod Smith	November 22, 2004	93	Cremation, Danbury, CT
Arnold Orville Olson	Mary Louise Olson	October 28, 2004	77	Garrett, IN
Joseph D. Maxwell	Alberta Marchena Maxwell	February 14, 2005	85	George Washington Cemetery, Paramus, NJ
Ludvig W. Jansen	Gerda Kristina Jansen	March 15, 2005	101	
George M. Teague	Edna Mitchel Black Teague	May 17, 2005	94	
Ralph John Morgan	Gertrude Foster Morgan	August 31, 2005	98	Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale, NY
Gordon Brice Fear	Rhoda Noxon Fear Bates	September 1, 2005	96	Riverview Cemetery, Hancock, NY
Dorland Russett	Margaret Dodd Russett	February 3, 2006	81	
Henry Burnham Kirkland	Evelyn Diodamy Frasier	February 27, 2005	89	
Clifford P. Albertson	Mildred I. Albertson	April 7, 2006	9	
Arthur Edwin Berry	Shirley N. Berry	June 4, 2006	83	
William H. Stewart	Alice M. Stewart Davidson	August 11, 2006	100	
Richard W. Moore	Hanna Louise Swords Moore	September 29, 2006	83	
Joseph W. Bell	Carol R. Bell	August 16, 2006	92	
Harold C. Jones	Dorothy Beadsley Jones	November 54, 2006	95	Gracelong Cemetery, Wilmington, DE
John G. Chamberlin	Mary Nies Chamberlin	January 10, 2007		
Paul Whiteman Hoon	Alice Emerson Blodget Hoon	January 13, 2007	91	Peacham Cemetery, Peach, VT
George Perry Werner	Grace Ellen Werner	February 22, 2007	95	Spring Bay Cemetery, Spring Bay, IL
John Bartle Everts	Dorothy R. Everts	May 22, 2007	97	
Roy B. Severance	Leota Severance	July 23, 2007	87	
Douglas F. Verdin	Margaret Bowdin Verdon	May 15, 2008	84	
Nicholas Nappi	Dorothea Maria Darcy Nappi	December 20, 2008	80	
Louis E. Young	Jean Lappley Young	December 26, 2008	91	Louis E. Young
James Jay Benson	Euna Lee Benson	December 28, 2008	78	
Francis Roderick Dail	Hilda Lee Dail	February 22, 2009	88	
John Monroe Vayhinger	Ruth Imler Vayhinger	March 18, 2009	91	
Willard G. Brown	Evelyn Brown	December 4, 2009	91	Greenlawn Cemetery, Chester, PA
Richard Waller Nutt	Dorothy S. Nutt	February 3, 2010	89	
Wesley D. Osborne	Dorothy Osborne	February 24, 2010	87	
Garfield Thompson	Eleanor Thompson	March 8, 2010	84	
Paul T. Woodward	Edna Woodward	June 16, 2010	89	
Harry D. Robinson, Jr.	Sidney B. Robinson	July 23, 2010	94	
William C. Carroll	Doris Carroll	September 17 2010	87	
Dean Maurice Kelley	Maryon H. Kelley Hall	September 19 2010	86	
Duncan MacKenzie	Margaret A. MacKenzie	December 5, 2010	82	
Paul Marion Allen	Thelma Allen	January 3, 2011	95	
Ivan Nothdurft	Lorla M. Nothdurft	February 22, 2011	92	Cape Girardeau County Memorial Park Cemetery, Cape Girardeau, MO
Joseph G. Bailey, Sr.	Fannie Ellis (Baker) Bailey	March 29, 2011	88	
Wallace Roy Randall	Charlotte (Palmer) Randall	April 2, 2011	89	
Owen E. Mercer, Sr.	Juanita (Edwards) Mercer	April 10, 2011	90	

PASTOR'S NAME	DECEASED SPOUSE'S (MAIDEN) NAME	DATE OF DEATH	AGE	INTERMENT
Julian Norris Hartt	Elinor N. Hartt	April 17, 2011	92	
John George Butler	June L. Butler	April 24, 2011	89	
Ronald S. Law	Magdalene Takaro Law	May 13, 2011	95	Southlawn Cemetery, Utica, OH
Daniel L. Bennett	Anita Bennett L. Boeck	May 28, 2011	94	
William Foster	Esther Swords Foster	July 5, 2011	89	
Edwin C. Minnich	Thursa Mae Minnich Brackbill	October 19, 2011	91	MillersvilleMennonite Cemetery
Arthur Renfro Crowell, Sr.	Beatrice Crowell	November 29, 2011	84	
Robert A. Gevert	Miriam P. (Heydt) Gevert	March 11, 2012	88	Grandview Cemetery at the Mauseoleum, Allentown, PA
John Jones	Virginia E. (Koegel) Jones	May 22, 2012	89	Riverside Cemetery, Brookline, VT
Edwin Hemple	Ruth Lindsay-Hempel	September 6, 2006	82	
John Jones	Virginia E. (Koegel) Jones	May 22, 2012	89	Riverside Cemetery, Brookline, VT
David McCracken	Edna A. McCracken	October 31, 2012	97	
Bobbie Rousch	Anna Rousch-Mirabelli	December 17, 2012	88	
Charles Lee	Kathryn Jean (Paine) Lee	December 21, 2012	72	
Howard L. Grant	Judith-Ann (Clemser) Grant	January 4, 2013	71	Green Cemetery, Glastonbury, CT
Robert Roy Wright	Marian Linn Wright	February 13, 2013	93	Smithtown Landing Cemetery, Smithtown, NY

4. DEACONESSES & DIACONAL MINISTERS

NAME	EFFEC. YEARS	DATE OF DEATH	AGE	INTERMENT
Ruth Frame Harrod	12	May 30, 2006	71	

5. CHILDREN OF CLERGY

NAME	AGE	DATE OF DEATH	INTERMENT
Thomas George Tedcastle	57	October 20, 2003	
Heidi Chapin Smith	32	May 2, 2004	Hamptonburgh Cem., Campbell Hall, NY
Terry Grissom	38	August 2, 2005	
Drew Hamblin		May, 2006	
Lisa Jeanne Hankins	43	January 24, 2007	
Wayne Newton	47	February 1, 2007	
James Davis Jr.	52	June 24, 2007	
Nancy E. Perkins Latham	44	August 1, 2007	
Timothy John Rackcliffe	50	August 2, 2008	
Sally Marie Nothdurft Galion	62	June 4, 2009	
Paul Todd Bradley	44	February 24, 2010	
Chay Stinson Ponlork	35	April 15, 2010	
Jonathan W. Speight	58	April 24, 2010	
Henri J. Fils-Aime	40	June 21, 2010	
Katrina Snow	51	June 28, 2010	
Joycelyne Gilles Day	16	October 10, 2010	
Thomas Ford	26	August 22, 2010	Williamsburg, VA
Lynn Margaret Ary	52	October 15, 2011	
G. Marilyn Watson	68	October 25, 2011	
Michael Merlin Ackerman	39	April 29, 2012	
Tim Manchester	61	May 1, 2013	

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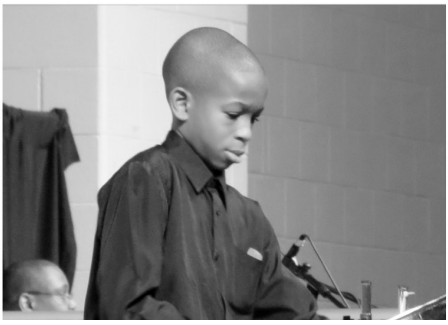
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Fletcher C. Wait	April 18, 2006
Howard Darling	October 22, 2006
Freda Adams	
Samuel Singletary	January 29, 2007
Daisy Coke-Peart	January 16, 2007
Joseph Lorde	
Shirley Parris	June 20, 2010
George Backofen	January 30, 2011
Lillian Hertlin	November 3, 2011
George William Wright	June 23, 2012
Lucretia Winifred Fernandez	August 3, 2012
Rittenella June Marie Pipersburg Pyne	September 2, 2012
Ralph Bromley Eddy	October 29, 2012
Thelma Elizabeth Fortune Little	February 18, 2013
Chiquita Gloria Smith	April 1, 2013