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MEMOIRS

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THESE FAITHFUL SERVANTS

Clergy

Name	Date of Death
Lindsey Price Pherigo	March 16, 2007
William Frederick Kopelke, Jr.	April 7, 2007
Bobby Lee Bradley (Local Pastor)	June 9, 2007
Stacy Selph	July 1, 2007
Arthur Albert Reppenhagen, Jr.	July 12, 2007
Paul J. Erb	August 11, 2007
Candice Lorraine Martin	August 14, 2007
Robert Ellsworth Clark	December 7, 2007
Harold Bain Busey	December 9, 2007
Charles Puryear Hamilton	December 12, 2007
Dana Lee Hamrick (Associate Member)	December 25, 2007
Donald Ray Dalton (Associate Member)	December 27, 2007
William Hoyt Covert (Associate Member)	December 28, 2007
Theodore Merrill Haggard	January 9, 2008
Henry Melton Ware	February 10, 2008
James Sanford Jones	March 2, 2008
Burnell S. Jordan (Associate Member)	March 14, 2008

Diaconal Minister

Mary Chattie Calhoun	May 5, 2007
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Spouses

Ellen Blitch Hutchins	April 22, 2006
Joanne Trautmann Banks	May 5, 2007
Jackie Charlton	May 23, 2007
Ivaloo Mae Mosher Black	July 22, 2007
Edith Elizabeth Batty Sherman	August 2, 2007
Georgia Mae Massie Pickett	August 22, 2007
Delta Fern Earnheart Kelly	December 4, 2007
Cecil Clyde Smart Jr.	December 23, 2007
Judy Lynn Swartzel	December 25, 2007
Ruth Adelaide Bradshaw	January 30, 2008
Flora Helen Siegfried	March 8, 2008
Virginia Tansil Hartsfield	May 7, 2008

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BOBBY LEE BRADLEY JR.

Bobby Lee Bradley Jr. was born on November 17, 1960, in Valdosta, Georgia, to Clara Irvin Nelson and Bobby L. Bradley Sr.

His early childhood church was Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church in Daytona Beach, Florida, and in later years he became a member of Stewart Memorial United Methodist Church in the same city.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Bethune-Cookman College, now Bethune-Cookman University, in Daytona Beach in 1989 and a Master of Divinity degree from Gammon Theological Seminary (ITC), Atlanta, Georgia, in 2001. In 1999 he received the Bishop Joseph Bethea Academic Award at Gammon.

He served as part-time lay supply pastor at Trinity, St. Augustine, 1989-93, and St. Johns, Crescent City, 1999-2001, and as full-time lay supply pastor at Kerr Memorial, Miami, 2001-05. In 2003 he was certified for the ordained ministry, and in 2004 he was licensed as a full-time local pastor. At the time of his death, Pastor Bradley was serving at Mt. Pleasant in Gainesville.

He was an active member of the Celebrate Jesus Mission. He served as an associate trustee of Bethune-Cookman University and was a lifetime member of the Bethune-Cookman Alumni. He was a member of the NAACP.

Bobby married Betty Toomer on October 19, 2002, in Miami, Florida.

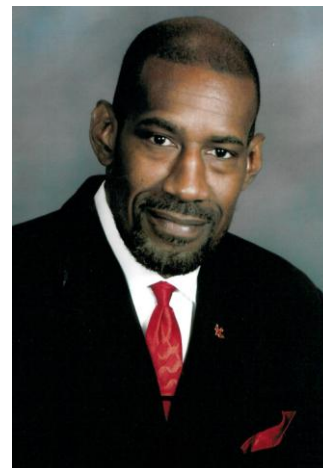
His children are Marishia Bradley, Brishaun Bradley, Lamiya Bradley, Donnie Jackson, and Nikka Lester.

Bobby died on June 9, 2007, while attending the Florida Conference in Lakeland. Funeral services were held on June 15, 2007, at Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Gainesville, Florida. A memorial service was held on June 16, 2007, at Gertrude Hotchkiss Heyn Memorial Chapel on the campus of Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach. The service of committal and interment took place in Greenwood Cemetery in Daytona Beach. Officiating clergy were the Reverend Dr. Geraldine McClellan and the Reverend Dr. Kevin James Sr.

He is survived by his wife, Betty T. Bradley; children, Marishia, Brishaun and Lamiya Bradley, Donnie Jackson and wife Katrice, and Nikka Lester and husband Reginald; mother and stepfather, Clara and James Nelson; father, Bobby L. Bradley Sr.; and sisters, Seletha Bradley and Mary Bradley.

Reverend Bobby Lee Bradley Jr. was loved by many and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. His caring heart, his handsome smile, and above all, his love for God and humanity will forever dwell in our hearts.

Submitted by Betty T. Bradley

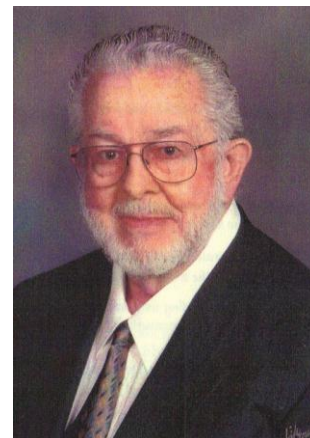


HAROLD BAIN BUSEY

On Sonrise Orchard in Berkley County, West Virginia, a mother held her tiny child and prayed, "Lord, please, if it is your will, cool the fevered brow and with your loving touch heal my baby and I will raise him up in Your Honor and he will follow You all of his days."

That tiny baby was Harold Bain Busey. He was born on May 27, 1930, to George and Mary Grace Busey, the youngest of seven children. Harold spent his childhood in the apple orchard country of Berkley County, West Virginia. He always referred to himself as "just a little country boy." Harold joined the United States Air Force at the age of seventeen and served his country from 1948 to 1954. Following his service in the air force Harold returned to West Virginia and enrolled in Shepherd College in Shepherdstown, from which he received degrees in biology and education. He earned his master's degree in administrative education from the University of West Virginia at Morgantown and then taught biology at Harpers Ferry High School.

In 1960 Harold moved to Melbourne, Florida, where he taught biology, served as curriculum coordinator, and was an elementary school principal at Spessard Holland



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Elementary School. Harold was a member of First United Methodist Church in Melbourne, where he belonged to the Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class and United Methodist Men.

With the encouragement of the Reverend J.A. Padgett, Harold entered Candler School of Theology, Emory University, at the age of forty. He received a master of divinity degree and completed the coursework for a doctorate in theology. He was admitted as a probationary member of the Florida Conference and ordained deacon in 1971 and was ordained elder in full connection in 1975. He served churches throughout Florida: associate, First, Lakeland, 1973-74; Marco Island, 1974-79; Memorial, Fernandina Beach, 1979-82; St. Luke's, St. Petersburg, 1982-86; Trinity, Lighthouse Point, 1986-88; Zellwood, 1988-93; Union Street, Clearwater, 1993-96; and First, Ft. Pierce, 1996-99. He retired in 1999.

Reverend Busey served on the Florida Conference Board of Ordained Ministry and the Board of the Florida United Methodist Credit Union. During his retirement, he was interim pastor of four churches—McCall's Chapel, Flagler Beach, Seville, and Pierson—and then served as congregational care pastor at Palm Coast. In his retirement he spent many of his days writing a book as a gift to his grandchildren. The book, containing memories of his childhood in West Virginia, was titled *Just a Little Country Boy*.

After a long battle with cancer, on Sunday morning December 9, 2007, a wonderful, marvelous, extraordinary miracle took place. Harold, that "little country boy," was finally given his opportunity to walk through Heaven's Gate. He is now in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ and celebrating a tremendous reunion with friends and family who have gone on before.

Harold's life was blessed by his family: his wife and love of his life, Krista; daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Rick Bailey; daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Drew Kaminski; daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Jim Meyer; son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Becky Robertson; son, Jeremy Robertson; and five grandchildren, Kyle, Connor, Garrett, Delaney, and Christopher.

A memorial service was conducted on December 16, 2007, by the Reverend Peggy Wilkins and Chaplain Harry Gilman at Palm Coast United Methodist Church in Palm Coast, Florida.

Harold will be remembered for his love for the Lord, his service to the church, his unconditional love, and his quiet, gentle nature.

Submitted by the Family of Harold B. Busey

ROBERT ELLSWORTH CLARK



Robert Ellsworth Clark was born in Brooklyn, New York, on November 7, 1930, to Edward V. Clark Jr. and Emily May Pritchett Clark.

He married Grace Olive Eliades on August 29, 1953. They had four children: David Scott Clark, born on June 13, 1954; Dawn Susan Clark Sovinsky, born on October 2, 1957; Darryl Stephen Clark, born on June 14, 1959; and Dana Star Clark Kinsey, born on July 22, 1961.

He graduated from Eastern Nazarene College in 1957 with a bachelor of science degree in music, philosophy, and theology and from Florida Atlantic University in 1969 with a master of education in curriculum and instruction. He received a master of divinity degree in Christian education from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in 1972.

Bob was admitted as a probationary member of the Florida Conference and ordained deacon in 1971. He was ordained elder and received into full connection in 1978. He served the following appointments: associate, Calvary, Lake Worth, 1972-73; Howe Memorial, Crescent City, 1973-75; associate, Trinity, Tallahassee, 1975-76; Lake Jackson, Tallahassee, 1976-77; Hallandale, 1977-79; and Green Cove Springs, February- June, 1979. He took a leave of absence in 1979 and then served Inman Memorial, Jacksonville, January-June, 1981. He took another leave of absence in 1981 and was granted honorable location in 1984.

In 1982 Bob was called to serve in prison ministry. At Union Correctional Institute in Raiford, Florida, he led the Tuesday night Bible study and the chapel singing and developed a remedial reading program called "Learn to Read Using the Bible." Both Grace and Bob served as instructors every Tuesday afternoon. He also conducted the chapel choir and taught weekly Bible studies at the Lawtey Correctional Institute.

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Bob served on fifty-eight teams of Kairos Prison Ministry, Cursillo, and Emmaus in both Florida and Georgia. He served on his fifty-eighth team at the Putnam Correctional Institution just two weeks before his death.

On December 7, 2007, he died of heart failure, quietly, peacefully, and alone, seated on his couch in the living room.

A memorial service was held on December 14, 2007, at Mandarin United Methodist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, with the Reverend David Brazelton and the Reverend Gene Strickland officiating. Other speakers were from the Kairos Prison Ministry team, with whom Bob had served for twenty-five years. The service concluded in the Kairos tradition with the acapella singing of "Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Survivors are his wife, Grace Clark; his children, David S. Clark and wife Aurelia; Dawn Susan Sovinsky and husband Terry; Darryl S. Clark and wife Sherrie; and Dana S. Kinsey and husband Bob; and grandchildren, Mathias and Rebekah Sovinsky; Charlotte and Martha Ashley Kinsey; Devlin, Tristan, and Liam Kidney; and Micah Clark.

Bob was an avid fisherman and loved boating; almost every Saturday was set aside for boating activities. He lived on the St. Johns River in Jacksonville and the Satilla River in Woodbine, Georgia, for twenty-four years, with a boat at the end of the dock.

Submitted by Grace Clark

WILLIAM HOYT COVERT

William Hoyt Covert was born in Middleport, Ohio, on November 9, 1949, to William Merrill and Rose Bolin Covert.

He married Ethyl Lucille Alltop on March 8, 1936. They had four children: William Farrell Covert, born on January 9, 1937; Sandra Kay Covert Manson, born on February 28, 1940; Maurice Milton Covert, born on October 3, 1944; and Merrill Richard Covert, born on September 3, 1948. Merrill Richard was killed in an automobile accident at the age of nineteen. Ethyl died in 1996.

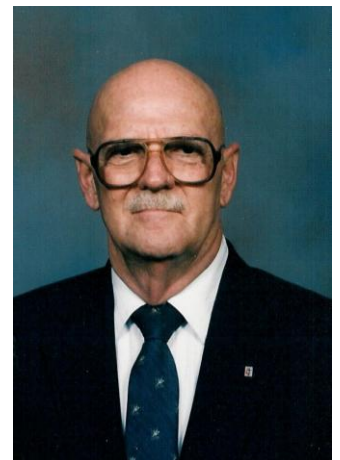
While rearing four children, William studied for the ministry and was licensed to preach in 1951 in Ohio; he was ordained a local deacon in 1955 and a local elder in 1957. From 1952 until 1966 he served Albany, Carroll, and Convoy as well as several other small churches in Ohio. After coming to Florida in 1966, he served Safety Harbor, 1966-67, and Safety Harbor/Sylvan Abbey, 1967-70, before being admitted as an associate member of the Florida Conference in 1970. He then served Orange Heights (now Good Shepherd), Lakeland, 1970-75; Highland City, 1975-76; and Branscomb Memorial, Tampa, 1976-80.

After retirement to Hudson in 1980 the Reverend Mr. Covert continued holding services at nursing homes, visiting hospital patients and shut-ins, conducting weddings and funerals, and counseling. He assisted pastors at several churches through the years and was named pastor emeritus at Faith, Hudson.

Gifted in carpentry, he oversaw the building of Good Shepherd in Lakeland and Faith in Hudson. In retirement he built an addition to his house, as well as porches, decks, and deck furniture. He also enjoyed helping others with their carpentry. He had many decorating ideas, made decorative plaques, and upholstered furniture.

He died on December 28, 2007, as the result of dementia and a number of physical problems. Funeral services were held on January 3, 2008, at Faith United Methodist Church in Hudson, Florida, with the Reverend Jack Taylor and the Reverend Richard Bean officiating. He was buried in Sylvan Abbey Cemetery in Safety Harbor.

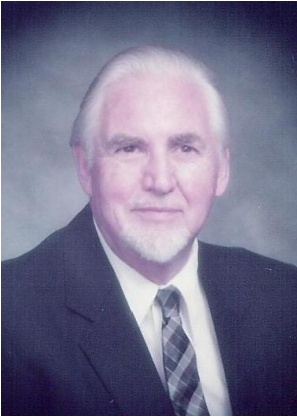
He is survived by his wife, Marian; son, William F. of Luling, Louisiana; son, Maurice of Clearwater, Florida; daughter, Sandra Manson of Hudson, Florida; ten grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. He loved being with his family.



Submitted by Sandra Manson

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DONALD RAY DALTON



Donald Ray Dalton was born in Asheville, North Carolina, where he spent most of his life before moving to Florida. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean conflict. He managed multiple Eckerd Drug stores before being called into the ministry in 1982.

He was ordained deacon and received into associate membership in the Florida Conference in 1991. He served at First, Archer, 1991-94, and Melrose, 1994-2002. He retired in 2002.

He died on December 27, 2007, in Gastonia, North Carolina, at the age of seventy-five. Memorial services were held on December 29, 2007, in Charlotte, North Carolina, and on January 5, 2008, at Melrose United Methodist Church in Melrose, Florida.

Survivors include his wife, Joan E. Dalton; four children: Don R. Dalton Jr. of Malabar, Florida; Lisbeth D. Martin of Lawrenceville, Georgia; Logan S. Dalton of Port St. Lucie, Florida; and April M. Dalton of Gastonia, North Carolina; a sister, Mary G. Davis of Macon, Georgia; and seven grandchildren.

Submitted by the Memoirs Committee

PAUL J. ERB



Paul J. Erb was born to Jacob and Erma Baker Erb on September 22, 1924, in McClure, Pennsylvania.

Paul received an audible call from God, which changed his life forever. His devotion to God was a true inspiration to everyone who knew him. "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that anyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) Paul loved this scripture and read it beautifully the last day of his life.

He married Betty Jane Peck during an Easter sunrise service on April 21, 1946.

After graduating from high school, Paul entered the United States Marine Corps. Corporal Erb served in the Pacific with Marine Crops Squadron VMB-433 during World War II. After the war he graduated from Asbury College and Asbury Theological Seminary. He was licensed to preach by the Evangelical United Brethren in 1955 and was ordained elder and received into full connection in the Central Pennsylvania Conference, EUB, in 1958.

He served Evangelical and Methodist churches in Nescopeck and South Williamsport, Pennsylvania, before reentering the military as a navy chaplain. Commander Erb served with Destroyer Division 82, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Mayport, Florida, and with the 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He was a Viet Nam veteran. After his enlistment in the navy he pastored a United Methodist church in Norfolk, Virginia.

In 1973 he transferred to the Florida Conference, where his appointments were associate, Coral Gables, 1973-78; Mims, 1978-84; and Bokeelia, Pine Island, 1984-93. He retired in 1993.

In later years he and Betty returned to Pennsylvania to be with family. An avid jogger and tennis player, he also played chess with Betty. He loved ice cream.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son Keith, wife Louise, and granddaughter Jordan of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania; grandson Andrew, wife Nichole, and great-grandchildren Jacob and Taylor of McClure, Pennsylvania; brother Harvey; and sisters Helen Morrison and Lois Yates of McClure, Pennsylvania.

Paul died on August 11, 2007. Services were held on August 16, 2007, at the First United Methodist Church in McClure, Pennsylvania, with the Reverend Cecily Easley and the Reverend Ron Bowersox officiating. Interment was in the McClure Union Cemetery, with graveside military services provided by American Legion Post 942 in McClure.

Submitted by Betty Erb

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THEODORE MERRILL HAGGARD

Theodore Merrill Haggard was born on April 8, 1926, in Bowling Green, Kentucky, to Violet Marsh and Gerstle Merrill Haggard.

He was trained in the V12 U.S. Navy program at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station and later served on the USS *Bowditch* in the South Pacific during World War II.

At the Methodist Youth Fellowship at Park Methodist Church, Lexington, Kentucky, where his father was the minister, Ted met Ann Sageser. A romance blossomed, and they married on August 21, 1949. Their marriage was blessed with three daughters: Elizabeth, born on June 1, 1954; Kathryn, born on October 7, 1957; and Melissa, born on December 3, 1966.

He received his B.A. in 1949 and his M.A. in 1950, both in education from the University of Kentucky.

In 1951 Ted and Ann went to Bolivia to serve as educational missionaries of The Methodist Church at the Instituto Americano in Cochabamba, where he was principal. While in Bolivia, he felt a call to pastoral ministry, and in 1955 they returned to the United States so that he could study at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. He earned his B.D. in 1960 and his Ph.D. in church history from Emory in 1971.

Dr. Haggard was admitted on trial in the North Georgia Conference in 1956, ordained deacon in 1958, and ordained elder and received into full connection in 1959. He served as student pastor at Wesley Chapel, Decatur, 1956-58, and Salem, Covington, 1958-60; full-time pastor at Silvertown, Thomaston, 1960-62; student pastor at Bethesda, Lawrenceville, 1962-65; full-time pastor at First, Palmetto, 1965-66; and dean of instruction at Reinhardt College, Waleska, Georgia, 1966-72.

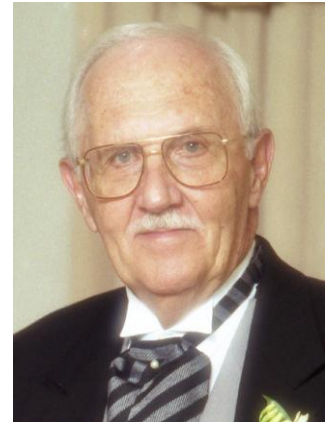
Upon transferring to the Western North Carolina Conference, Dr. Haggard served as director of development at Pfeiffer University in Misenheimer, 1972-74, and as dean of students at Brevard College in Brevard, 1974-77. In 1977 he became assistant to the president and director of the library at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, where he served until his retirement in 1991. He transferred to the Florida Conference in 1978. In addition to his work as an administrator he enjoyed teaching philosophy and Old and New Testament. The Haggards moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, in 2006.

Dr. Haggard died on January 9, 2008, in Charlotte, North Carolina. A memorial service was held on January 12, 2008, at Providence United Methodist Church in Charlotte, with Dr. Kenneth H. Carter, Jr., officiating. Interment, with the Reverend Jim Wofford officiating, was in the Alexandria, Kentucky, Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Hugh Haggard. Survivors include his wife, Ann Sageser Haggard of Charlotte, North Carolina; daughters, Elizabeth Greeley and husband Richard of The Woodlands, Texas; Kathryn Williams and husband Brad of Easton, Connecticut; and Melissa Haggard Van Rossum and husband Bob of Atlanta, Georgia; and grandchildren, Kyle and Spenser Greeley, Brittany Williams, and Grantland and Grayson Van Rossum.

He loved playing tennis and golf as long as he was able and enjoyed watching football and basketball. He was an avid reader and in later years enjoyed playing his electronic keyboard. He was proficient in Spanish. Traveling with tour groups to Europe, especially to Spain, and visiting his daughters and their families were among his favorite activities.

Ted Haggard touched many lives—from young people in Bolivia, to congregations of small Georgia churches, to faculty, staff, and students in four Methodist colleges. He was most of all, however, a loving husband, father, and grandfather.



Submitted by his family

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CHARLES PURYEAR HAMILTON



Charles Puryear Hamilton was born on May 15, 1926, in Subligna, Georgia, to Joseph and Drucilla Hamilton. He was named for his paternal grandfather and grew up on his grandfather's farm. During a church revival the summer he was thirteen, he received the call to preach. In 1943 he graduated from the Subligna School as salutatorian of his senior class. From 1943 to 1945, he attended Young Harris College in Young Harris, Georgia, receiving a license to preach at the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church the summer between his freshman and sophomore years.

From 1945 to 1947, he attended Florida Southern College, majoring in Spanish and religion. While there, he served the Eaton Park and Cork Methodist churches as a student pastor. He finished his course work the summer after the 1945-46 school term. At that time the college held only one graduation a year, so he waited until the next May to receive his diploma.

While at Florida Southern he met and married Nancy Thomson, and they celebrated sixty-one years of marriage in August of 2007. Daughters were added to this parsonage family in 1954, 1960, and 1962.

They thought they'd go straight from Florida Southern to seminary at Emory, but Charles was asked to stay in Florida, for a year, to serve Carlson Memorial in LaBelle. From 1948 to 1951 he attended Candler School of Theology at Emory University, receiving a master of divinity degree in 1951. While at Candler, he served the Methodist churches at Lone Oak, Moreland, East Newnan, and Luthersville, known as the Moreland Charge. He was admitted into the Florida Conference on trial in 1949; he was ordained a deacon in 1950 and an elder in full connection in 1951, upon graduation from Emory.

After graduation, Charles and Nancy returned to LaBelle, where he served until 1953. In 1952 he started the church at Immokalee, serving both churches until 1953. His other appointments were Immokalee/Jerome, 1953-57; Spring Glen, Jacksonville, 1957-63; College Heights, Lakeland, 1963-68; superintendent, Sarasota District, 1968-74; First, Pompano Beach, 1974-80; superintendent, St. Petersburg District, 1980-86; and Southside, Jacksonville, 1986-91. He retired in 1991, having served the Florida Annual Conference for forty-two years.

In addition to his duties as pastor, Charles was one of the founders of the Florida United Methodist Foundation and a member of the original board of directors, serving the foundation throughout the lifetime of Dr. Robert C. Holmes, foundation director. During the 1970s, he served as a trustee at Florida Southern College. He received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Florida Southern in 1973 and participated in the graduation ceremonies of his daughter Mary in 1975.

After retirement Charles and Nancy spent the winters in Lakeland, Florida, and the summers on the family farm in Subligna, Georgia. On December 12, 2007, God called Charles home, after a lengthy illness. Memorial services were held on December 17, 2007, at College Heights United Methodist Church in Lakeland, with a family burial later that day in Oak Hill Cemetery in Lakeland. Long-time friends, the Reverend Gene Zimmerman and the Reverend Ray Harrison, officiated, along with his pastor, the Reverend Daphne Johnson.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; their three daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Steve Williams of Cumming, Georgia; Becky and Mike Vickers of Tallahassee; Florida; and Polly and Joel Beebe of Orlando, Florida; grandchildren, Brandon, Jennifer, and Ashley; sisters, Linda Keziah and JoAnn English; and brother, Bobby Hamilton.

The Reverend Doctor Charles Hamilton—affectionately known as “Charlie”—was a loving husband, “Daddy” to his three daughters, “Pop Pop” to his grandchildren, mentor to many, a savvy businessman when obtaining land to build new churches, a man of great humor, and a friend as well as a pastor to those in the churches he served. We all miss him!

Submitted by Mary Hamilton Williams

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DANA LEE HAMRICK

The Reverend Dana Lee Hamrick was born on October 15, 1920, in Webster Springs, West Virginia, to Walter F. and Nanna Miller Hamrick.

He graduated from Webster Springs High School in 1939 and attended college in Maine and West Virginia. He served in WWII for five years, receiving a good conduct medal for American Defense Service and a ribbon for European, African, and Middle Eastern Service.

He married Zetta G. Author on October 27, 1945. They had three children: Maria Hamrick Goodman, born on March 5, 1947; Christy Hamrick Wiley, born on July 16, 1954, and Carol Hamrick Young, born on December 27, 1960.

The Reverend Mr. Hamrick was licensed to preach in 1954 and was ordained a local deacon in 1957 and a local elder in 1959. He became an associate member of the Florida Conference in 1969. He served the following appointments: Anthony, 1968-71; sabbatical, 1971-72; Pierson, 1972-77; Suwannee Valley Circuit, 1977-78; and DeBary, 1978-86. He and his wife retired to Tallahassee in 1986.

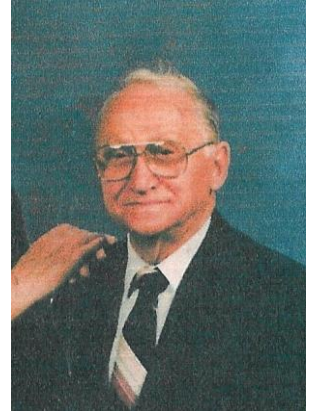
He died of a heart attack on December 25, 2007. Funeral services were held on December 27, 2007, at Lake Jackson United Methodist Church, with the Reverends Ray Hanselman, Kevin Hall, and Gabe Goodman officiating. Burial was in Pierson, Florida.

Survivors include his wife, Zetta G. Hamrick of Craigsville, West Virginia, and his daughters: Maria H. Goodman of Neptune Beach, Florida; Christy H. Wiley of Ocala, Florida; and Carol L. Young of Craigsville, West Virginia.

Mr. Hamrick enjoyed fishing and telling old stories of the past to get a good laugh. He looked forward to his prayer services with Ray Hanselman every week. He liked to visit family and friends in West Virginia and take home some West Virginia ramps, a sort of wild onion that his Florida friends had never eaten.

When visiting his last brother, Emmitt, in a nursing home in West Virginia in October 2007, his last words were “If you get to Heaven before I do, keep your boot in the gate and I’ll be right behind you. If I get there before you do, I’ll do the same for you.” Emmitt died on December 12, 2007, thirteen days before Dana.

Submitted by Carol Young



JAMES SANFORD JONES

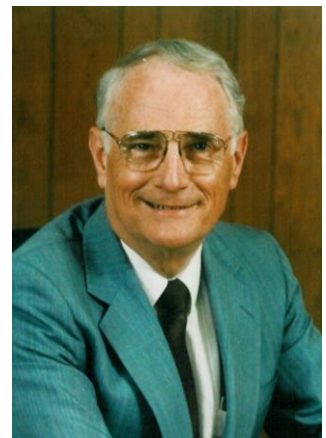
James Sanford Jones was born in Selma, Alabama, on September 15, 1927, to Irene Easters and Samuel Robert Jones. Since his father was a Methodist minister in the Alabama-West Florida Conference, Jimmy moved a lot as a child. In high school, much to his mother’s consternation, he played football, and in 1945 he went to Auburn on a football scholarship.

After graduation from Auburn in 1949 he entered Candler School of Theology, Emory University. There he met Julia Blake, who was studying religious education. Jimmy and Julia were married in 1950 at First Methodist Church in Jacksonville, Florida.

Jimmy was received on trial in the Alabama Conference in 1949, was ordained deacon in 1950, and was ordained elder and received into full connection in 1951. In 1951 he transferred to the Florida Conference, where he served the following appointments: Bushnell-St. Catherine, 1951-54; associate, First, Orlando, 1954-56; Mt. Dora, 1956-62; First, Eau Gallie, 1962-66; Lakewood, St. Petersburg, 1966-70; First, Ft. Myers, 1970-74; First, Clearwater, 1974-79; superintendent, Lakeland District, 1979-82; First, Orlando, 1982-89; and superintendent, Gainesville District, 1989-94. He retired in 1994.

During his second appointment in Orlando he was instrumental in starting a city-wide homeless ministry. In 1984 he led the delegation to General Conference and was the Florida Conference candidate for bishop.

Upon retirement in 1994 he and Julia moved to Lake Junaluska, where they had built a home. For a year he served as president of the Junaluskans and worked with others to establish Inspiration Point. He and Julia delivered Meals on Wheels. Then he truly retired to his workshop in the basement of their home.



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He enjoyed his four children, Julia Morrissey, Jane Thomas, Jim Jones, and Jennifer Ralls, and his three grandchildren, Kate and Meg Morrissey and Christopher Thomas. There were mountain picnics, family dinners, and games at night.

In the end his body was overcome by Alzheimer's disease. He died on March 2, 2008, in the family room of his home, surrounded by his family.

Jimmy Jones loved being in the ministry. He loved and cared for many people and was always true to his Christian principles, his church, and his family. He was beloved by all.

His funeral was held on March 7, 2008, in Memorial Chapel at Lake Junaluska, with the Reverend Jimmy Crook and the Reverend Mark Ralls officiating.

Submitted by his wife, Julia Jones

BURNELL SHELTON JORDAN

Burnell Shelton Jordan was born in Shorterville, Alabama, on March 7, 1924, to John Lindsay Jordan and Lila Frances Pelham Jordan. He graduated from Landon High School in Jacksonville, Florida, in 1942.

He married Gladys Marie Quattlebaum on September 13, 1942. They had three children: Frances Marie Johnson, born on October 24, 1943; William Shelton Jordan, born on April 4, 1949; and Victoria (Vicki) Jordan Barnett, born on November 26, 1955.

He served with the United States Navy in the South Pacific during World War II. After twenty-five years as an engineer with the Jacksonville Water Department, he retired and began his ministry, following in the footsteps of his grandfather and great-grandfather, who were Baptist ministers. He graduated from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in 1986.

He served as minister of visitation at Good Shepherd, Jacksonville, and as associate at Murray Hill, Jacksonville. As a local pastor he was appointed to Marietta, 1974-78, and Dinsmore/Inman in Jacksonville, 1981-86. He was ordained deacon and admitted to the Florida Conference as an associate member in 1986, continuing to serve Dinsmore/Inman until 1987. He served Altoona/ Paisley, 1987-1991, and retired in 1991.

He remained an active member of United Methodist Men at Howe Memorial in Crescent City until 1999, when he and his loving wife of sixty-six years, Gladys, moved to Elkton, Florida. He then relocated to First United Methodist Church in St. Augustine.

A talented watch repairman, he owned and operated Jordan Jewelers until shortly before his death. He was an active member of the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows and Queen Esther Lodge, his contributions including serving as deputy grand master for the Grand Lodge of Florida.

He passed away from complications of Parkinson's disease into the arms of our Lord on March 14, 2008, at Northeast Community Hospice in Jacksonville. Funeral services were held at Murray Hill United Methodist Church in Jacksonville, with the Reverend Pat Turner-Sharpton and the Reverend Bob Long officiating. Interment was in Riverside Memorial Park in Jacksonville.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys; his children, Frances M. Johnson, Bill Jordan, and Vicki Barnett; grandchildren, Scott Johnson, Sean Johnson, and Dannon Johnson; and sister, Christine Brown.

Submitted by Vicki Barnett



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WILLIAM FREDERICK KOPELKE JR.

Born in Savanna, Illinois, on July 30, 1924, William Frederick “Bud” Kopelke Jr. grew up during the Great Depression. By the time he graduated from high school, the family had moved to Miami, Florida. He joined the army air force during WWII and served as a radio instructor at a number of bases in the United States.

He married Mattie Floyd Hedgecoth on November 25, 1943. After the war he entered the ministry of the Methodist Church. He was received on trial in the Florida Conference and ordained deacon in 1953; he was ordained elder and received into full connection in 1955. He served as associate at Trinity, Miami, 1953-56.

Two sons were born during this time: Lee William in 1947 and Lynn Frederick in 1954.

In 1955 Bud took his ministry back to the military, in the air force. Eighteen years of service took him from Turkey to Korea. Except for one lonesome, long year he spent in Korea, his family went with him, and they experienced living in Turkey, Tennessee, Labrador, Washington State, and California. When Bud retired from the chaplaincy in 1973, he and Mattie settled in the Seattle area, where Bud served as a counselor to other ministers for a few years. Later he had a long and mutually satisfying part-time career with the Port of Seattle. In 1991 he properly retired and spent his time with his beloved Mattie and his computer.

He died on April 7, 2007. A memorial service was held at Bellewood Retirement Home in Issaquah, Washington.

Survivors include his sister, Beth Currie; brother Jim Kopelke and wife Elizabeth; son Lee Kopelke and wife Carrie; and son Lynn Kopelke and wife Kandis.

Submitted by Kandis Kopelke

CANDICE LORRAINE MARTIN

Candice “Candy” Lorraine Martin was born May 14, 1949, in Arkansas City, Kansas, the daughter of the late Melvin W. Pemberton and the former Peggy L. Coon.

She was a graduate of Benton High School in Benton, Louisiana, and Louisiana Tech University in Ruston. Prior to her call into ministry she was an educator. She was active in the Emmaus Community, serving as lay director. Candy earned her master of divinity degree with honors from Asbury Theological Seminary and was in the first commencement service at the Orlando, Florida, campus on May 17, 2003.

Candy was received into the Florida Conference as a probationary elder in 2003 and an elder in full connection in 2007. She served Wesley Fellowship, Jacksonville, 2003-04, and First, Baldwin/Bryceville, 2004 until her death.

After a year’s struggle with pancreatic cancer, Candy passed away on August 14, 2007, in the parsonage at Baldwin. A memorial service was held on August 23, 2007, at First United Methodist Church in Baldwin, Florida, with the Reverend Don Nichols and the Reverend Tom Pope officiating.

She is survived by her husband of thirty-seven years, Glen Martin; her son Jonathan Martin, his wife Chancie, and their children Hunter, Braydon, and Grace; her son Jeremy Martin, his wife Patti, and their children Corryne and Adrienne; her son Justin Martin; and a sister, Sandra Pemberton.

Candy was ever faithful to her Creator, her husband, her children and grandchildren, her church, and her many friends. She was compassionate and easy to talk to. She utilized her background in education to assist her fellow seminary students. She has touched many lives through her ministry of healing prayer and her spirit of mercy. For many of her fellow clergy she was a dear friend as well as counselor, described as a “wonderful Christian and Asbury pioneer.” In the many memorials offered after her passing, the one refrain was constant: “I thank God that He put her in my life.”

Her high school English teacher, now a local pastor in the Louisiana Conference, said of her friendship and unofficial mentoring, “It is an honor when the student becomes the teacher.”

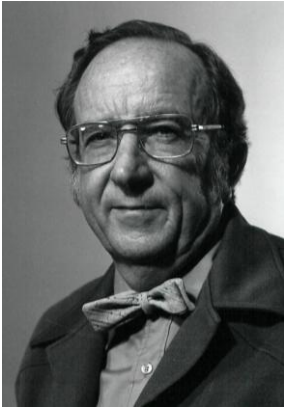
Candy had a passion for journaling; in her journal she wrote of her continually growing in her relationship with God and more recently of her illness. In her last entry, she thanked God for her husband and their sons and their families. She asked, “Why would I want to leave?” Yet, she recognized that God had something better “. . . beyond my wildest dreams or imagination . . .” And through it all, she noted that she hoped that to God would be all glory and honor.

Submitted by Glen Martin and Pen



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LINDSEY PRICE PHERIGO



Lindsey Price Pherigo was born to Ezekiel and Dorothy Price Pherigo on December 29, 1920, in Miami, Florida.

He married Viola May Schmitt in 1942, and they had four children: Linda Jane, born on November 10, 1950; Stephen Albert, born on June 27, 1952; Ruth Armet, born on July 18, 1954; and Robert Price, born on May 27, 1959.

Lindsey received a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida in 1942, an S.T.B. from Boston University School of Theology in 1945, and a Ph.D. from Boston University in 1951. He received a post-doctoral faculty fellowship from the Ford Foundation for study at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio, 1953-54. Received on trial in the Florida Conference and ordained deacon in 1948, he was ordained elder in 1950.

Following an academic rather than a pastoral ministry path, he served as instructor in religion at Syracuse University, 1949-51; professor of Bible at Scarritt College, 1951-57; professor of Christian life and thought and academic dean at Scarritt 1957-59; lecturer in New Testament at Vanderbilt University Divinity School, 1954-59; and professor of New Testament and early church history at Saint Paul School of Theology, 1959-85. He also served as Biblical and theological consultant at the Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, Kansas, from 1979 until his death.

Lindsey wrote a commentary on the Gospel of Mark for the *One-Volume Interpreter's Commentary on the Bible* and articles for the *Journal of Biblical Literature* and the *Journal of Bible and Religion* as well for Methodist publications such as *Motive*, *Religion in Life*, *The Adult Teacher*, and *The International Lesson Annual*. He also wrote the 1983 study book for United Methodist Women, *The Great Physician*.

Upon his retirement in 1985 the students of Saint Paul honored him with the establishment of the Lindsey P. Pherigo Chair in New Testament and Early Church History. He spent the next twenty-two years as guest speaker and teacher.

He was a member of the American Society of Church History and the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis. He traveled and studied abroad. Teaching was his first love, and classical music his second love.

Lindsey died on March 16, 2007, as the result of an accident. Funeral services were held in Kansas City, Missouri, on April 1, 2007, with the Reverend Amy Gearhart Sage officiating. He is buried in Kansas City.

Survivors include Lindsey's wife; his four children: Linda Jane Burgess and husband Robert; Stephen Albert Pherigo; Ruth Armet Charpie and husband Daniel; and Robert Price Pherigo and wife Lyra; four grandchildren: Katie and Betsy Burgess, Lindsay Pherigo, and Lucas Pherigo; and one brother, Richard Pherigo and wife Dorothy.

He was a kind and gentle man, loved by those who knew him.

Submitted by Viola M. Pherigo

ARTHUR ALBERT REPPENHAGEN JR.



Arthur Albert Reppenhagen Jr. was admitted to the Florida Conference on trial and ordained deacon in 1955; he was ordained elder and admitted into full connection in 1959.

He served the following appointments: Highlands, Jacksonville, 1957-61; associate, First, New Smyrna, 1961-63; High Springs, 1963-65; Williston, 1965-67; Ley Memorial, Key West, 1967-76. He retired in 1976.

After retirement in Key West he served as pastor at Big Coppitt Key, 1983-2006. He also worked as executive manager of Keys Title and Abstract Company, 1976-85, and as deputy property appraiser with Monroe County, 1985-95.

A 33rd degree Mason, he was a life member of Anchor Lodge No. 182 in Key West. He served for nineteen years as personal representative to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Florida. A recent reunion was named in his honor in recognition of his service and devotion to the benevolent order.

He died on July 12, 2007. He is survived by his wife of fifty-four years, Doris Reppenhagen.

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STACY SELPH

Stacy Selph was born in Lakeland, Florida, on September 24, 1925, to Felder Perry Selph and Mary E. Parrish Selph. He was the youngest of seven children, all of whom sang and loved the Lord. Stacy was an evangelistic song leader for many years. Having five older brothers, he loved to fish and hunt and was also an avid sports enthusiast.

Upon graduation from Lakeland High School in 1944, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force. He was stationed in Okinawa when the Peace Treaty was signed. Stacy came home on a weekend pass and married his high school sweetheart, Elizabeth Anne Kirby, on November 12, 1944. They were married for sixty-two years.

Stacy had several jobs, including singing in a gospel quartet and doing radio and television repair. He finally decided he had to be a minister.

While attending Florida Southern College, he served Orange Heights Methodist Church (now Good Shepherd United Methodist Church) in Lakeland. He was inducted into Pi Gamma Mu, national social science honorary society, in 1956 and graduated that year with a bachelor's degree. He continued his education at Duke University, where he received a master of theology degree in 1959. While he studied at Duke, he served churches in Goldsboro and Smithfield, North Carolina.

Stacy was received on trial in the Florida Conference and ordained deacon in 1957. He was ordained elder and received into full connection in 1959. In 1959 he had the honor of serving as associate pastor under Dr. Ed Pendergrass at First Methodist Church in Orlando. He then served at Glynlea, Jacksonville, 1961-65; First, Tarpon Springs, 1965-71; First, Winter Garden, 1971-76; Saint James, Palatka, 1976-81; and Melrose Park, Ft. Lauderdale, 1981-91. During his ministry Stacy served on several conference boards and committees.

Upon his retirement in 1991 Stacy and Anne moved back home to Lakeland, where he volunteered at Wesley Memorial for fourteen years—teaching Sunday school, singing in the choir, visiting, serving communion to shut-ins, going on trips with the XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) group, and preaching when needed. In June 2007 at the Florida Annual Conference, Stacy was awarded a certificate in grateful recognition of fifty years of service in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Stacy died on July 1, 2007. A service celebrating his life and ministry was held at the First United Methodist Church in Lakeland on Friday, July 6, with the Reverend Dr. Larry Rankin and the Reverend David McEntire officiating. Burial followed at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lakeland.

He is survived by his wife, Anne; two daughters, Shelley and husband Mike Lomastro of Lake Worth, Florida, and Tracy and husband George Matheos of Lakeland; and four grandchildren, Michael and John Lomastro and Alexandra and Amanda Matheos.

Stacy was a minister—not just a preacher. He loved being a minister and was loved by many. When he was sent to a new church, he placed a little sign on the pulpit that said “Sir, we would see Jesus.”

Submitted by Anne Selph



HENRY MELTON WARE

Henry Melton Ware was born in Camak, Georgia, on June 20, 1915, to Robert and Blanch Kitchens Ware. On the day he was born, his father, standing near the window of their home looking out at the church building nearby, lifted the baby up and committed him to the church and to God. From that day on, Melton was destined to become God's person.

At an early age Melton moved with his family to Sanford, Florida. He attended high school in Sanford and graduated from the University of Florida in 1936. He was proud to play football in both schools.

He married Adelaide Stevens in the Presbyterian church in her hometown, Forrest City, Arkansas, on Thanksgiving Day in 1936.

After graduation from the University of Florida, he went on to the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, from which he graduated in 1938. He did graduate work at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He entered the Florida Conference on trial in 1938; he was ordained deacon and received into full connection in 1940 and ordained elder in 1941.



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His appointments were as follows: Hastings, 1938-39; Boynton Beach, 1939-42; chaplain, 1942-46; Vero Beach, 1946-55; First, Jacksonville, 1955-60; superintendent, Tampa District, 1960-62; Trinity, Tallahassee, 1962-65; First, Coral Gables, 1965-69; associate director, Conference Program Council, 1969-71; director, Conference Program Council, 1971-73; director, Conference Council on Ministries, 1973-75; and First, Winter Park, 1975-79. He retired in 1979 after forty-one years of service.

During WW II Melton was an army chaplain serving with the 8th Army Air Force stationed in England. He rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

A member of the Florida Conference Board of Missions, he toured the work of the Methodist Church around the world, with special emphasis on Southeast Asia. He was active in other conference agencies, the Florida Council of Churches, and the communities in which he served. In 1957 Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida, honored him with a D.D. degree.

On February 10, 2008, in Lakeland, Florida, Melton passed away from heart failure. Funeral services were held in the chapel at the Estates at Carpenters in Lakeland on February 15, 2008, with the Reverend Henry Schmidt officiating, and on February 19, 2008, at the First United Methodist Church in Lakeland, with the Reverend David McEntire and the Reverend June Edwards officiating. Mr. Bill Walker and Dr. Barbara Riddle spoke words of remembrance. Burial was in the family plot in Forrest City, Arkansas.

He is survived by Adelaide, his wife of sixty-nine years.

Melton was an enthusiastic sportsman. Among his favorite sports were football and basketball. He spent many an hour watching them on TV.

Melton was as tall in spirit as he was in stature. He believed in giving a helping hand to young people making their way to the ministry and in life. Truly, a compassionate and intellectual giant has passed our way, one who will be remembered for years to come.

Submitted by the Reverend Henry Schmidt

Diaconal Minister

MARY CHATTIE CALHOUN



Mary Chattie Calhoun was born on December 19, 1915, in Perry, Florida, to the late Reverend Eugene C. Calhoun Sr. and Gussie Barnes Calhoun.

She graduated from Columbia High School in Lake City, Florida. She received a bachelor's degree in education from Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida, in 1939. She completed graduate work at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee, and Garrett Biblical Institute in Chicago and received a master's degree in religious education from Boston University in 1952.

After teaching elementary school in Lake City, Florida, for four years, she was certified as a director of Christian education and accepted the position of director of children's work for the Florida Conference in 1941. She became an early childhood specialist in the Children's Division of the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1954. She was consecrated a diaconal minister in 1977.

During her tenure in Nashville she traveled the country conducting workshops, leading seminars and lab schools, serving as a resource for annual conferences and local churches, and writing books and training materials for teachers of young children. She was instrumental in developing two significant national gatherings that focused on training children's teachers and leaders in the development of new methods of relating to children in the church and community.

Despite her petite stature, Mary was a spiritual and educational giant. She was recognized for distinguished service by a number of ecclesiastical organizations, and in 1968 Florida Southern College recognized her as a distinguished alumna with an Outstanding Service to Mankind award. She was a person of keen mind and Christian integrity.

Following retirement to Clyde, North Carolina, in 1978, Mary was active in the First United Methodist Church of Waynesville, especially in the music ministry as a member of the handbell choir. After moving to the Givens Estates retirement center in Asheville, North Carolina, in 1997, she served two terms as president of the Residents Council and as a member of the Board of Directors.

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Mary was an exceptional photographer. She was also a skilled seamstress, tailoring and making most of her clothes, and she was gifted at needlepoint, working on liturgical pieces for the chancel of the First United Methodist Church in Waynesville not too many years before that sanctuary burned. She was described by her college math professor as a "natural mathematician" and one of the most brilliant students he had ever had. He was disappointed that she was determined to teach elementary school. Obviously God had another plan for her life.

Mary died peacefully on May 5, 2007, at Givens Estates after a period of declining health. A memorial service was held at the Pulliam Chapel of Givens Estates on Friday, May 11, 2007, with the Rev. Joe Fulk Jr. and the Rev. Ashley M. Calhoun officiating. Her ashes are interred in the family cemetery plot in Woodlawn Cemetery in Perry, Florida.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Ashley Barnes Calhoun Sr.; and her nephews, Eugene C. Calhoun III and Ashley B. Calhoun Jr. Survivors include her sister, Rabun Calhoun Chappell of Jacksonville, Florida; her brother, Dr. E. Clayton Calhoun Jr. of Givens Estates; one niece; five nephews; and several grandnieces and nephews.

Submitted by the Reverend Ashley M. Calhoun, Frank Calhoun, and Cecile Adams

Clergy Spouses

JOANNE TRAUTMANN BANKS

Joanne Trautmann Banks was born in Stillwater, Minnesota.

She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and a master's degree and an honorary doctorate from Purdue University. She taught English, humanities, and medicine at Drexel University, Pennsylvania State University, the University of Virginia, and Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Well-known in literary circles, Mrs. Banks was recognized as a leading scholar on author Virginia Woolf, having co-edited with Nigel Nicholson the six-volume *Letters of Virginia Woolf*.

A pioneer in interdisciplinary studies, interested especially in the connections between the humanities and medicine, she was a founding editor of the Johns Hopkins journal *Literature and Medicine*. She also wrote two books in the field, *Healing Arts in Dialogue: Medicine and Literature* and *Literature and Medicine: An Annotated Bibliography*.

She was a fellow of the Institute for Arts and Humanities in Pennsylvania and received a lifetime achievement award from the American Association for the Study of Bioethics and Humanities.

She created the Banks Center for Interdisciplinary Inquiry at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, and in honor of her late husband she established the Samuel A. Banks Study Area in the Peter H. Armacost Library at Eckerd College.

She was described as an intelligent and generous woman, devoted to her family and wide circle of friends.

Mrs. Banks died at home in St. Petersburg Beach on May 5, 2007. Funeral services were held in the Wireman Chapel at Eckerd College on May 25, 2007, with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery in Lakeland the following day.

She was pre-deceased by her husband, Dr. Samuel A. Banks Jr. She is survived by a son, Piers Samuel Alston Banks, St. Petersburg, Florida; a stepson, Andrew Banks, Hamilton, Bermuda; a stepdaughter, Lisa Banks, Raleigh, North Carolina; a brother, P. Thomas Belfiori, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota; and a sister, Patricia Belfiori, River Falls, Wisconsin.

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IVALOU MAE MOSHER BLACK



The youngest of five children of Forrest and Effie Wells Mosher, Ivaloo Mae Mosher Black was born on August 27, 1916, in Essex, Ohio. She had two brothers and two sisters, one of whom died in infancy. Her name came from a friend of her mother who was “a very nice lady.” Ivaloo Mae was also very nice—she was well liked and was the proverbial entertainer in her community growing up.

Ivaloo was usually first in school rankings and played piano well. She loved reading and memorized works of literature, quoting them to her grandchildren many years later.

In early junior high school, she met Richard A. Black. Over the next eight years they each dated a few other people occasionally but were pretty much a couple most of that time.

At twenty, in 1936, she married Richard and they moved to Jacksonville, Florida, where Ronald was born. Richard had started college and served a two-point student pastorate before their trek to Florida. After a year, they returned to Ohio, where Richard finished college and seminary. Ivaloo typed his papers and should have received degrees too; nevertheless, she felt her call as the wife of a minister and worked well and vigorously by Richard’s side.

Before the end of his schooling, Janice and Cliff arrived, and Richard served student pastorates nine more years. Ivaloo was a gracious parsonage hostess to visiting missionaries, bishops, and other dignitaries as well as to local parishioners and friends. As a talented church school teacher, she served both youth and adults. She held district and conference offices in the women’s groups and served as dean and instructor in conference schools of mission.

Ivaloo, like the mother in “The Christmas Story,” could often predict what the consequences would be if the preacher’s kids did this or that or the other. This happened so often that we thought she might be a witch, when actually she and Dad just had a lot of wisdom. Mom’s slogan to us as children growing up was “Let go and let God.” Their youngest grandson uses that often to remind his mother Who is in charge. Ron, Cliff, and I grew up knowing our faith in Christ was ours, not just our father’s and/or mother’s. They taught us to pray, and their granddaughter challenged those attending Ivaloo’s memorial service to pick up the gauntlet from this prayer warrior. Ivaloo never ceased to pray for others.

Mom was anxious to be with Dad—together again and forever. Though we were not ready, the family is grateful she was able to live alone after Dad’s death in 1989. Over the last year and a half, Ivaloo thoroughly enjoyed the time she shared with her two great-granddaughters, Eva Grace Bingham and Emma Kathleen Smithson. Mom had a special relationship with each of her grandchildren: Geoff, Chris, Jon, Heather, Maria, Shawn, Maricela, Jose, and Carlos. Several of them spent time with her during the last six weeks of her life. Mom laughed and shared special times with each of them. Most of us didn’t share the goodbyes we would have chosen, but we are blessed for having shared Mom’s life.

Ivaloo died on July 22, 2007, at Community Hospital in Tampa, Florida. A memorial service was held on July 25, 2008. Burial was at Serenity Gardens in Largo, Florida.

She is survived by her children: Janice Bingham of Tampa; Dr. Ronald Black and wife Helen of Elyria, Ohio; and Dr. Clifford Black and wife Angelica of Laredo, Texas; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Ivaloo will be missed by parishioners from the last seventy years; friends from three churches in Florida, eight churches in Ohio, and both conferences; and family in Ohio, Florida, Texas, and California. Her spirit will forever be in our hearts to guide us on. We are joyful that, with Dad, she was there to welcome Geoffrey home four days after she arrived in Heaven. God is so good!

Submitted by her daughter, Janice Bingham, and her granddaughter, Heather Smithson

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RUTH ADELAIDE BRADSHAW

Ruth Adelaide Bradshaw was born on June 12, 1932, to Louis and Ruth Johnson.

She worked as secretary for Wantagh Public Schools in Wantagh, New York, and as the graduation evaluator for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach.

She entered into eternal rest on January 30, 2008, after battling cancer for three years. A memorial service was held on February 2, 2008, at Community United Methodist Church in Daytona Beach, Florida.

She is survived by her husband, Lewis; her five children: Janette and husband Frank; John and wife Debra; Jeff and wife Debbie; Jill and husband Wayne; and Jim and wife Anne; brothers, Buddy and Doug; a sister, Jeanne; and eight grandchildren: Jeremy, Johnny, Amanda, Len, Jacquie, Stephen, and Joanna..

Ruth was blessed with a heart to follow the Lord. When her husband, Lewis, decided to serve the Lord as a part-time local pastor, she had no problem helping him serve at Forest Hills and at Livingston Memorial, Daytona Beach. She helped in their Sunday school programs and played the piano in worship. She was also active in Community United Methodist Church in Daytona Beach.

More than anything throughout her life, she demonstrated a joy that was contagious to her friends and co-workers alike. Her family will always be grateful for her devotion and love. Her witness to Christ is evident today in the lives of those she influenced and touched. All praise and thanks be to God.

Submitted by James A. Bradshaw



JACKIE CHARLTON

Jackie Charlton was a wonderful wife to David Charlton and a loving mother to Joshua Charlton. She is currently part of the great cloud of witnesses cheering the two of them on. She is also united with her daughter, Sarah N. Charlton, who went home to be with the lord in 1999.

Jackie was born on May 7, 1971, in Tampa, Florida, to Wilma Everet and Donald Cooley. She received an A.A. degree from Florida Community College in Jacksonville and was a para-legal. She married David Charlton on October 25, 1997.

On May 23, 2007, Jackie, David, and Joshua, who was three months old, were traveling south on Highway 17, headed toward Sebring to watch their nephew graduate from high school. As they approached DeLand, a northbound car veered into their lane and hit them head on. Their car flipped over and landed upside down. Jackie was driving and took the brunt of the impact. She was killed, probably instantly. David and Joshua survived the crash with little injury.

A memorial service was held for Jackie on June 1, 2007, at Lake Como United Methodist Church, with the Reverends Joe Jursa, James Jennings, Rick Neal and Ralph Young officiating. Jackie's sudden departure from this earth was mourned but her life was celebrated. Most of all, however, people rejoiced at the realization that she was seeing Jesus face to face.

She is survived by her husband, David L. Charlton, and her son, Joshua C. Charlton.

Jackie loved to serve the Lord by ministering to children. She was a teacher at the St. Paul United Methodist Church pre-school in Jacksonville. She also started the children's ministry at Lake Como United Methodist Church.

She will be deeply missed. David looks forward to the day when he is re-united with her. In the meantime, he receives great comfort knowing that she is part of the great cloud of witnesses cheering him on.

Submitted by David Charlton



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VIRGINIA TANSIL HARTSFIELD



Virginia Tansil Hartsfield was born on August 17, 1927, in Memphis, Tennessee, to Robert and Margaret Tansil. She was raised in Sharon, Tennessee, and graduated from high school there.

She received her bachelor's degree in 1949 at the University of Mississippi, where she was a sister in the Delta Zeta Sorority. She went on to earn her master's degree in religious education from Emory University in 1950.

While at Emory she met Paul Hartsfield of Bronson, Florida. He was studying for the ministry at Candler School of Theology, from which he graduated with a master of divinity degree in 1952. They married on June 6, 1951, and enjoyed fifty-five years of faithful and fulfilling marriage.

Virginia was an energetic, humor-filled, and devoted minister's wife. She left a special mark on the lives of people in each of the churches to which Paul was appointed. They started out on a circuit of the Gainesville District in 1953, serving churches in Micanopy, Wacahoota, Shiloh, and Evinston. They then enjoyed appointments to Hendricks, Jacksonville, 1956-63; Melrose Park, Ft. Lauderdale, 1963-69; and First, Tampa, 1969-74.

Next Paul was appointed superintendent of the Sarasota District, 1974-80, and Virginia served as the district secretary. After this appointment they served First, Pompano, 1980-84, and then their final appointment, First, St. Petersburg, where they served for thirteen years until Paul's retirement in 1996.

In retirement they moved to Sarasota, Florida, and Virginia became active in the ministries at First United Methodist Church. During this time she also became involved at East Naples while Paul served as interim pastor there. In November 2005 Paul and Virginia moved to the Carpenter's Estates in Lakeland, Florida, where she was preceded in death by Paul on March 9, 2007.

Virginia experienced her heavenly homecoming on May 7, 2008, when she died at the age of eighty from complications of kidney cancer.

Funeral services were held on May 12, 2008, at First United Methodist Church in Lakeland, Florida, with the Reverends Matthew and Stephen Hartsfield officiating along with the Reverend David McEntire and Dr. Eugene Zimmerman. Her interment was on the same day in Bronson, Florida.

She is survived by her three sons: Philip of Hays, Kansas (married to Phyllis), Stephen of Enterprise, Florida (married to Jill), and Matthew of Tampa, Florida (married to Maisie); and six grandchildren: Eric, Garrett, Sarah, Jill, James, and Emma.

Virginia was a loving wife, caring mother, and faithful follower of Jesus Christ. A bright and vibrant personality in the Florida Conference, she was a source of joy and laughter for the churches in which she served, as well as for other ministers and ministers' spouses. This was evident in her avid work with the conference Mates' Retreats where she was often a leader and/or speaker. While on the Sarasota District she was a great friend and champion of all the pastors' spouses. And well beyond her years on the district she was a source of encouragement and compassion for other spouses in the conference.

Submitted by Matthew Hartsfield

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ELLEN BLITCH HUTCHINS

Helen Blitch Hutchins was born on February 19, 1918, in Oliver, Georgia, to the late Milton and Gertrude Williamson Blitch. She grew up in Savannah and Decatur, Georgia. She married the Reverend Charles Douglas Hutchins on August 8, 1953.

From 1953 until 1981 she served with her husband in churches throughout the Florida Conference. They retired to Savannah in 1981.

She was a member of the Bible Study Group at Savannah Commons and the Cousins Club of Williamson Descendents.

Helen died in Savannah on April 22, 2006, at Hospice Savannah Inc., surrounded by her loving family. Funeral services were held on April 25, 2007, at Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church in Savannah, Georgia, with the Reverend Billy Hester officiating. Burial was in Screven Memorial Park in Sylvania, Georgia.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased in 2001 by her beloved husband, Charles Hutchins. She is survived by her daughter, Nelda Doherty of Tampa, Florida; a granddaughter, Jennifer Michelle Doherty of Roswell, Georgia; her caregiver, cousin, and friend, Phillip H. Hunter Jr.; and eight other cousins.

Helen was a devoted mother, grandmother, and minister's wife.



Submitted by the Memoirs Committee

DELTA FERN EARNHEART KELLY

Delta Fern Earnheart Kelly was born on October 16, 1916, in Wooster, Faulkner County, Arkansas, to Benjamin Franklin Earnheart and Minnie Viola Roberts. At age ten Delta Fern went to live with her father and stepmother in Idabel, Oklahoma, and became an active member of the Methodist church there. Delta met the Reverend Keith Kimble Kelly at a Methodist youth retreat in Prague, Oklahoma. They fell in love and were married on May 22, 1936.

Keith and Delta had five children: Patsy Ruth, Ben Riley, Keith Eldron, Michael Angie, and Vicki Sue. Delta's primary ministry was to her family. At her memorial service her children "rose up and called her blessed." She was truly a Proverbs 31 woman.

She spent forty-five years serving charges in Oklahoma and Florida with her husband. Among the churches that Delta and Keith served between 1936 and 1958 in Oklahoma were the Methodist churches in Okemah, Luther, Wellston, Talihina, Konawa, Watonga, Walters, Cordell, Tipton, Henrietta, and Cherokee and St. Luke's Methodist Church in Tulsa. In Florida between 1966 and 1975, Delta and Keith served in Jacksonville, Christ Church in Orlando, Callahan, Hosford/Bristol, Immokalee, Howe Memorial in Crescent City, and Fleming Street in Key West. They retired to Bradenton in 1976.

After Keith's death in 1986 Delta lived in Lake Wales and Lakeland, where she was active in First United Methodist Church in Lake Wales and Methodist Temple in Lakeland.

Delta had a servant's heart and was the essence of a grand Southern lady. She was a good friend to all, a joyful and encouraging person. Eugene Peterson translates Matthew 11:28-30 as follows: "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on Religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you will learn to live freely and lightly." Delta early on accepted Jesus' invitation and lived in the unforced rhythms of grace. Her physical presence is missed by those who know and love her.

At eighty-nine years of age, in June 2006, Delta accepted the invitation of her son Michael and his wife Kathy to come live with them in Fort Myers, Florida. To the end she retained her mental faculties. On December 3, 2007, her family had gathered and said their goodbyes. On December 4, 2007, at the age of ninety-one, surrounded by her loving family, Delta died peacefully in her sleep after a brief illness.

A memorial service was held on December 6, 2007, at Life Church in Ft. Myers, with the Reverend Delmar Gullett, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Memorial Gardens, Ellenton, Florida.

Delta is survived by her five children: Patsy Ruth and husband Eugene Richard Hemphill, of Raleigh, North Carolina; Ben Riley and wife Darlene Azevedo Kelly, of Oakhurst, California; Keith Eldron and wife Beverly Wilson Kelly, of Denver, Colorado; Michael Angie and wife Kathryn Atkinson, of Fort Myers, Florida; and Vicki Sue and husband Dr. Byron R. Coon, of Bainbridge, Georgia; nineteen grandchildren; thirty-two great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Submitted by Ben Kelly

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GEORGIA MAE MASSIE PICKETT

Georgia Mae Massie Pickett, beloved wife of the Reverend Bill Pickett, was born on August 21, 1936, in Ft. Myers, Florida, to George and Shirley Mae Horne Massie. She was a third generation Florida native.

After graduation from Ft. Myers High School in 1954, she attended Florida Southern College for a year; in 1965, she graduated with a B.S. degree in elementary education from Jacksonville University.

Married to Bill Pickett on March 25, 1956, she was mother to three boys: Mark Richard Pickett, born in 1957; Clark Massie Pickett, born in 1959; and Philip Stanley Pickett, born in 1960.

Georgia went to her heavenly reward on August 22, 2007, after a valiant twenty-one-month battle with cancer. A service of celebration of her life and ministry was held on August 24, 2007, at Pine Castle United Methodist Church in Orlando, Florida, with Pastors Dave and Carolyn Williamson and John Bryant officiating. She was laid to rest in Osceola Memory Gardens in St. Cloud, Florida.

Georgia is survived by her husband, the Reverend William (Bill) Pickett, a retired minister of the Florida Conference; her three sons; a brother, James Massie; and five grandchildren, Sarah Pickett, Lee Pickett, Mackenzie Pickett, Wesley Pickett, and Andrew Pickett.

Georgia was married to Bill for fifty-one years. Her life was devoted to caring for others as wife, mother, elementary school teacher for nineteen years, and servant to her church and community. She was a perfect pastor's wife, beloved by every congregation that she and Bill served. She also filled many other roles including teaching in the Sunday school and forming and leading community Bible studies for women. Georgia had a talent for recruiting people for service in the church.

She and Bill made several mission trips to Russia, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, and Ireland. They also traveled to many other places including Europe, the Holy Land, and Central America, as well as in the United States.

Her passing leaves a great vacancy in her home, community, and church. As evidenced by her faith in Jesus, she now enjoys her heavenly home. She will always be loved and missed.

Submitted by the Reverend Bill A. Pickett



EDITH ELIZABETH BATTY SHERMAN

Edith Elizabeth Batty was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, on January 20, 2007, to Arnold and Minnie Dean Batty. She married Ira Edrick Sherman on April 9, 1938. They had three children: Arnold Ira Sherman, born in 1940; Catherine Elizabeth Sherman Perrealt, born in 1942; and Harold Dean Sherman, born in 1952.

She served with her husband in the Wyoming Conference (New York and Pennsylvania) from the time of their marriage until he enlisted in the army air force as a chaplain in 1943. Upon his return to civilian life, he served churches while studying at Garrett Seminary and Northwestern University. In 1950 he received a call to missionary service in Cuba.

During the next ten years in Cuba, Ira and Edith served churches on the Isle of Pines, at Guantanamo City, and at Cardenas. When the revolutionary government took over the banks and refused to cash American checks, the family was forced to return to the United States in October 1960.

In 1961, after several months of study in Nashville, Tennessee, the Shermans were sent to Argentina, where they served at Rosario, Villa Devoto, Villa Ballester, and Lomas de Zamora. Ira edited the quarterly publication in English of the Methodist missionary community of the River Plate region, *Pampa Breezes*.

They returned to the United States in 1974 and Ira served two years at Opa Locka before retiring in 1976 to Ft. Myers, where he served as minister of visitation at North Ft. Myers United Methodist Church for two years. He died on October 1, 2004.



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Both of the Shermans were known and loved for their gentle, caring ministry to the people of Cuba and Argentina; their lives were a powerful witness to the love of God.

Edith was quiet but witty, kind but strong; she was a supportive and caring spouse and mother, a good hostess, and a good friend. She was intelligent and knowledgeable, never afraid.

Edith died on August 2, 2007. She is survived by her daughter, Kathy Perrealt; son, Harold Sherman; and daughter-in-law, Luz Sherman, widow of her older son, Arnold.

Submitted by Bishop J. Lloyd Knox, the Reverend Fletcher Anderson, Valene Long, and the Memoirs Committee

FLORA HELEN SIEGFRIED

Flora Helen Siegfried, the daughter of Henry J. and Helen Zuck Smith, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on April 10, 1941. The oldest of six children, Flora first lived with her family in Philadelphia, and then when she was a teenager the family moved to Cape May, New Jersey. Possessing a tremendous love for children, especially babies, Flora helped her mother raise the other five children.

From the time of her youth Flora was involved in ministry, especially in the area of music. In her early teens she began playing the organ for services at the First Presbyterian Church of Cape May, and from then on she served churches as either a director of music or an accomplished pianist and organist. Flora loved her Lord Jesus and she loved people; she lived out relational evangelism wherever she was and with whomever God brought her into contact. Since marrying Grant in 1987, Flora has served faithfully beside him as a shining light and an inspiration to all. Two people could not have been better matched; from the very beginning they were a team in life and in ministry.



Following a long and valiant battle with cancer, Flora went home to be with our heavenly father on March 8, 2008. She is survived by her husband, Grant Siegfried, pastor of St. James United Methodist Church in Sarasota; her children and stepchildren: Helen Fuentes of Miami, Andrea Ramsay of Plantation, Sarah Perry of Sunrise, Andrew Ramsay of Miami, Amy Ramsay of Pembroke Pines, Marc Siegfried of Tacoma, Washington, and Miriam Thiele of Fort Myers; and fourteen grandchildren. She also has three surviving siblings: Susan Morse of Cape May, New Jersey, Carol Skari of Philadelphia, and Robert Smith of Cape May.

Two memorial services in celebration of Flora's life, faith, love, and ministry were held: one on March 22, 2008, at St. James United Methodist Church in Sarasota, with the Reverends Kendall Taylor, Barry Lane, Gerald Van Dyken, Mike Oliver, and J. Alan Jefferson taking part, and the other in Cape May, New Jersey, on March 29, 2008, with the Reverend Kendall Taylor officiating.

Even though the last five years of her life on earth Flora was in the midst of a most difficult battle with cancer, she was faithful and loving right up to her home-going. She remains a true witness to us all, showing us how live, and how to die—victoriously in Christ Jesus!

Submitted by Grant Siegfried

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CECIL CLYDE SMART JR.



Cecil Clyde Smart Jr. was born in Sedalia, Missouri, on July 26, 1926. He graduated from Springfield, Missouri, High School in 1944 and enlisted in the United States Air Force. After leaving the service in 1948, he received an associate degree in accounting from Springfield Business School. Called back into the air force in 1950, he remained until he retired in May 1977 with the rank of Chief Master Sergeant (E9). His last seven years were spent in the Pentagon serving as the Chief Administrative Non Com for the air force.

When Cecil he retired after thirty-three years in the service, he took up locksmithing and became a Certified Master Locksmith. He owned Smart's Locksmith Service for thirty years before selling the business in March 2007.

Cecil and Margaret were married in 1982 and celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary just weeks before his death. He had four children by his first marriage.

A fifty-year Mason, he was an active member of the Sugarland Lodge in Clewiston. He was a twenty-five-year member of Eastern Star, a member of the Amrah Shrine Temple of West Palm Beach, and a life member of the American Legion and VFW.

After Margaret became a pastor, Cecil assisted her as church secretary in two of her four appointments. When they moved to Pahokee after her retirement, he served on several committees in First United Methodist Church of Pahokee and was the head usher for four years. He became a Certified Lay Speaker in 1996.

Cecil died on December 23, 2007, in Pahokee, Florida. Funeral services were held on December 29, 2007, at First United Methodist Church in Pahokee, with the Reverend David Reeves, the Reverend Pat Beckum, and the Reverend David Broadbent officiating.

Cecil is survived by his wife, Margaret, of Pahokee and his four daughters: Susan Thomas and husband Jeff of Manchester, New Hampshire; Carmen Brasher of Springfield, Missouri; Nancy Smart of York Spring, Pennsylvania; and Elizabeth M. Berry and husband James of Summerville, South Carolina.

Submitted by Margaret Smart

JUDY LYNN SWARTSEL

Judy Lynn Swartsel was born on February 24, 1967, in Louisville, Kentucky, and grew up in Lexington, Kentucky.

She graduated from Asbury College in 1978 with a bachelor's degree in Christian education. While there, she traveled and recorded with a musical witness team, Faith Incorporated.

In 1981 she married Matt Swartsel of Elfers, Florida. With Matt in the United Methodist pastoral ministry, Judy traveled for twenty-three years as together they served churches throughout Florida. She served many churches in a professional capacity and was active in Christian witness throughout her life. Judy was a loving daughter, wife, and mother and a well-loved, Christ-like friend to all she met.

Judy died on December 25, 2007, after a four-month bout with Lou Gehrig's disease.

She is survived by her husband, Matt; son, Justin; daughter, Erin; parents, Jerry and Sara Leslie of Louisville, Kentucky; and brother, Jimmy of Bardstown, Kentucky. She was predeceased by her younger brother, Duane.

Submitted by the Memoirs Committee