

## Part V

### MEMOIRS

#### IN REMEMBRANCE OF THESE FAITHFUL SERVANTS

##### CLERGY

Robert Kent Turner	April 28, 2009
Hosie Edward Garrett	May 14, 2009
Budd Ralph Johnson	June 8, 2009
James Milford Brazzell	July 2, 2009
Edwin Jay Halter	July 5, 2009
Robert Leon Sterner	July 22, 2009
Eugene Roy Snidow (Local Pastor)	August 10, 2009
Warren Fielding Huntington	August 22, 2009
John James Rooks	August 24, 2009
Ray H. Honaker (Local Pastor)	August 30, 2009
Charles Edgar Burton (Local Pastor)	August 31, 2009
Andrew Torrey Parker	September 9, 2009
Paul Harry Watts	September 16, 2009
Meredith Ralph Standley	September 19, 2009
Robert David Sommer	October 11, 2009
Frederick Crowder Bonsteel	November 4, 2009
William Patten Trobaugh	November 19, 2009
James Edward Brown (Associate Member)	November 21, 2009
Candido Perez	November 27, 2009
Manuel Salabarría	December 12, 2009
Clyde Robert Rinehart	December 15, 2009
Eugene Clayton Calhoun, Jr.	December 31, 2009
Willie Devaughn Limbric (Local Pastor)	January 1, 2010
Paul Everette Morris, Sr.	January 11, 2010
Wilburn Lucius Joyner	February 12, 2010
Ronald Terry Rhodes (Local Pastor)	March 19, 2010
Jasper Orloff Witt	April 23, 2010

##### SPOUSES

Muriel M. Finkell	November 29, 2008
Doris Cole Blitch	May 16, 2009
Bette Lea Driskell Shafer	June 15, 2009
Jewell Evans Lewis	June 16, 2009
Marion Acosta Benitez	July 9, 2009
Frances Scruggs Paulk Bredemeier	July 12, 2009
Sylvia Rosalie Gustie Zinschlag Stewart	July 18, 2009
Beryl O'Quinn Friddle Looney	July 21, 2009
Pearl Hulse	August 12, 2009
Lounette McCullough Roughton	October 11, 2009
Judith Helen Holmes Baugher	October 24, 2009
Maybelle Leslie Price	November 25, 2009
Clyde Robert Rinehart	December 15, 2009
Virginia Mell Summers	January 7, 2010

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Ann Carolyn Allison Rutland  
Mildred Wilkes Ratcliff  
Nan Page Hall Williams  
Alice Elizabeth Morqus McLeod  
Diahann Nappe Spottswood  
Teresa Lynn Martin Fordham  
Dorothy Honaker  
Luene Bass Herndon

January 12, 2010  
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### CLERGY

#### FREDERICK CROWDER BONSTEEL



Frederick Crowder Bonsteel was born in Miami, Florida, on February 8, 1935. The third child of Louis Spencer Bonsteel II and Ruth Crowder Bonsteel, he attended Shenandoah Elementary and Shenandoah Junior High Schools and graduated from Miami High School in 1953.

Fred was raised a Presbyterian but was converted to Methodism by his wife, Joyce Elizabeth Bowers, whom he met at Tamiami Temple Methodist Church in Miami while he was stationed at West Palm Beach Air Force Base. After Fred was discharged, he became a manager at Woolworth's. He married Joyce on April 5, 1959, and they had two daughters, Elizabeth Suzanne, born on June 18, 1960, and Vanessa Louise, born on May 21, 1966.

Fred attended a plethora of colleges: Presbyterian College, 1953-54; Andrew College, Cuthbert, Georgia, 1961-62; Florida Southern College, Lakeland, 1963-64; Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee, 1973-75, where he earned a B.A. in religion and an M.A. in evangelism; and Vanderbilt University, 1975-78, where he earned a master of divinity degree.

Before committing to full-time ministry, Fred held various jobs in sales and owned several businesses. During this time he also held part-time positions as youth director at Beymer United Methodist Church in Winter Haven and Reeves Memorial United Methodist Church in Orlando and served Venus and Nocatee as a local preacher. He was admitted as a probationary member of the Tennessee Conference and ordained a deacon in 1976 and was ordained an elder in 1979. At one time he was one of two in the country to hold credentials simultaneously as an elder (1979), minister of Christian education (1981), and minister of evangelism (1983).

Fred transformed his talent for sales into church growth and profession of faith. He was charismatic in the pulpit and had a quick wit. When asked what he did for living, his classic answer was that he sold fire insurance. In the Tennessee Conference, he was a student pastor on the Bethel/ Blackmon Circuit and student associate at Inglewood. He transferred to the Memphis Conference, where he served the Lafferty Circuit, 1979-81, and Good Shepherd, 1981-85.

Fred loved his time in Tennessee, but in March 1985 he returned to Miami to take a special appointment as chaplain at Epworth Village. He was certified as an ACLF administrator in 1987 and became the administrator there in 1991. He transferred to the Florida Conference in 1988.

Fred missed the parish ministry and returned to serve the following churches in the Florida Conference: Carol City and Opa Locka, 1991-92; Faith, Orlando, 1992-2000; and Community, Holiday, 2000-05, where he created the Joyful Jazz service. After retiring in 2005, he served Lake Lindsey and New Hope, 2006-08.

Fred was always active in the community and in the conference, serving on many boards and committees throughout his life. He was a chaplain with Orange County and Hernando County Sheriff's Departments and a founding member of the American Association of Christian Counselors. For years he was dean of the Mature Years Retreat and active in the Walk to Emmaus.

In 1979 he was honored by the American Heart Association for starting UMYF Heart Drive, later known as the Youth Heart Drive of Middle Tennessee. He was also recognized by the Miami District for Most Funds Raised for the Walk-a-Thon for Missions from 1985 to 1990. In 1997 the Florida Conference bestowed on Fred the Harry Denman Award.

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Frederick Crowder Bonsteel loved life! On November 4, 2009, after his fight with cancer, he left this earth to begin his life with the God he loved and served. A memorial service was held on November 11, 2009, at Ridge Manor Community United Methodist Church, with the Reverend Deborah Nelson officiating. His ashes were placed at the Henscratch Ranch, Lake Placid, Florida, with his best friend, H. L. (Jack) Clark III, officiating.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; daughters, Elizabeth Suzanne Acuff, husband James Austin, and granddaughter Britanni Elizabeth; and Vanessa Louise Montalvo and husband Adalberto and granddaughter Catherine Elizabeth; sister-in-law, Pat Bonsteel; and nieces and nephews.

Submitted by Joyce Bonsteel

### JAMES MILFORD BRAZZELL

The Reverend James Milford Brazzell was born in Eustis, Florida, on April 7, 1923, to the late Milford Brazzell and Rosalie Hawkins Brazzell. He had five daughters: Vivian, born in 1951; Marcia Ann, born in 1952; Pamela, born in 1952; R. Kai, born in 1962; and Bette, born in 1964.

James Brazzell valued education, knowledge, and self-improvement and was a lifelong learner. He graduated from Cutright High School in Eustis, Florida, in 1941 and earned an associate of arts degree from Hillsborough Community College, Tampa, Florida, in 1977. He completed studies at Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1978. In addition, for his sheer enjoyment, he registered for several courses at the University of Florida from 1978 to 1980.

His purpose in life was to serve the only true and living God. He opened his heart to Jesus Christ in 1972 and treasured every opportunity to teach and preach God's word. He loved the inerrant word of God and was proud to be a minister in the Florida Conference.

He was ordained a deacon in 1976 and was received as an associate member of the Florida Conference in 1978. He served the following appointments: Bartley Temple, Eustis, 1973-74; Harris Temple, Tampa, 1974-77; Grace, Miami/associate, Mt. Pleasant, Miami, 1977-78; Mikesville Parish: Mt. Carmel, High Springs/Bethlehem, Mikesville/Zion, Columbia City, 1978-81; Banks, Archer/Bartley Temple, Gainesville, 1981-85; Trinity, West Palm Beach, 1985-88; Tyler Temple, Tampa, 1988-91; and St. Mark, Lakeland, 1991-93. He retired in 1993.

As a young man, James learned to play golf by working as a caddy on local golf courses. He became an avid golfer and played the game until he was eighty-three. He was known for winning against players half his age.

He was a merchant marine during World War II, traveling to Europe and Asia during his service.

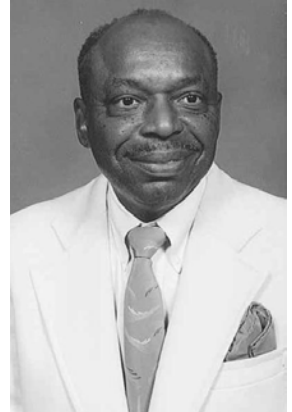
One of his favorite pastimes as a young adult was unique. In the 1950s he developed and displayed the skill of water skiing. He competed with a racially integrated ski and boat club, which participated in competitions throughout Florida. He perfected his water skiing skills to a high level and would show off by taking off one ski and waving it at his fans as his boat circled the lake. He was awarded many trophies during these competitions.

James answered God's call to come home to heaven on July 2, 2009. Funeral services were held on July 8, 2009, at St. James African Methodist Church in Eustis, Florida, with the Reverend Richard King officiating. Burial was at Mount Olive Cemetery in Eustis.

Survivors include his children: Vivian Brazzell Simmons, Marcia Ann Jones, Pamela Clayton, R. Kai Brazzell-Johnson, and Bette Brazzell Mackey.

A much-beloved father, brother, and friend, he is missed tremendously. He was admired for his intelligence, strong will, business sense, and determination. He was respected for his kindness, generosity, and helpfulness to his fellow man. Most importantly he will be remembered for living out his purpose—to serve God and serve well.

Submitted by Kai Brazzell-Johnson



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### JAMES EDWARD BROWN



The Reverend James Edward Brown was born January 22, 1918, in Jacksonville, Florida, to Willie and Corine Poole Brown. Growing up, he attended Mt. Moriah United Methodist Church in Jacksonville. He graduated from Stanton High School in 1935. He attended Edward Waters College and Bethune-Cookman College before being drafted into the army. In the army he served with the 390<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion Company F and was awarded the Eamet Campaign Medal with Bronze Service stars. Upon being discharged, he held several jobs before accepting his call into the ministry in 1966. He always said his sister, Rosa, was instrumental in opening his eyes to the call upon his life to preach the gospel. His theological training was taken at Gammon Theological Seminary and Emory University.

Licensed to preach in 1967, he was ordained a deacon and received as an associate member of the conference in 1981. He served at the following churches: Trinity, Fernandina Beach/Franklinton, 1967-69; Trinity, St. Augustine/St. Stephens, Hastings, 1969-77; Trinity, Lake City/New Hope/Huntsville, 1977-80; Zion, Ocala/Wesley Chapel/Santos Little Chapel 1980-84; and Mt. Pleasant, Gainesville, 1984-88.

In 1988 during my dad's first retirement he became a transportation officer for the State of Florida, transporting juveniles across the state. He used this as an opportunity to witness to the juveniles of God's great love. After being retired for a year, Dad returned to his passion of pastoring a church. He was assigned to the following: Zion, Ocala, 1989-93, and New Hope/Huntsville, 1993- 96.

Dad found great joy in witnessing to and mentoring others. He participated in the Ministerial Mentor Program from 1996 to 1998. He mentored incoming pastors in the Gainesville District.

His last church before his final retirement was Banks, Archer, 1998-2000.

Dad's earthly journey came to an end on November 21, 2009. The funeral was held at Trinity United Methodist Church in Gainesville, Florida, on November 27, 2009. Officiating were the Reverend Dan Johnson and the Reverend Geraldine McClellan, with the eulogy being presented by the Reverend Candace Lewis. He was buried at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

The children preceding him in death were Lorraine Williams, Jacquelyne Tuck, Jan E. Brown, and Johnny L. Mitchell. He is survived by his wife, Edna Marie Thompson Brown; children, Gregory Brown and Carmene A. Jones, Chicago, Illinois; Eugene Brown, Avis D. Smith, and Leslie Y. Highsmith, Jacksonville, Florida; Donald Mitchell, Pinellas Park, Florida; and Alicia J. Brown, Tampa, Florida; sister Eloise Edwards-Snell, Daytona Beach, Florida; twenty-eight grandchildren; twenty-nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

He enjoyed fishing and was an avid reader. He was known as a man of few words, but when he spoke he spoke with passion and authority. His hearty laugh and infectious smile will be missed by family and friends.

Daddy, you fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith. I know that you were awarded your crown of righteousness.

Submitted by Alicia J. Brown, daughter

### CHARLES EDGAR BURTON



Charles Edgar Burton was born on September 4, 1937, in Clarinda, Iowa, to Mary Congdon Burton and Clifford Edgar Burton. He graduated from Villisca High School in 1956. He received his bachelor of arts degree from Simpson College in 1960 and completed the Course of Study at Emory University in 1997.

Chuck had two children from his first marriage, Katherine Elizabeth Burton Butt, born in 1969, and Paul Gregory Burton, born in 1971. With his second marriage to Linda Kramer Burton, he claimed two more children, Jennifer Lynn Cerchiai, born in 1969, and Pamela Jean Korbecki, born in 1973.

In 1999 Chuck was licensed as a local pastor in the Florida Conference. He then served at Wesley, Miami, until 2003 and at St. Paul's, Miami, from 2003 to 2007, when he retired. He was active in Small Church Development and Natural Church Development.

Chuck was a protector of the world God created. He supported Audubon Society and Sierra Club. He qualified as a Master Gardener, served regularly at the University of Florida Agricultural Extension Center in Homestead, and visited Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden often. At home

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Chuck spent many hours cultivating a beautiful butterfly garden for his family, especially the grandchildren, and friends to enjoy.

Chuck was a friend to those who were suffering emotionally or financially. He was a lead person at the Food Pantry at Perrine-Peters United Methodist Church, where two hundred bags of food are distributed twice a month. He volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, participated monthly on a Foster Care Review Panel, and was a staunch supporter of South Florida Urban Ministries.

On August 31, 2009, Chuck died of cancer. Reverend Brian Carr officiated at his memorial service on September 5, 2009, at Perrine-Peters United Methodist Church in Miami.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; his four children: Kathy and husband Dave Butt, Paul and wife Julie Burton, Jennifer and husband Kevin Cerchiai, and Pamela and husband Waldemar Korbecki; and seven grandchildren.

He will be remembered as a man of integrity—faithful to his family, his church, and his God.

Submitted by Linda Burton

### EUGENE CLAYTON CALHOUN, JR.

Eugene Clayton Calhoun, Jr., the first child of Eugene Clayton and Augusta Minerva Barnes Calhoun of Perry, Florida, was born on November 18, 1912, in Douglas, Georgia. His father was a prominent young attorney who answered a call to ministry. Clayton had a brother, Ashley, and two sisters, Mary and Rabun.

Clayton Calhoun showed interest at an early age in the ministry and in becoming a missionary. He graduated from Columbia County High School in 1930 and received a B.A. from Florida Southern College in 1934. He was admitted to the Florida Conference on trial in 1934, was ordained a deacon in 1938, and was ordained an elder and received into full connection in 1940. While serving at Pinecastle/Conway in Orlando, 1934-36, he met his future bride, Frankie Salina Morgan, and they were married on May 12, 1935. The Calhouns had three sons, Eugene Clayton III, who died in 1989; Frank M. of Bryson City, North Carolina; and Ashley M., a retired member of the Holston Conference, of Waynesville, North Carolina.

Clayton served pastorates in North Carolina before attending Perkins School of Theology at S.M.U., graduating with a B.D. degree in 1939. He returned to Florida to serve the Hosford Circuit for six months in 1940 and then prepared for missionary work in China at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee. The Calhouns served in Soochow, China, in 1940, but were forced to leave because of the Japanese invasion.

From 1941 to 1945 Clayton served at Murray Hill in Jacksonville. In late 1946 the Calhouns set sail for China to serve at Changchow and Shanghai. Their love for China and its people lasted their lifetime.

Upon returning to Florida in 1947, the Calhouns served First, Clermont, 1948-49; Centenary, Quincy, 1949-53; and Riverside, Miami, 1953-56. Clayton was often a featured preacher at the Youth Camp in Leesburg and at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.

In May 1946 he was elected president of Paine College in Augusta, Georgia, one of the historically black colleges of the church. There he served until 1970, when he was followed by the first African-American president of the college.

During his years at Paine College, Clayton proved himself to be a visionary, a seeker after justice and equal rights, an adept educator and administrator, and a builder not only of facilities, but of bridges in human relations. He developed a campus plan, oversaw the construction of eight buildings, implemented innovative programs, strengthened faculty, and brought the college into full accreditation. During the civil rights era he supported the peaceful demonstrations of his students and also worked tirelessly to forge relationships among the leaders of the African-American and white communities in Augusta.

He was recognized as an outstanding alumnus and given an honorary doctorate by Florida Southern College and an LL.D. by Paine College. He had completed his doctoral studies at Boston University, but his thesis was lost when the administration building at the college burned.

After his presidency of Paine College, Dr. Calhoun became the first director of the Black College Fund at the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry in Nashville, Tennessee, where he served until his retirement in 1974. At that time he and Frankie established the Smoky Mountain Center for Independent Study in Clyde, North Carolina, where he was executive director until 1977. From 1985 to 1987 he served as interim president of Morristown College, Morristown, Tennessee.



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Dr. Calhoun's thirst for knowledge was unquenchable. He was a life-long student and scholar of the Gospel of John. He wrote *Of Men Who Ventured Much and Far* about Bishop Walter Russell Lambuth and Dr. John Wesley Gilbert, first African-American faculty member at Paine College, the two men who opened the mission field for the church in the Belgian Congo in 1911.

Clayton and Frankie Calhoun were truly partners in marriage and ministry, celebrating seventy years of marriage in 2005. Frankie went to her heavenly home on February 16, 2006, and Clayton followed her on December 31, 2009. Both died at the Healthcare Center at Givens Estates, Asheville, North Carolina. A memorial service was held at the Pulliam Memorial Chapel at Givens Estates on January 23, 2010, with the Rev. Joe Fulk, Dr. Julius Scott, and Bishops Bevel Jones and Woodie White officiating. Some of Clayton's ashes were spread at Rock Tree Ranch, the Calhouns' home in Clyde, North Carolina, and some in their beloved China. A second service was held at the Gilbert-Lambuth Chapel at Paine College on March 19, 2010. On March 20, 2010, a graveside service was held at Woodlawn Cemetery, Perry, Florida, where his ashes are interred in the family plot.

In an autobiography late in life Clayton Calhoun wrote about “the radical venture of turning one's life loose in the life of the church.” He and Frankie entered wholeheartedly into that venture. One of their favorite hymns was “I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord, o'er mountain or plain or sea.” They fulfilled that promise faithfully. They have left behind a rich heritage and spiritual legacy of Christian discipleship for their sons and their families, eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren, as well as friends, colleagues, and the Church they served. Servants of God, well done!

Submitted by the Calhoun Family

### HOSIE EDWARD GARRETT



Hosie Edward Garrett was born on November 27, 1916, in Gateswood, Alabama, to Bertha Grimsley Garrett and Bodie Edward Garrett. After growing up in the South Alabama-Pensacola area, he left to attend Asbury College. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and a bachelor of divinity degree from Emory University.

He married Hazel Owen in 1942. They had one son, Tim, born in 1951.

He was admitted on trial into the Florida Conference in 1943, was ordained and received into full connection in 1945, and was ordained elder in 1947.

He served the following appointments: Waldo, 1943-44; Crescent City 1944-47; student, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, 1947-48; student, Candler School of Theology, 1948-49; Avon Park, 1949-54; Belle Glade, 1954-57; Jacksonville Beach, 1957-61; Hollywood Temple (now First), 1961-69; First, Sarasota, 1969-70; and First, Pompano Beach, 1970-74.

After his retirement in 1974, Ed enjoyed a successful second career with AFLAC. His other loves were his family, fishing, gardening, and the Florida Gators.

He died on May 14, 2009, in Pensacola, Florida. Services were held on May 19, 2009, at the Bayview Fisher-Pou Chapel in Pensacola, with the Reverend David Edwards officiating. Burial was in Bayview Memorial Park in Pensacola.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel, and his brother, Marshall. He is survived by his son, Tim Garrett, of St. Louis, Missouri, and his sister, Francis Baumgardener, of Fleetwood, North Carolina

Submitted by Tim Garrett

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### EDWIN JAY HALTER

Edwin Jay Halter was born January 15, 1919, in Norwalk, Ohio, one of two children born to Ina and Edwin Earl Halter. With a business degree from Miami University in Ohio and experience as a purchasing agent and production supervisor for the Plum Brook Ordinance Works, Jay joined the U.S. Navy in July 1942. He had varied experience, serving on oil tankers, repairing aircraft and bombsights, working at the Naval Clothing Depot in New York, and perhaps his favorite assignment, serving as Supply Officer for the Navy CB's (Construction Battalion) on Guam.

Falling in love with a Navy nurse, Jay was married to Berniece McWilliams in May 1943. Over the next sixty-three years they had six children who blessed them with nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Their children are Edwin Jay (Timmy) Halter, Jr., born on July 5, 1944; Geoffrey Clark Halter, born on March 7, 1947; Albert Leslie Halter, born on July 21, 1950; Stephen Knapp Halter, born on December 1, 1953; and Randal Joseph Halter and Rondal James Halter, born on May 15, 1959.

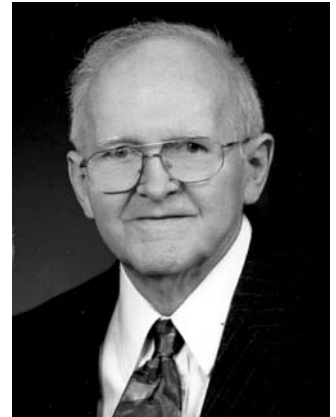
After thirteen years in the Navy, Jay was called into full-time service of the Lord. He occasionally commented on his ecumenical background saying, "I grew up in the Presbyterian Church, sang in the Episcopal boys choir, and became a Methodist minister."

Jay began his service to the Methodist church as a probationary member of the Baltimore Conference in 1956. He was ordained a deacon in 1955 and ordained an elder and received into full connection in 1958. He transferred to the Florida Conference in 1958 and served the following appointments: Inman, Jacksonville, 1958-60; Davenport, 1960-62; Community, Marathon, 1962-64; First, Bowling Green, 1964-68; Sebastian/Fellsmere, 1968-71; Trinity, Tampa, 1971-73; Community, Fruitland Park/Lady Lake, 1973-78; Grace, Orlando, 1978-80; First, Callahan, 1980-82; and Trinity, Jacksonville, 1982-84. After retiring in 1984, he continued his service for several more years at the Oxford United Methodist Church.

Jay died on July 5, 2009, after battling Parkinson's disease for several years. It was fitting that our gracious God saw fit to call him home on the Lord's Day. He passed away peacefully in the presence of family after singing hymns and reading Psalms. A memorial service was held on July 18, 2009, at Olivet Baptist Church in Ocala, Florida.

Interment was at Evergreen Cemetery in Fort Meade, Florida. Although we will miss him we are comforted in knowing Jay has no more pain or worries, just eternity to sing praises to God.

Submitted by Joe Halter



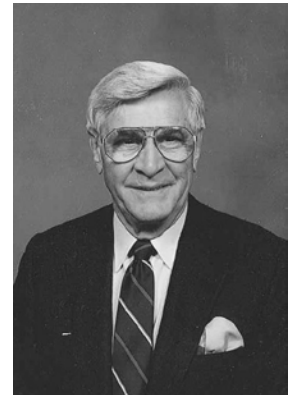
### RAY H. HONAKER

Ray H. Honaker was born on March 2, 1926. He was a radio and television broadcaster before becoming a local preacher in the Florida Conference. He served the following appointments: Waukeenah Circuit, 1979-83; Bethel, Tallahassee, 1983-84; and Matecumbe, 1984-92. He retired in 1992.

He died at age eighty-three on August 30, 2009, in Lake Placid, Florida. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Christine and his son, David. His wife, Dorothy, died on March 10, 2010. He is survived by his children, His wife, Dorothy, died on March 10, 2010. Robin, Mark, Warren, and Amy.

Memorial services were held on September 9, 2009, at Memorial United Methodist Church in Lake Placid, Florida.

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### WARREN FIELDING HUNTINGTON



Warren Fielding Huntington was born on January 22, 1926.

He was admitted on trial into the Florida Conference and ordained deacon in 1964. He was ordained an elder and received into full connection in 1968.

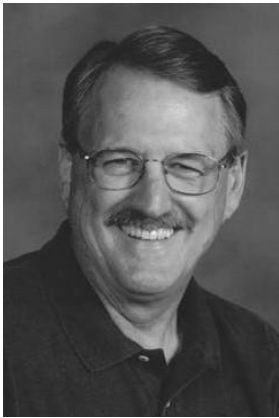
He served the following appointments: Miami Lakes, 1967-72; Epperson Memorial, Jacksonville, 1972-75; Conway, Orlando, 1975-77; Peeler Memorial, Jacksonville, 1977-78; Northside, St. Petersburg, 1978-80; Sebastian, 1980-1986; and St. John's, Sarasota, 1986-91. He retired in 1991.

Warren died on August 22, 2009, at age eighty-three. Funeral services were held on August 29, 2009, at Church of the Palms Chapel in Sarasota, Florida.

Survivors include his daughters, Alison Goldsmith of Parish, Florida, and Shelia L. Lackey of Sarasota, Florida; sister, Arlene Lish of Worcester, Massachusetts; and two grandchildren, Christina Lackey and Jarrod Lackey of Sarasota.

Submitted by the Memoirs Committee

### BUDD RALPH JOHNSON



Budd Ralph Johnson was born on February 11, 1947. He spent his childhood in Bonita Springs, Florida, where he attended First United Methodist Church.

He was admitted to the Florida Conference as a probationary member and ordained a deacon in 1972 and was ordained an elder and admitted into full connection in 1975. He served the following appointments: associate, First, Lake City, 1973-75; associate, First, Sarasota, 1975-79; Howe Memorial, Crescent City, 1979-83; Faith, New Port Richey, 1983-84; student, Candler, 1984-85; Hanson/Rocky Springs, 1985-87; St. John's, Tampa, 1987-93; Central, Ft. Myers, 1993-99; and First, Bonita Springs, 1999-2009.

When he was appointed to Bonita Springs, he was excited that he was returning to his home church. According to his wife, Susan, it was like coming home spiritually. He had been baptized in the chapel there.

In Bonita Springs he was active in the community. He was a member of the Lion's Club and the Chamber of Commerce, and he served as president of the Ministerial Association. He sometimes wrote as a guest columnist for *The Banner*, recalling his experiences growing up in

Bonita as well as sharing anecdotes about being a minister.

In the Florida Conference he was a trustee of the Children's Home and a member of the Commission on Archives and History.

He was described by his congregation and community members as a kind and friendly minister who was always smiling. His gentle leadership and easy-going personality made him a beloved pastor.

Budd was diagnosed with brain cancer in January 2008. Even through surgery and treatment, he kept his smile and sense of humor, chuckling even when he couldn't talk. He died at sixty-two years of age on June 8, 2009. A memorial service was held on June 10, 2009, at First United Methodist Church in Bonita Springs, Florida.

Survivors include his wife, Susan, and his children, Bryant Johnson and Dawn Myers.

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### WILBURN LUCIUS JOYNER

The Reverend Wilburn Lucius Joyner was a spirited, empathetic, and compassionate pastor who devoted his life to honoring God and touching the lives of everyone around him. W.L. was born April 13, 1923, outside of Moultrie, Georgia, and moved to Florida with his family six months later. His parents were Donald and Gertrude “Trudy” Watkins Joyner. W.L. was married to Jeannette Galbreath Joyner for sixty-one years before she died in 2006. They had four children: Joy Lee, born on September 22, 1946, and died on September 22, 1961; Wesley Leonard “Lynn,” born on November 14, 1948; Jean Annette, born on March 6, 1951; and Kim M., born on May 15, 1955.

Raised in Tampa, W.L. graduated from Hillsborough High School in 1940, Florida Southern College in 1944, and Candler School of Theology at Emory University in 1947.

W. L. was admitted to the Florida Conference on trial and ordained a deacon in 1947 and was ordained an elder and received into full connection in 1949. Prior to his ordination and official appointments he served Orange Heights Methodist Church (now Good Shepherd United Methodist Church) in Lakeland and worked at Haygood Memorial Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. His Florida appointments were Bayshore, Tampa, 1947-52; First, Seminole, 1952-57; associate, First, Lake Wales, 1957-58; Wesley, Miami, 1958-63; First, Lake Wales, 1963-69; Anona, Largo, 1969-75, and First, Vero Beach, 1975-77. He took disability leave in 1977 and retired in 1986.

W.L. worked in the Florida Conference Youth Department and the camping ministries, serving as conference youth president. He also served as president of Conference Rural Life Committee and was honored as the Rural Church Pastor of the Year. W. L. served as executive secretary of the Conference Board of Evangelism, preaching in revivals and teaching in enrichment schools. He wrote a small book entitled *Here’s How*, on techniques of youth evangelism. While serving at Wesley in Miami, he helped initiate the first Hispanic congregation in an Anglo church in the conference. He was instrumental in bringing the Lay Witness Mission to Florida.

Beyond retirement W. L. and Jeannette Joyner shared in ministry at Morrison United Methodist Church in Leesburg, Jeannette’s home church. W. L. volunteered for several years at a VITA income tax site, and Jeannette led a sewing group. In 2001 the Joyners moved to Florida Presbyterian Homes in Lakeland. Their local church became College Heights United Methodist Church, where they first attended church together in college.

After he was no longer able to attend worship at College Heights, W.L. was a regular participant at worship and vespers at Florida Presbyterian Homes. While a resident of the Porter-McGrath Health Center there, he encouraged others to attend services, prayed with and for staff, and shared his love for people and God.

W. L. Joyner died on February 12, 2010, in the health center. The memorial service was held February 16, 2010, at College Heights, with the Reverend Daphne Johnson, the Reverend Kim Joyner, and Dr. Eldon Simmons officiating and the Reverend Lee Lallance sharing special music. A graveside service was held at Shiloh Cemetery in Fruitland Park, with Dr. M. McCoy Gibbs officiating.

He is survived by his brother, Orbrie W. Joyner of Mims. His surviving children and family are son and wife, Lynn and Priscilla Joyner; grandson and wife, David and Caitlin Joyner; great grandson, Austin Joyner; and grandson, Steven Joyner, all of Nokomis, Florida; daughter and husband, Jean and Robert Vanderslice, and granddaughter, Renee Vanderslice of Lakeland; son and wife, Kim and Joanie Joyner of Sarasota, Florida; granddaughter, Kristi Joyner of Port Orange, Florida; and grandson and wife, Shawn and Samantha Joyner of Jacksonville, Florida.

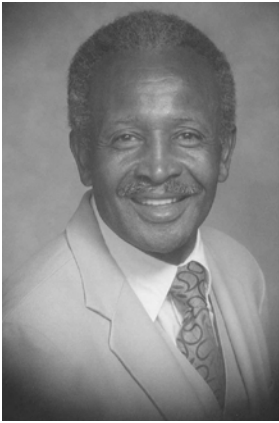
W. L. Joyner told his children if he had another life to live he would want to share it with the same girl and serve the same God through the same church.

Submitted by Jean Joyner Vanderslice



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### WILLIE DEVAUGHN LIMBRIC, SR.



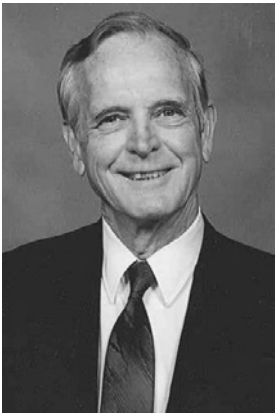
Willie Devaughn Limbric, Sr., was born on November 12, 1921. He was licensed as a local pastor in the Florida Conference in 1963. He was ordained a deacon in 1971. He served the following appointments: McClenny/Cotton Chapel, 1966-67; Asbury, Jacksonville/Cotton Chapel, 1967-69; West Jacksonville Parish, 1969-75; Fernandina Parish, 1975-84; and Bowden, Jacksonville, 1984-88.

He died on January 1, 2010. Funeral services were held on January 9, 2010, at Asbury United Methodist Church in Jacksonville, Florida. Interment was in Restlawn Memorial Park in Jacksonville.

He is survived by his wife of twenty-seven years, Doreatha Davis Limbric; children, James Singleton and wife Carolyn, Jacquelyn Pittman, Willie D. Limbric, Jr., and wife Eloise, Sharon Holland and husband Ronald, Bruce Limbric and wife Shirley, Patricia Mainor, Lillie Bush and husband John, Mose W. Davis and wife Regina, Michael Davis and wife Patricia, and Wandella Davis; sister, Lois Palmer; twenty-five grandchildren; forty-five great-grandchildren, fourteen great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other family and friends.

Submitted by the Memoirs Committee

### PAUL EVERETTE MORRIS, SR.



Paul Everette Morris, Sr., was born on August 25, 1922, in Carroll County, Georgia, to Charles S. Morris and Dera Elsie Lively Morris.

He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was admitted on trial to the Florida Conference and ordained a deacon in 1967, was received into full connection in 1969, and was ordained an elder in 1970. He served the following appointments: Mayo, 1967-69; Southside Estates, Jacksonville, 1969-73; Monticello, 1973-79; Trinity, North Port, 1979-84; First, Zephyrhills, 1984-86; Hendricks Memorial, Jacksonville, 1986-88. After his retirement in 1988, Paul became property manager for the Preacher's Relief Board, giving not only careful attention to the houses but also pastoral care to the retired clergy families who live in them.

He married Ann Owens on May 2, 1992.

Paul died on January 11, 2010, in Lakeland, Florida. Funeral services were held on January 13, 2010, at First United Methodist Church, Bartow, Florida. Burial was in the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Ann; his brothers, Henry, Radford, and Frank; and his sisters, Opal, Betty, Alice, and Lenett. He is survived by his brother, James Morris of Carrollton, Georgia; his sons, Paul E. Morris, Jr., of Wesley Chapel, Florida; Thomas S. Morris of Orlando, Florida; and Charles A. Morris of Smyrna, Tennessee; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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### ANDREW TORREY PARKER

Andrew Torrey Parker was born on August 6, 1942, in Waycross, Georgia, to Andrew Torrey Parker, Sr., and Harrie Sasser Parker.

A graduate of Candler School of Theology, he was admitted to the Florida Conference on trial and ordained a deacon in 1965 and was ordained an elder and received into full connection in 1969. He served the following appointments: Christ, Tampa, 1967-70; Community Service, Jacksonville, 1970-77; Urban Ministries, Ft. Lauderdale, 1977-81; Urban Training Institute, 1981-84; Hospice Care, Atlanta, 1984-85; Hospice, Kansas City, 1985-90; Community Hospice Foundation of the Bay Area, San Francisco, 1990-92; and president, American Hospice Foundation, 1992-96. He retired in 1996.

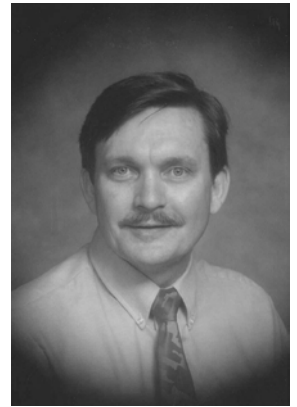
A human rights activist who addressed social injustice and hypocrisy, Andrew was active in the civil rights movement of the 1960s. He helped start the nation's first funded anti-poverty program. In 1976 he helped develop one of the nation's first hospices, and in 1982 he was instrumental in the passage of legislation that provided Medicare benefits for hospice care. He was dedicated to changing the way care is delivered to the terminally, the dying, and their families.

He will be remembered by family and friends for his energy, exuberance, humorous anecdotes, dramatic deliveries, silly songs, and whistling.

Andrew died on September 9, 2009, in Jacksonville, Florida. A memorial service was held on September 21, 2009, at First United Methodist Church in Jacksonville, with the Reverend Richard Petry officiating.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Anne Goldbauer; his children, Lisabeth Heese and husband Michael, Kerin Fraunfelder and husband Cass, Rachel Weinthal-Parker, and Noah Weinthal-Parker; his step-children, Aaron Williams, David Gould, and Zachariah Bauer; five grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; sisters, Ann Parker Parsons and husband Richard and Alice Parker Baker; former wives, Sarah Parker and Joan Weinthal; and numerous nieces, nephews, and treasured friends.

Submitted by the Memoirs Committee



### CANDIDO PEREZ

Candido Perez was born on July 9, 1935. He was admitted on trial in the Puerto Rico Conference and ordained a deacon in 1975 and was received into full connection and ordained an elder in 1976. After his transfer to the Florida Conference in 1980, he served the following appointments: Hardee County Spanish Mission, 1980-82; Leisure City Hispanic/Peace Hispanic, Miami, 1982-91; Allapattah Hispanic/Riverside Hispanic, Miami, 1991-95; and North Hialeah Hispanic, 1995-99. He retired in 1999.

The Reverend Mr. Perez died on November 27, 2009.

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### RONALD TERRY RHODES



Ronald Terry Rhodes was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, on January 14, 1942, to James and Mildred Maloney Rhodes.

He attended Wytheville Community College and completed the Duke Ministerial Course of Study in 1995. He served in the U.S. Navy.

Licensed to preach in 1989 in the Holston Conference, he served the following appointments there: Bridle Creek Circuit, Independence, Virginia, 1989-92; West Marion Circuit, Marion, Virginia, 1992-96; and Mt. Olivet/Gladeville Charge, Galax, Virginia, 1996-98. He served on the Wytheville District Council on Ministries and as a board member of Camp Dickenson in Virginia.

He transferred to the Florida Conference in 1998 and served Indian Lake, 1998-2005. Because of health problems related to cancer Ronald retired in 2005.

He married Pamela Johnson Conner on November 16, 1990. His children are Johnny, born on November 11, 1971; Ronnie, born on July 23, 1973; and Lesley, born on November 9, 1976.

Ronald was promoted to glory on March 19, 2010, as a result of multiple myeloma.

Memorial services were held at Davenport United Methodist Church in Davenport, Florida, on May 22, 2010, and at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee, on March 24, 2010. Ronald's stepson, the Reverend Richard Conner, officiated, assisted by the Reverend Sharon Davis, in Davenport and the Reverend Dr. Darryl Ross in Knoxville. Burial was in the National Cemetery at Bushnell, Florida.

Survivors include his mother, Mildred Rhodes Meador; his wife, the Reverend Pamela Conner Rhodes; his sons, Johnny Rhodes and Ronnie Rhodes; his daughter, Lesley Rhodes-Ferguson; stepson, the Reverend Richard Conner; and stepdaughter, Kelley Conner Cromwell.

Submitted by Pamela Conner Rhodes

### JOHN JAMES ROOKS



John James Rooks was born in Century, Florida, on August 19, 1913, to the Reverend Enoch Marvin and Dixie Williams Rooks. He grew up in Alabama and Florida.

He graduated from Birmingham Southern College in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1937 and earned his bachelor of divinity degree in 1939 from Duke University Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina. He received an honorary doctorate from Florida Southern College in 1964.

He was admitted to the Florida Conference on trial in 1939, was ordained a deacon and received into full connection in 1941, and was ordained an elder in 1942.

He married Ethel Roosevelt Liles on August 31, 1939. They had two children: John James Rooks, Jr., and Marianne Rooks.

Dr. Rooks served the following appointments: Trinity, St. Petersburg, 1939-50; College Heights, Lakeland, 1950-54; First, Ft. Myers, 1954-61; superintendent, Lakeland District, 1961-67; Conference Council program superintendent, 1967-69; Conference Council program director, 1969-71; First, Winter Park, 1971-75; and First, Gainesville, 1975-79.

He served tenures as trustee of Florida Southern College and of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. He was elected to General Conference in 1964, 1968, and 1972 and to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference in 1960 and 1976.

He and Ethel retired to North Carolina in 1979. In 1996 they moved to Carpenter's Home Estates Retirement Center in Lakeland, Florida, where he served as chaplain his first five years there. His gracious manner and devotion to fellow residents and staff endeared him to everyone. Ethel predeceased him in 2000.

Dr. Rooks died on August 24, 2009. He is survived by his widow, Mary Johnson Rooks of Stuart, Florida; his sister, Rebecca Rooks Hunt of Holly Hill, Florida; his son, J. James Rooks, Jr., M.D., and his wife Penny of Tacoma, Washington; his daughter, Marianne Rooks of Boone, North Carolina; six grandchildren: Kathy Evans, Wendy Rooks Kienbusch and her husband William, Heidi Evans Duty, Brett Emory Rooks and his wife Thea, Jennifer Leitner Perry, John Mark Leitner; and eight great-grandchildren.

His memorial service was held at Carpenter's Home Estates in Lakeland, Florida, on October 3, 2009. Participating clergy were the Reverend Norman Bradney, the Reverend Daphne Johnson, Dr. A. James Armstrong, Dr. John F. Few, Dr. E. Keith Ewing, and the Reverend W.A. Fisackerly III. College Heights United Methodist Church provided music under the direction of Ann Wood and the instrumentation of Sue Fee.

Submitted by his family

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### MANUEL SALABARRIA

Manuel Salabarría was born on October 27, 1931. He was admitted on trial in the Cuba Conference and ordained deacon in 1960. He was ordained elder and received into full connection in 1965.

He transferred to the Florida Conference in 1966 and served the following appointments: El Salvador, Key West, 1966-70; student, Princeton, 1970-71; and Coral Way Hispanic, 1971-72. He retired in 2009.

He died on December 12, 2009.

Submitted by the Memoirs Committee

### EUGENE ROY SNIDOW

Eugene Roy Snidow was born in Princeton, West Virginia, on February 12, 1925. He was a graduate of Mercer College, Macon, Georgia, and Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, he served as a paratrooper in World War II. Among other medals, he received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Roy was licensed as a local preacher in 1983 and served the following appointments: assistant, Epworth, Hollywood, 1983-85; Marathon, 1985-86; and Wesley Chapel, Ft. Lauderdale, 1986-90. He retired in 1990 and moved to Sebring, where he served as minister of visitation at the First Presbyterian Church.

He was a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Disabled American Veterans, and the 101st Airborne Division Association. He was active as a chaplain in the Civil Air Patrol, attaining the grade of lieutenant colonel.

Roy died in Sebring on August 10, 2009, at age eighty-four. A celebration of his life was held on August 13, 2009, at the First United Methodist Church in Sebring.

He is survived by his wife, Louise Elswick Snidow, and son, Roy Eugene Snidow, Jr., of Sunrise, Florida.

Submitted by the Memoirs Committee

### ROBERT DAVID SOMMER

Robert David Sommer was born February 10, 1920, in the Belgian Congo, Africa, to pioneer missionaries Emil A. and Lydia May Augsburgers Sommer. His family returned to the United States, where he grew up in Topeka, Indiana, and attended Bluffton University in Ohio. Continuing his studies in Wilmore, Kentucky, Robert graduated with a B.A. from Asbury College in 1944. Called to pursue ministry as one of a long line of Mennonite preachers and missionaries, he earned a master of divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in 1949.

In 1949 Bob was admitted into the Florida Conference on trial, was ordained an elder in 1950, and was received into full connection in 1951. He retired from the Conference in 1974, having served Citra, 1949-50; Crystal River-Homosassa, 1950-52; associate, First, St. Petersburg, 1952-54; Starke, 1954-56; St. Mark's, Ocala, 1956-60; Conway, Orlando, 1960-65; St. Paul's, Miami, 1965-71; and Northwood, West Palm Beach, 1971-74.

After retiring from the Florida Conference, Bob moved to Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, where he continued his ministry in churches in the area. He later moved to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, where he remained active in several churches, continuing his ministry as a retiree. For years he appeared in the Gatlinburg Passion Play, portraying King Herod more than one hundred times.

Bob met Sunny Neil at Asbury College, and they married in 1944. They had a son, Tommy, and four daughters, Carol, Jeannie, Candy, and Susie.

Bob will always be remembered as a caring pastor, a loving father, and a devoted husband, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He always brought out the best in everyone with his warm smile, laughter, and love for people. Even during his last few years in an assisted living facility, he ministered to staff, friends, and family. Bob never knew a stranger. Friends and staff shared with the family through tears how when they came to visit him, he turned the visit around to make them feel special, loved, and blessed. He shared the love of Jesus freely.



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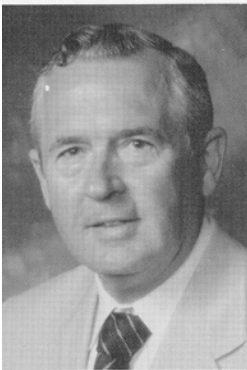
Bob joined his Lord in heaven on October 11, 2009, at eighty-nine years of age. He is survived by four children: Jeannie DeGrasse and her husband, Dennis, also a minister, Clyde, North Carolina; Candy Bridges and her husband, Bob, also a member of the Florida Conference, Lexington, Kentucky; Tommy Sommer and his wife, Debi, Greer, South Carolina; and Susie Skolrood and her husband, Mark, Roanoke, Virginia. His grandchildren are Michael, Nathan, Andrew, Carley, T. R., Erik, Lindsay, and Lauren; great-grandchildren are Judah, Tucker, and Caroline. Bob's brother, Gordon, lives in Northfield, Michigan. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sunny, in 1997 and his daughter, Carol, in 1947.

A celebration of Bob Sommer's life was held on Saturday, October 17, 2009, in Sevierville, Tennessee, with the Reverend Kent Loveday officiating. He was laid to rest in Middle Creek Cemetery in Sevierville.

For about a year he suffered many small strokes until a massive stroke took his life. He told the family many times during the last year of his life that he was ready to be with Jesus. We miss him deeply but rejoice in the knowledge that he realized the desire of his heart and spent Christmas with Jesus this year. Now he enjoys eternal life with the Lord he loved and served so well.

Submitted by Candy Sommer Bridges

### **MEREDITH RALPH STANDLEY**



Meredith Ralph Standley was admitted on trial into the Florida Conference and ordained a deacon in 1959. He was ordained an elder and received into full connection in 1962. He served the following appointments: associate, Hyde Park, 1961-63; chaplain, U.S. Army, 1963-91; and chaplain, Florida Southern College, 1991-95. He retired in 1995.

He died on September 19, 2009.

Submitted by the Memoirs Committee

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### ROBERT LEON STERNER

Robert (Bob) Leon Sterner was born in Danville, Pennsylvania, on December 28, 1944, the son of John Edward and Esther Mae Deitterick Sterner. He shared life on his grandfather's fruit farm with two brothers, Leroy and Richard (Jack), and sister, Gloria. His family moved to Florida when he was in the fifth grade. He graduated from Chamberlain High School in Tampa in 1963.

Called to the ministry as a young boy, Bob spent the rest of his life pursuing his calling. He was licensed to preach in the Free Methodist Church in 1967. He graduated from Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky, with a degree in philosophy and religion in 1967, then went across the street and completed a master of divinity degree at Asbury Theological Seminary in 1970. He joined the Oak Grove United Methodist Church in Tampa before his graduation. He was admitted to the Florida Conference as a probationary member and ordained a deacon in 1971 and was admitted in full connection and ordained an elder in 1973.

He met his future wife, Carol Schull Sterner, at the seminary, and they were married at her home church in Selma, Indiana, on May 24, 1969. Their first appointment was a two-point charge at DeLeon Springs and Lake Helen, Florida, 1970-72. Daughter Christy was born there on June 8, 1971. In 1972 they moved to Tice, where Bob assisted with the building program for a new sanctuary that was completed during his ministry there. Daughter Sharon was born there on February 2, 1974. Bob then served the following appointments: Greensboro, 1976-77; associate, Murray Hill, Jacksonville, 1977-78; Bronson, 1978-79; and Reddick, 1979-80. Because of a seizure disorder, Bob chose to take a disability leave in 1980, but he never stopped serving.

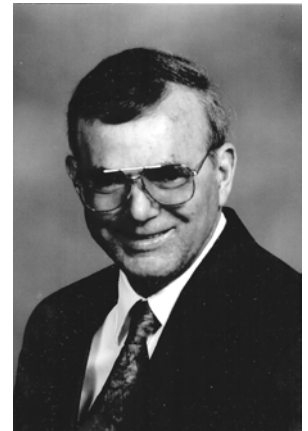
In Mayo, Florida, 1980-1982, he kept busy substitute teaching and helping others in the community. While living at Bradenton, Florida, 1982-1986, he began clinical pastoral education and served at Goodwill Industries in Sarasota and at Asbury Towers in Bradenton.

In 1986 the family moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he volunteered at the City of Faith until it closed. He volunteered at Goodwill Industries in the book department for several years. From 2001 until he could no longer serve because of illness, he volunteered under the chaplain at Restore Hope Ministries, counseling and praying with needy people. He led many to a first-time commitment to Jesus.

Bob passed away on July 22, 2009, at Clarehouse in Tulsa after a more than five-year battle with colon cancer. Even in death, he was committed to serving others, as he donated his body for medical research through Anatomy Gifts Registry. Memorial services were held in Mason Chapel at Asbury United Methodist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on September 25, 2009, with the Reverend David Thomas, the pastor, and the Reverend Jeanette Koch, Restore Hope Ministries, officiating. His ashes were interred in the columbarium of Asbury UMC.

He leaves behind his wife, Carol; his mother; two brothers; one sister; and a godly heritage in his daughters, Christy Phillippe with husband Brent and son Benjamin Tucker Robert and Sharon Brown with husband Aaron and son Carter Wesley. Though Carter and his parents live in Washington State, Bob was privileged to see and hold him when they came to visit. Then little Tucker was born five weeks early, a month before Bob passed away, giving Bob the privilege of seeing and holding him, as well giving us very treasured memories.

Submitted by Carol Sterner



### WILLIAM PATTEN TROBAUGH

William Patten Trobaugh was born in Tampa, Florida. A colonel in the U.S. Army, he served a tour of duty in Vietnam.

He was admitted into the Florida Conference on trial in 1953, was ordained a deacon in 1954, and was ordained an elder and received into full connection in 1956. He served the following appointments: Alturas, 1953-54; student, Candler School of Theology, 1954-56; Alturas, 1956-57; and chaplain, U.S. Army, 1957-77. He retired in 1977.

He died at age eighty-four on November 19, 2009, in Sarasota, Florida. Graveside services were held on November 23, 2009, at Glen Haven Memorial Gardens in Sarasota.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alma Lee Trobaugh. Survivors include his sons, Ronald E. Trobaugh and wife Cheryl of Macon, Georgia, and John W. Trobaugh and wife Cookie of Sarasota, Florida; grandchildren: Nikki, Macey, Melody, Michael, Jessica, Brittney, Lynn, and Stephen; and ten great grandchildren.

Submitted by the Memoirs Committee

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### ROBERT KENT TURNER



Robert Kent Turner was born on April 23, 1932, in Jacksonville, Florida, to Leroy and Vera Turner. He was converted at the age of seventeen, then received and answered a strong call to preach. He married Carol Jean Murphy on August 8, 1953. After serving in the U.S. Air Force from 1954 to 1958, he graduated from Trevecca Nazarene College in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1960. As an ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene, he served congregations in Tennessee, Kentucky, Florida, and West Virginia. He was admitted on trial into the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Church and ordained a deacon in 1967 and was ordained an elder and received into full connection in 1970. He served churches in Kinsale, Edgewater, Coles Point, Lynchburg, and Danville, Virginia. He received a master of divinity degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., in 1970.

For a short period of time after he left Virginia, he served with Rex Humbard in Akron, Ohio. This was a rewarding experience for him and his family.

He transferred to the Florida Conference in 1974 and served the following appointments: Crawfordville, 1974-75; Oldsmar, 1975-76; Emmanuel, Melbourne, 1976-83; Kirkman Road, Orlando, 1983-84; Trinity, North Port, 1984-88; Wauchula, 1988-90; First, Dade City, 1990-1992; First, Bunnell, 1992-93; College Park, Orlando, 1993-95; and First, Bonita Springs, 1995-97. He and Carol retired in 1997 to a beautiful home he had built for them in Mayo.

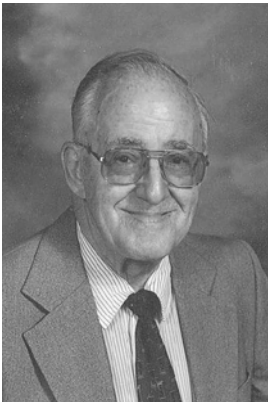
He received a doctor of ministry degree in 1982 and a doctor of theology degree in 1983, both from United Theological Seminary (AME) in Orlando.

He died on April 28, 2009, after exploratory surgery and a lengthy stay in the ICU of North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville. Funeral services were held on May 23, 2009, at New Harmony United Methodist Church in Live Oak, Florida. Arrangements were under the direction of ICS Cremation and Funeral Home in Lake City, Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Allison Godbold. He is survived by his wife of fifty-five years, Carol; two daughters, Cynthia Sharpe and Donna Lynn Keim; a sister, Joyce Keahey of Dallas, Texas; a brother, Donald LaVerne Turner, Winter Haven, Florida; three grandchildren, Jennifer Layne, Lindsey Lampitt, and Brett Keim; and two great-grandchildren, Colin Adams and Makayla Adams.

Submitted by Carol J. Turner

### PAUL HARRY WATTS



Paul Harry Watts was born on June 6, 1924, in a small town in Pennsylvania called Newton Hamilton. He was the second of three children born to Scott Jackson Watts and Mae Lepley Watts. He grew up with an older brother William (Bill) and a younger sister Margaret.

Upon his graduation from Mount Union High School in 1942, he joined the army, following his older brother, who enlisted before him. Paul served in the 79<sup>th</sup> Division in Europe until the end of World War II. Although he had made a blood pact with his brother when they were kids not to become a minister, the Lord used the inhumanity of war to call him into the ministry. He attended Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, 1945-49, graduating with a bachelor of arts degree. While he was still in college, he served five churches in Central Pennsylvania on the Clearfield Circuit from 1948 to 1950. He married Dorothy Winkelblech on June 24, 1949.

He went to Westminster Seminary in Westminster, Maryland, from 1950 to 1953, graduating with a master of divinity degree. While attending seminary, he served in Gatchelville, Pennsylvania, 1950-51. Other churches he served in the Central Pennsylvania Conference were Doylesburg Circuit, 1953-55; Duboistown, 1955-59; and Reedsville, 1959-61. During this time Paul and Dorothy started their family. Helen Watts Brock was born on January 28, 1954, John Mark Watts on February 17, 1956, and Elizabeth Watts Rowe on February 4, 1957.

He was admitted on trial to the Central Pennsylvania Conference and ordained a deacon in 1952 and was ordained elder and received into full connection in 1954.

Because of health considerations for one of his children, in 1961 Paul moved his family to Florida, where he served the following appointments: White City, Jensen Beach, (now White City, Ft. Pierce), 1961-63; Aldersgate and Wesley, Ft. Lauderdale, 1963-64; Melrose, 1964-66; Patterson Memorial, Lutz (now First, Land O' Lakes), 1966-70; Macclenny, 1970-73; Lakewood Park, Lakeland, 1973-77; Trinity, Plant City, 1977-80; Lake Panasofkee, 1980-83; and Trinity, Winter Haven, 1983-86.



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Upon his retirement in 1986 he was a devoted grandfather and an avid reader and stamp collector. In 2006 he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, which probably contributed to his death on September 16, 2009. His memorial service was held on September 19, 2009, at First United Methodist Church in Lakeland, with the Reverend David McEntire officiating. He was buried at Osceola Memory Gardens in Kissimmee.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy of Lakeland; his children, Helen Brock of Clermont, John Watts of Lakeland, and Elizabeth Rowe of Lakeland; his four grandchildren; and his sister, Margaret Morningstar of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania.

Submitted by John Watts

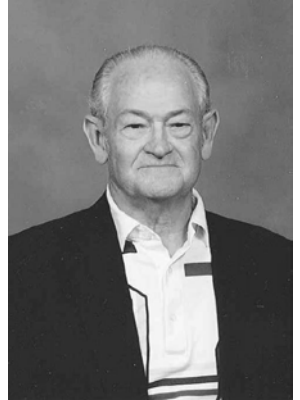
### JASPER ORLOFF WITT

Jasper Orloff Witt was born on April 6, 1924. He was admitted to the Florida Conference on trial and ordained a deacon in 1960 and was ordained an elder and received into full connection in 1962.

He served the following appointments: Mandarin, Jacksonville, 1962-66; Edge Memorial, Groveland, 1966-70; First, Haines City, 1970-76; St. Paul's, Miami, 1976-77; First, Williston, 1977-79; and Crystal River, 1979-87. He retired in 1987.

He died on April 23, 2010. A memorial service was held on April 25, 2010, at First United Methodist Church in Haines City, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Connie; sons, Tom and Jack Witt, three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Submitted by the Memoirs Committee



### SPOUSES

#### JUDITH HELEN HOLMES BAUGHER

Judith Helen Holmes Baugher was born on July 30, 1936, in Miami, Florida. Her parents were Helen Thomson Holmes and Bernard (Alan) Alfredo Holmes.

Judy's father was a Big Band leader and musician, so many of her early years were spent traveling with her parents. Once it was time for her to start her formal education, she and her parents settled in Queens Village, New York. Later, when she was a teenager, her parents decided to try out dairy farming, so they moved to Jacksonville, Florida, where Judy graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1954. As an adult, Judy was dedicated to church functions, committees, and choirs. She also volunteered for various organizations, most recently Habitat for Humanity in Venice, Florida.

She was the dedicated and loving wife of James W. Baugher, whom she married on August 21, 1971. Between them they had six children: Renee Owens, Bonnie C. Thomas, J. Kent Baugher, Kathleen S. Jansen, Donald W. Shipman, Jr., and Karen K. Ness.

Judy was a wonderful daughter, wife, sister, and most of all mother and friend. She was diagnosed with lung cancer on May 27, 2009. It was a shock because she didn't even know she had it until a blood clot went to her lung. In treating the blood clot in one lung, a mass was found in the other. Judy initially sought treatment but soon realized that it would not improve her quality of life, so she decided to try to be comfortable for the time she had remaining. On September 7, 2009, she moved into the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen and Kevin Jansen, in Sanford, Florida.

On October 24, 2009, Judy passed away, surrounded by two of her daughters and her son-in-law. She was a lady in life and left this world with dignity and beauty. Hospice of the Comforter helped ease her pain and truly comforted Judy and the family during her last two weeks of life.



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A memorial service was conducted on October 28, 2009, at Christ United Methodist Church in Venice, Florida, her home for the last sixteen years. Her pastor, the Reverend Jerry VanDyken, officiated. Her children and step-children as well as most of her grandchildren attended the beautiful service, along with countless friends, choir-mates, and family. Her ashes were interred beside her husband's in the Memorial Garden at Christ United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Bonnie Thomas of Littleton, Colorado; Kathleen Jansen of Sanford and Miami, Florida; Renee Owens of Jacksonville, Florida; and Karen Ness of Rapid City, South Dakota; her sons, Donald W. Shipman, Jr., of Indio, California, and J. Kent Baugher of Jacksonville, Florida; a brother, Alan Holmes of Anaheim, California; a sister, Bonnie Kirkendale of North Port; sixteen grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Submitted by Kathleen Jansen

### MARION ACOSTA BENITEZ



Marion Acosta Benitez was born in Herradura, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, on August 8, 1928. She was the third child born to Pastor Acosta and Eloina Diaz.

As a child she was invited to attend the United Methodist Church in her hometown by Lola Alexander, who was her first Sunday school teacher. Later, her oldest brother, Guillermo Acosta, made it possible for her to attend a private school, Colegio Metodista Central, in Havana, Cuba. It was there she met Mathilde Jackson from Tennessee, her roommate who became her longtime friend. At that time she met the love of her life, a young Puerto Rican seminary student, Cesar Manuel Benitez. They were married on June 23, 1946, in her hometown church.

The newlyweds left for Carlsbad, New Mexico, where the Reverend Mr. Benitez had been appointed by the Rio Grande Conference. Their first son, Ornan Alfonso Benitez, was born in Carlsbad on August 12, 1947. In 1949, they returned to Cuba to serve in Marion's hometown, Herradura, where their daughter, Brenda, was born on February 14, 1950. In 1960 Marion left Cuba with her family, and her husband was assigned by the Florida Annual Conference to El Salvador United Methodist Church in Key West. It was there that their third child, Belinda Margaret, was born on February 3, 1966.

Marion was active in the United Methodist Women from the time she was a teenager. As an adult, she earned a license to preach. With a passion for teaching, she taught children in pre-K and kindergarten in several church schools both in Cuba and in the United States. While living in Miami, Florida, she was a teacher's aide for the bilingual program in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Throughout forty-eight years of ministry, Marion worked alongside her husband and taught Sunday school and vacation Bible school, worked with youth, and visited parishioners.

After Marion became a widow on August 3, 1996, she lived with her daughter, Brenda, in Miami, where she was a member of Coral Way United Methodist Church. She enjoyed preaching, teaching adult Sunday school, and serving in various capacities in the United Methodist Women. She was a prayer warrior and kept prayer journals throughout her life.

She lived with a cancer diagnosis for twenty-five years. Several operations, treatments including radiation and chemotherapy, and a courageous and spirit-filled life of prayer and faith sustained her and allowed her to have a positive attitude and to live to enjoy many years with her beloved grandchildren and family. Marion constantly witnessed to others about God's love and what He had done for her. She was placed in hospice care and died at home on July 9, 2009. The burial site is in Lake Worth Memory Gardens. Officiating clergy were her pastor Dr. Miguel A. Velez, Pastor Roberto Perez, and the Reverend Ron Lentine. A memorial service held on July 14, 2009, at Coral Way United Methodist Church in Miami, was a true celebration of her life.

She is survived by her son Ornan and wife Deborah; daughter Brenda Benitez; daughter Belinda and husband Sgt. John Churchill and their two sons, Jonathan and Stephen Churchill; her ninety-seven-year-old brother Guillermo Acosta and wife Berenice; and Hilda, whom Marion considered as another daughter, and husband Nirio Carballo.

Submitted by Brenda Benitez

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### DORIS COLE BLITCH

Born on January 11, 1912, in Foochow, China, Doris Cole Blitch was the first child born to Edith Fonda Cole and Winfred Bryan Cole, who had met on the Methodist mission field there. She had three brothers, Wilbur, Donald, and Theodore. Home-schooled by her mother in academics, art, and music and by her father in nature and sports, she had a wonderful childhood and many wonderful memories of those years.

Summers were spent on the mountain to avoid the heat in the city. Tennis, swimming, and nature walks were a few of the activities enjoyed. Memories of tigers terrorizing nearby villages and bandits surrounding the city in which she lived were told to her children and grandchildren as exciting experiences. Even being put to bed in the bathtub to avoid stray bullets from a bandit raid didn't seem to frighten her. She graduated from Shanghai American School. Doris never tired of showing keepsakes from China and had a life-long love for that country and its people.

In 1930 Doris came to the United States to attend Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky. It was there that she met James Blitch, whom she would later marry. She excelled at tennis thanks to her father's training. Once Jimmy saw her play, he asked her to be his doubles partner, and they became college tennis champs.

After graduating from Asbury in 1934, Doris returned to China to teach for a year in the mission school before returning to the U.S. to marry Jimmy on October 10, 1935. Together they served in the ministry of the Methodist Church, in New York City, North Carolina, and Florida, for forty-three years. They had been married for sixty-six years when Jimmy passed away in 2001.

Doris was a wonderful mother to her three daughters, Marcia Holtzclaw, Linda Swindall, and Eva Browning, and to her son, Kenneth Blitch, who is a retired Methodist minister in the Florida Conference.

She passed away at home on May 16, 2009, at the age of ninety-seven, surrounded by love. A service was held on May 23, 2009, with the Reverend Marvin Sweat officiating. She is survived by her four children and their spouses: Marcia and Morris Holtzclaw, Kenneth and Tina Blitch, Linda and David Swindall, and Eva and Mark Browning; eight grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Submitted by Marcia and Morris Holtzclaw



### FRANCES SCRUGGS PAULK BREDEMEIER

Frances Scruggs Paulk Bredemeier was born on July 18, 1916, in a log house in Batesville, Mississippi, to Robert and Lily Waldrup Scruggs. When she was sixteen years old, she won a 4-H Club trip to the 1932 Chicago World's Fair, where she dined with Amelia Earhart shortly after her historic solo flight across the Atlantic.

On September 30, 1938, she married Jesse E. Paulk, owner of Paulk Brothers Well Drilling & Plumbing in Batesville. They were members of Batesville Presbyterian Church, and she was a member of the Woman's Club, which helped get the phrase "one nation under God" added to the Pledge of Allegiance in 1954. She gave birth to her two children, Virginia and Michael, in nearby Oxford, Mississippi, on September 12, 1948, and February 22, 1951, respectively.

In 1956 Mr. and Mrs. Paulk moved their family to Crystal Beach, Florida. Mrs. Paulk worked for Ellis National Bank (now Bank of America) in Tarpon Springs, becoming the first woman vice president in the Ellis Bank Group. After forty years, she retired on her eightieth birthday in 1996.

A devout and lifelong Christian, Mrs. Paulk was the second member of Crystal Beach Community Church, founded in 1957 by the Rev. C.W.A. Bredemeier, an Evangelical United Brethren pastor. Service to Christ was one of her highest values, and over the years she served as the church secretary and treasurer, was a Sunday school teacher, and helped found the first youth fellowship.

When her first husband passed away on September 12, 1961, and she became a single mother to a thirteen-year-old and a ten-year-old, Mrs. Paulk donated all the money given to assist her family to Crystal Beach Community Church to start a Pew Fund.

On August 28, 1971, Mrs. Paulk married the Reverend Mr. Bredemeier. She was proud to work at his side as they continued to build the church. He also developed Faith Mission's Sunset Lodge in Crystal Beach, one of the first assisted living facilities in the area. Mrs. Paulk Bredemeier assisted in running the Lodge, along with Faith Mission's other houses and apartments, which provided assisted living for the low-income elderly and disabled. He died on March 28, 2003.



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Mrs. Paulk Bredemeier was active in the Tarpon Springs Hospital Women's Auxiliary, Palm Harbor Junior High School PTA, Crystal Beach Chapter of Boy Scouts of America, and National Association of Bank Women, Inc. She was the first recipient of the Courtesy Award from the Greater Tarpon Springs Chamber of Commerce, was nominated for Who's Who of American Women, and was named Woman of the Year by the American Business Women Association Tarpon Springs Charter Chapter. She was made a Kentucky Colonel in 1974.

Her daughter, Virginia Paulk Gardner, was with her in Florida from the time she went blind in 2002. In 2003 Mrs. Paulk Bredemeier, with help from her daughter, forced Verizon, Inc., to set up Call Centers for Customers with Disabilities in all fifty states and to allow customers unable to dial phone numbers to simply dial "0" and receive free operator assistance.

Mrs. Paulk Bredemeier was best known for her Southern drawl, her kind and gentle ways, her honesty and dependability, and her willingness to go the extra mile for everyone. She was also a talented seamstress and enjoyed reading, walking, cooking, sewing, needlepoint, gardening, playing the piano, and playing bridge. She enjoyed most her time spent with her family and friends.

Mrs. Paulk Bredemeier died on July 12, 2009. She is survived by her daughter, Virginia Paulk Gardner; son, Dr. Michael E. Paulk; four grandchildren, Jessica Gardner, David Gardner, Jesse Paulk, and Ryan Paulk; step-son-in-law, Jim Erdman; step-daughter, Betty Earle Bredemeier Huffman; step-grandchildren, the Reverend Chris Erdman, James Erdman, Julie Huffman, and Paul Huffman; and other family and friends. She was preceded in death by three sisters, her brother, and her husbands, Jesse E. Paulk and C.W.A. Bredemeier. Her sister, Dixie Gladney, passed away on December 29, 2009.

Celebration of Life services on her ninety-third birthday were officiated by the Reverend Dr. Susie Cashion at Crystal Beach Community Church in Crystal Beach, on July 18, 2009, and by the Reverend Karen O'Brien at Batesville Presbyterian Church in Batesville, Mississippi, on July 21, 2009. She was laid to rest in Magnolia Cemetery in Batesville on July 21, 2009.

Submitted by Virginia Paulk Gardner and Jessica L. Gardner

### TERESA LYNN MARTIN FORDHAM



Teresa Lynn Martin Fordham was born on July 14, 1964, in Montgomery, Alabama, to William and Peggy Martin. She graduated from Robinson High School in Tampa, Florida, in 1982 and from Florida Southern College in Lakeland in 1986. She married the Reverend Michael Fordham on June 4, 1983. They had four children: Amanda, born on January 3, 1989; Lindsey, born on October 25, 1991; Rebecca, born on December 16, 1996; and Shawn, born on May 11, 1994.

Terri was an exceptional student education specialist at Fruitland Park Elementary School in Fruitland Park, Florida. She was a member of Fruitland Park United Methodist Church, where she taught young adult Sunday school. She was a member of Harbor Hills Tennis Club.

With a strong, even stubborn, driven personality, Terri was a passionate person who loved life and gave her all to everything she did. When she set her heart on something, she would not give up until it was accomplished.

Terri had a love for music. Although she was frustrated that she could not sing as well as she would have liked, she loved to listen to Shawn, Rebecca, and Amanda sing and to Lindsey play the saxophone. She had a gift of hospitality, welcoming friends and family into her home and cooking wonderful meals for them. Her competitive nature was evident in her love of sports, especially tennis. She also enjoyed scrapbooking.

One of Terri's heartfelt passions was teaching children. She considered her ministry as a teacher to be a gift from God. She especially wanted to provide the best education for those whom society might overlook or find frustrating.

Devoted to her family, she was so proud of her children, who will carry on her legacy.

Her greatest passion was her love for her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Not only did Terri dedicate herself to telling people about Jesus, she strived to show Jesus Christ to the world through her life. Whether it was teaching Sunday school, organizing and leading the Women of Faith group, or serving on a mission trip, Terri was passionate about shining the light of Christ wherever she went.

Terri died suddenly on February 28, 2010, in Fruitland Park, Florida. Funeral services were held at Morrison United Methodist Church in Leesburg, Florida, on March 5, 2010, with the Reverend Phillips Short, the Reverend Richard Cabot, the Reverend David Baldridge and the Reverend Annette Pendergrass officiating. Interment was in Garden of Memories in Tampa, Florida.

She is survived by her husband, Michael Fordham of Fruitland Park; three daughters, Amanda Fordham of Tallahassee, Florida, and Lindsey Fordham and Rebecca Fordham, both of Fruitland Park; her son, Shawn Fordham of Fruitland Park; her parents of Tampa, Florida; her sister, Pamela Stetson and husband Todd of Tampa; and niece, Kelsey Stetson, and nephew, Gordon Stetson, both of Tampa.

Submitted by Michael Fordham

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### LUENE BASS HERNDON

Luene Bass Herndon was born in Pinetta, Florida, on November 13, 1912, to Robert C. Bass and Inez C. Gaston-Bass. She married L. Edward Herndon on February 6, 1932. They had one daughter, Betty.

In 1949 the Reverend L.E. Herndon became a member of the Florida Conference, and Luene became a minister's wife. For thirty-two years she served by his side in churches in north and central Florida.

She joined the church in her early teens, accepting Christ as her Saviour. She was active in the Woman's Society of Christian Service/United Methodist Women, taught in the children's department, and sang in the choir.

When Edward retired in 1978, they moved to Arcadia, where their daughter and grandchildren lived. Luene became a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, where she was a member of the Fellowship Sunday School Class and served on the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee and the Memorial Furnishing Committee.

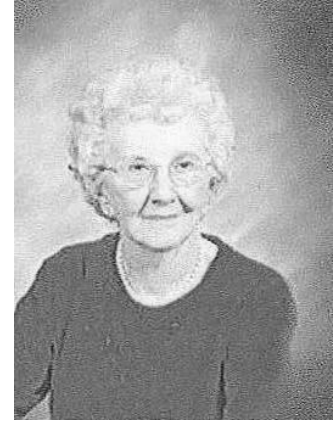
After retirement her desire to paint became a reality. Painting mostly in oils and pastels, she won several awards at art shows and numerous blue ribbons at the county fair. She shared her passion with friends and loved ones by teaching or by gifting her paintings. She served as vice president and properties chairperson of the Peace River Art Guild.

Luene died on March 29, 2010, in Arcadia, Florida. Funeral services were held at the chapel of the Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home in Arcadia, with the Reverend James Wade, Jr., officiating. Interment was in Mount Horeb Church Cemetery in Pinetta, Florida, with the Reverend Tommy Bussey officiating.

She was preceded in death by her husband, L. Edward Herndon; her daughter, Betty Ann Douglas; her parents; her brothers, R.C. Bass and James E. Bass; two sisters, Eunice Hedges and Irma Corbett; and second mother, Nora Bass. She is survived by three grandchildren: Valerie A. Wolfrey and husband Tommy of Arcadia, Florida; Sherri Albritton and husband Wallie of Ft. Myers, Florida; and Alan H. Douglas and wife Imelda of Cape Coral, Florida; six great-grandchildren: Alexa, Devin, and Connor Albritton; Brianna Douglas; and Tobie and Liam Lara; sisters, Helen Dale Keeling and husband E.D. and Relma Coody of Pinetta, Florida, and brother, Robert Bass, all of Pinetta, Florida; and many nieces and nephews.

She was a wonderful inspiration to all of us, a true child of God. She loved Him, her family, and her friends. She passed Christian values to her family, giving us a solid foundation for life. Not only was she a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister, she was a friend to all of us, one of our best.

Submitted by Valerie Wolfrey



### DOROTHY HONAKER

Dorothy Honaker of Lake Placid, Florida, was born on January 9, 1926. She died on March 16, 2010. A memorial service was held at Southern Lifestyle Assisted Living in Lake Placid where she lived. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray, on August 30, 2009, and by her son, David, and her daughter, Christine. She is survived by her children, Robin, Mark Warren, and Amy.

Submitted by the Memoirs Committee

### JEWELL EVANS LEWIS

Jewell Evans Lewis was born on May 1, 1913, in Grantsburg, Illinois, to Arlet and Ethel Paul Evans. She graduated from Moody Bible Institute in 1938.

She married Robert Richard Lewis on December 25, 1939. They had three children: Richard Paul Lewis, born on January 6, 1941; Leah Jane Lewis, born on May 26, 1944; and Thomas Evans Lewis, born on October 6, 1945.

Jewell was Robert's helpmate at the churches he pastored in Darlington, Wisconsin; Jacksonville, Illinois; and Lynchburg, Jamestown, and Ashland City, Tennessee. Robert transferred to the Florida Conference in 1956, and the couple served at Palm Harbor; Wildwood; Asbury, Bartow; Silver Palm, Homestead; and Burton Memorial, Tavernier. They retired in 1975, then served at Sunset Heights in Plant City for fourteen years.

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Jewell was active in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, taught Sunday school, and enjoyed putting on special programs for children. She was an excellent craftswoman and loved to share her talents in knitting, crocheting, macramé, and sewing by giving classes to other women. She had a love of music and sang a beautiful alto in the family gospel group. She continued to share her gift well into her nineties in community gatherings as well as church. In the later years of their ministry, Jewell assisted in services with poetry readings and seasonal devotions.

The couple lived for thirty-six years at Skyview Estates in Lakeland, where Jewell was moderator at the weekly coffee gatherings and was the park greeter. Many people are still wearing the hand-knit slippers presented to all newcomers.

Jewell died of heart failure on June 16, 2009, at Palm Garden of Winter Haven. Services were held on June 19, 2009, at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home, Southside Chapel, Lakeland, Florida, with the Reverend Kent Crowe officiating. Interment was at Glen Abbey Memorial Gardens in Lakeland.

Jewell was preceded in death by her husband in 2007 and by her son, Richard, in 1992. Her other son, Thomas, died in January 2010. She is survived by her daughter, Leah Yarborough of DeLand; her daughters-in law, Cheryl of Winter Haven and Peggy of Maggie Valley, North Carolina; seven grandchildren; and fourteen great grandchildren.

Submitted by Cheryl Lewis

### BERYL O'QUINN FRIDDLE LOONEY



Beryl O'Quinn Friddle was born in Greensboro, North Carolina, on March 18, 1938, to James Howard and Thelma O'Quinn Friddle. She later moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, and to Alabama, where she graduated from high school.

She attended Southwestern College (now Rhodes) in Memphis, Tennessee. She married a classmate, David Glenn, while in college. They raised their three children in Satellite Beach, Florida, and later in Beaverbrook, Ohio. They moved to Winter Park, Florida, and later divorced.

Beryl met David Looney in a divorce recovery group at First Presbyterian Church in Orlando, Florida. They were married on June 18, 1988, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, where David was pastor. David's brother Richard Looney, who was elected bishop that July, and Neal Long performed the ceremony.

David and Beryl served St. Paul's for one year, Riverview for two years, and Ruskin for fourteen years before David retired in 2005. He served as interim pastor at Ft. Meade for the last five months of 2006.

Beryl taught pre-school at the Winter Park United Methodist Church and was a well-loved kindergarten teacher. Her kindergartners loved to be part of the "Looney Class" at Kaley Elementary in Orlando, Riverview Elementary, Gibsonton Elementary, and Ruskin Elementary. She retired in 2000.

Beryl was known for her love of children and animals, her beautiful smile, and her sense of humor. She sang in the choir on Sundays, served on the Ruskin Day Care Committee and the Suncoast Health Center Board, and tutored youngsters locked up in the Port Manatee facility.

After David retired in 2005, Beryl began exhibiting more pronounced signs of Alzheimer's and vascular dementia. In December 2008 she was placed in Cypress Creek Assisted Living Alzheimer's Unit, where she died on July 21, 2009.

Beryl is survived by her husband of twenty-one years, the Reverend David B. Looney, and her three children: Wendy Breeding of Fairborn, Ohio, David Glenn II of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, and Kathy Weisner of Raleigh, North Carolina; and nine grandchildren; her three children by marriage: Erin Looney Curran of Chulota, Florida, Donna Looney Tickle of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and Cindy Looney of Orlando, Florida; and two grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life and Resurrection for Beryl was held on July 24, 2009, at the Ruskin United Methodist Church. Officiating were the pastor, the Reverend John M. Bartha, the Reverend Don Tanner of Ruskin, and the Reverend Neal Long of Bradenton.

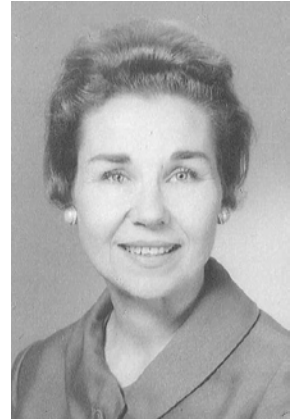
Submitted by David B. Looney

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### ALICE ELIZABETH MORQUS McLEOD

Alice Elizabeth (Betty) Morqus, was born in Jacksonville, Florida, on August 11, 1919, the eldest child of Dr. James McCann Morqus and the former Neva Elizabeth Husband. The family made their home in Arcadia, Florida, where they were active at Trinity Methodist Church. Betty loved music, art, and Florida history. She was a graduate of Florida Southern College, where she earned a degree in home economics. Betty was honored as Miss Southern, Class of 1941.

On July 8, 1941, at Trinity Methodist Church in Arcadia, she married The Rev. John Milburn McLeod, son of conference evangelist William Henry McLeod. Betty moved with Milburn to the Methodist Church parsonage at High Springs, Florida. In 1942, with the U.S. having entered World War II and a baby on the way, Milburn enlisted in the U.S. Army as chaplain. Their first son, James Milburn McLeod, was born December 27, 1942, in Arcadia. When Milburn was deployed to Europe, Betty and son Jim returned to the Morqus home in Arcadia for the duration of the war and the birth of the couple's second son, John Hiram McLeod on June 27, 1944.



When Milburn came home from the war, Betty enjoyed returning to her role as the wife of a Methodist minister. The family moved to Oviedo, where they walked everywhere, cars being hard to come by just after the war. Some months into their time in Oviedo, Dr. Morqus was able to order them a car, which made visits to parishioners and grocery shopping much easier.

That appointment was followed by Morrison Memorial in Leesburg, Florida, where third son, Thomas Henry McLeod was born on February 26, 1949. Betty was always a gracious hostess, and the parsonage at Morrison was often home to volunteers who were grubbing palmettos to clear land for the new youth camp at Leesburg.

At First, Lakeland, home of the Florida Annual Conference, Betty sometimes found the bishop asleep on her couch during a break in the conference business, or a group of ministers skipping a Wednesday night session to watch "the fights" on TV. She met each visitor, expected or not, with graciousness. A wonderful wife and mother, Betty enjoyed making each parsonage a home for her active family. Next came appointments to the Jacksonville District; First, St. Petersburg; the DeLand District; Manhattan Avenue, Tampa; and First, West Palm Beach. In 1976, Betty and Milburn retired to Lakeland, where they enjoyed their many friends.

Betty was predeceased by her husband of fifty-nine years, the Reverend Dr. J. Milburn McLeod, and grandson, John Cole McLeod. She is survived by her three sons: James Milburn McLeod and wife Tyree of Limerick, Ireland; John Hiram McLeod and partner Eleanor Profetto of Annapolis, Maryland; and the Reverend Thomas Henry McLeod and wife Deborah of Jacksonville, Florida; by six grandchildren: Sylvia Elizabeth McLeod and husband Anatole Tchakine, Chase Baker McLeod, Anna McLeod, William Henry McLeod and wife Kimberly, John Edward (Jack) McLeod, and Elena Ruth McLeod; by one great granddaughter, Julia Tchakine; and by her sister, Neva Morqus Howard.

Early on the morning of February 24, 2010, Betty slipped away peacefully from this earth to wake in heaven. A memorial service in celebration of her life was held on February 27, 2010, in the sanctuary her husband built as pastor, at First United Methodist Church in Lakeland, Florida, with the Rev. W. David McEntire officiating. Her ashes are interred next to her husband's remains in the Morqus Family plot at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Arcadia, Florida.

*How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God." Psalm 84:1-2*

Submitted by the Reverends Deborah A. and Thomas H. McLeod

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### MAYBELLE LESLIE PRICE



Maybelle Leslie Price was born to Isabella Ferguson Leslie and George Leslie on September 22, 1928, in Greenock, Scotland.

The second of four children, Maybelle attended school in Greenock before immigrating to the United States at the age of twenty. She became a naturalized citizen in the courtroom of the honorable Judge Julius Hoffman on July 1, 1958, in Chicago, Illinois.

While employed by the Methodist Publishing House in Chicago, she met and married Irvin H. Price. Both were attending Albany Park Methodist Church.

Maybelle served with Irwin in churches throughout the conference for twenty years. After his retirement in 1991, they became residents of Hawthorne Retirement Community in Leesburg, Florida, where she was active in the United Methodist Women at Morrison United Methodist Church. She had been a resident of Belvedere Commons in Panama Beach, Florida, since June 2009.

Maybelle died on November 25, 2009, after a courageous battle with Parkinson's disease.

She is survived by her husband of fifty-four years, the Reverend Irvin H. Price of Leesburg, Florida; and two children, Leslie Price Bumpas and her husband Scott of Seacrest, Florida, and George Price and wife Julia of Dallas, Texas; grandchildren, William Ryan Bumpas, Alexandra Leslie Bumpas, Andrew Logan Price, Olivia Kathleen Price, and Stephen Patrick Price. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, James Leslie. Her ashes were buried in Hawthorne Memorial Gardens in Leesburg after a memorial service on January 7, 2010.

Submitted by Irwin H. Price

### MILDRED WILKES RATCLIFF

Mildred Wilkes Ratcliff was born on October 3, 1917, one of eight children, to parents who loved the Lord. Her early years were spent in Jacksonville, Florida. As a young adult, she married Charles Kendrick, who was her loving husband until his sudden death thirty-six years later. Throughout her life her hobbies of cooking, sewing, gardening, and homemaking created an environment of comfort and love for her family and friends.

A few years after her husband's death, she met the Reverend James Ratcliff who was serving North Shore United Methodist Church in Jacksonville, and they were married in May 1976. Mildred and Jim moved to Vero Beach, where he served Christ-By-the-Sea United Methodist Church until his retirement in 1987. Her gift of hospitality and love of people enabled her to serve graciously as a pastor's wife. After retirement they returned to live in Jacksonville and worship at Mandarin United Methodist Church. Mildred lovingly cared for Jim during his years of illness until his death in 1999. She continued her entertaining, visitation, and active involvement in church activities until just a few months before her death.



Mildred died on January 18, 2010. A memorial service was held on January 22, 2010, at Mandarin United Methodist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, with the Reverend Deborah McLeod and the Reverend Misty Hart officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in Jacksonville.

Mildred is survived by two daughters, Gloria D'Angelo and Diane Brown, and their husbands; two step-daughters, Carmen Johns, a deacon in full connection in the Florida Conference, and Becky Brittain and their husbands; four grandchildren and three step-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren and five step great-grandchildren.

Submitted by Carmen Johns



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### CLYDE ROBERT RINEHART

Clyde Robert Rinehart was born on April 13, 1930, in the small southern Indiana town of Oaktown. He was born in the family home to Talmai and Lottie White Rinehart, the sixth of ten children. While growing up, Clyde worked hard on the family farm and later on neighbors' farms. His life was hard, but he managed to graduate from Oaktown High School in 1948. He worked in construction and was one of the crew that built the concrete bleachers on the first turn of the Indianapolis Speedway. When Uncle Sam came knocking, he joined the army and served in the Korean War.

After the war Clyde returned to Indianapolis and took up a career in the service department of the Ford dealership, where, as he put it, he learned with his hands how to do mechanical work and how to overhaul a transmission.

He married his first wife and they had a son, Charles Robert Rinehart, of whom he was always proud. In 1964 the family moved to Punta Gorda, Florida, where Clyde opened his own shop, Clyde's Transmissions. He could do anything there was to do to repair a car engine.

Clyde and I met in 1992, while I was serving as a local pastor for a year before entering Duke Divinity School. We were reunited in 1996, when Clyde came to North Carolina to look for me. We dated a few months, then he closed up his shop in Punta Gorda and moved to North Carolina. We were married on October 5, 1996, by Bishop Charlene Kammerer.

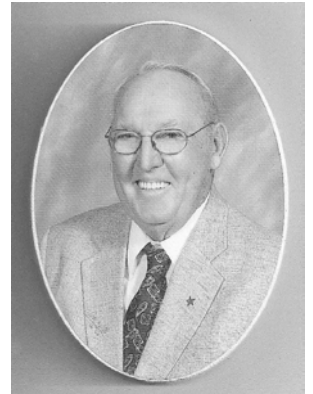
We returned to Florida and served Englewood United Methodist Church, where I was associate pastor for nine years. In 2008 we moved to Wakulla County to serve the Wakulla United Methodist Church.

On November 4, 2009, Clyde entered Tallahassee Memorial Hospital for routine knee surgery. His recovery was complicated by a major infection that attacked his body. With many prayers he was improving and we were looking forward to his homecoming to Wakulla. On December 15, 2009, however, he suffered cardiac arrest, from which he did not recover. His homecoming became a home-going.

Clyde was my right hand in ministry to the people and the love of my life and soulmate. I miss him deeply.

He is survived by his wife, the Reverend Janice Henry-Rinehart; his son, Charles R. Rinehart and wife Vicki; three stepsons: Joshua Brandyberry and wife Mindy; Dr. Christian Brandyberry and wife Becky, and Todd Brandyberry; four grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Submitted by Janice Henry-Rinehart



### LOUNETTE McCULLOUGH ROUGHTON

Lounette McCullough Roughton was born in Tarrant City, Alabama, on July 16, 1926, to Ocie and Clara Bynum McCullough. She graduated from high school in Birmingham and received her B.A. degree in 1947 from Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky. She married William Wesley Roughton in 1946, as he entered his second year at Asbury Theological Seminary.

They began their ministry in Florida in June of 1948. The first assignment was to organize the Community Methodist Church, Ft. Pierce. Other appointments were Goss Memorial (now Trinity), Orlando; First, Fort Lauderdale; Cason, Delray Beach; Christ, St. Petersburg; and First, Melbourne. Even in retirement, a team ministry was continued for thirteen years as together they visited in nursing homes and provided pastoral care with homebound members of First Church, Lakeland.

Lounette cherished her role as a pastor's wife and mother. Several younger pastors' wives spoke of her as their role model. Lounette was the embodiment of a loving Christian spirit, consistently reaching out and caring for others. She taught Sunday school, played the piano, organized prayer groups, sang in the choir, and directed children's choirs. Prayer was a high priority. Lounette and Bill shared a team ministry during six pastorates and his nine years as a district superintendent. She is probably the first female to participate in the pastoral appointment process in the Florida Conference Cabinet. While Bill was recovering from eye surgery in 1970, Bishop Henley invited Lounette to be his assistant during the appointment-making sessions of the cabinet.



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Lounette is survived by her husband of sixty-three years, Bill Roughton; her children: Ken Roughton and his wife Sandy, Phil Roughton and his wife Mica, and Judy Roughton; six grandchildren: Aaron Roughton, Matthew Roughton, Keller Roughton, Collin Roughton, Andrew McCullough, and Stacie Rustin; and eight great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Earline Williams, of Birmingham, Alabama.

Following a major stroke on October 1, Lounette Roughton died eleven days later, on October 11, 2009, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center.

The service to celebrate her life was held at First United Methodist Church in Lakeland on October 15, 2009. Three pastors led the service: the Reverend David McEntire, the Reverend June Edwards, and the Reverend Andy Oliver. Lounette's three children shared memories of her love and her strong Christian witness that profoundly shaped their lives.

Submitted by William Wesley Roughton

### ANN CAROLYN ALLISON RUTLAND



Ann Carolyn Allison Rutland was born on January 21, 1925, in White Springs, Florida. The daughter of Carl and Dorothy Howell Allison, she grew up in Lake City and graduated, with many honors, from Florida State College for Women.

The summer Mom was sixteen, she worked on the leadership staff of the Methodist camping program. There she met a handsome, brilliant young man, Walter Blake Rutland, who would change her name and her life. Whenever Mom talked about Dad, her beautiful dark brown eyes sparkled and her face glowed. The two married in 1946 and served the Florida Conference for more than forty years. Mom supported, encouraged, and stood with Dad throughout his ministry. They retired to Lakeland, Florida, in 1991.

Mom served God and the Florida Conference throughout her life. She was on the youth leadership team as a teenager, was a creative Sunday school teacher, and was a leader in developing the Conference program on sex education and values for youth. She also helped her children grow in their faith.

While supporting her husband in his ministry and her children in their ventures, my mom cultivated her own passions. She was a master musician and an organist par excellence. An avid bridge player, she played cards to win and took that competitive spirit to the tennis court, as well. She liked to swim and to grow roses. She had a green thumb under which ferns and other plants flourished. She belonged to Chapter W of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. A faithful member of College Heights United Methodist Church in Lakeland, she especially enjoyed the Free Thinkers Sunday School Class. Mom was always studying and learning and growing.

She died on January 12, 2010, in Auburndale, Florida. She was the widow of the Reverend Dr. Walter Blake Rutland, to whom she was married for fifty-five years. Her surviving children are Carolyn Rutland of Kalamazoo, Michigan; Dorothy Leila Rutland Trogolo and husband Robert of Lakeland, Florida; and Allison Rutland Soulen and husband Kendall of Alexandria, Virginia. She was predeceased by her much-loved son, Blake. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on January 15, 2010, at College Heights United Methodist Church in Lakeland. Led by the Reverend Daphne Johnson, the Reverend Robert Gibbs, Dr. Frank Johnson, and son-in-law Dr. Kendall Soulen, family and friends celebrated the life of Ann Rutland with scripture, stories, laughter and, of course, music.

Submitted by Dorothy Rutland Trogolo

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### BETTE LEA DRISKELL SHAFER

Bette Lea Driskell Shafer was born on January 25, 1922, in Aldrich, Minnesota, to Omer and Frances Driskell.

She graduated from Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky in 1946 with degrees in music and education. She married the Reverend Carl D. Shafer on May 25, 1945. In their sixty-four years of ministry she served at her husband's side, beginning at Broadway Methodist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, followed by service as missionaries in Cuba and Uruguay. For years Bette and Carl played an integral role within Cureamericas International, formerly Andean Rural Health Care, a Christian medical mission to Bolivia, Guatemala, and Liberia. They also served numerous churches throughout the Florida Conference.

Bette delighted in serving in many capacities. She often referred to this as wearing her many hats. She directed adult and children's choirs, taught piano to more than five hundred students, and was a school educator. She held numerous offices in United Methodist Women, spearheaded Ministers Mates for the Florida Conference, and was a member of AAUW. In later years she loved the relationships with her P.E.O. and Red Hat Society sisters.

Bette went to her heavenly home on June 15, 2009. A Celebration of Life Service was held on June 20, 2009, at Southside United Methodist Church in Jacksonville, Florida. The Reverends Bruce T. Jones and Dale Tedder officiated.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Louis. She is survived by her devoted husband of sixty-four years, the Reverend Carl D. Shafer, and her children, Dan and wife Carel of Tampa, Florida; the Reverend Thom and wife Karen of Coral Gables; and Elizabeth Nelson and husband Craig of Birmingham, Alabama.

Nana is missed by her grandchildren, Christian and wife Stephanie, Patrick and wife Amanda, Amanda, Daniel, Emily Joy, and Abby Beth, and her great-grandsons, Jacob, Tyler, and Liam. Survivors also include her niece Deborah Valle, husband Manny and daughter Sophia, along with many other loving family members and friends.

Bette's legacy in missions continues as donations have been made in her memory to the Cuba Seminary Education Fund.

Her family is grateful to all who loved and cared for Bette and have been so expressive of this affection. She loved the Lord and is with Him now in Glory.

Submitted by Elizabeth Shafer Nelson



### DAHANN NAPPE SPOTTSWOOD

Diahann Nappe Spottswood was born on June 9, 1951, in South Plainfield, New Jersey, to Joseph and Anne Bennicasa Nappe.

She married the Reverend Curran L. Spottswood III on June 10, 1972. They had four sons: David, born on July 28, 1976; Eric, born on June 2, 1976; Michael, born on January 28, 1980, and Garrett, born on November 16, 1986.

Diahann graduated with honors from the University of North Florida with a bachelor of arts in psychology and pursued a teaching career. She was a member of Mandarin United Methodist Church in Jacksonville, Florida. She was the founder of the Stephen Ministry program there and also taught Sunday school, confirmation classes, and Disciple Bible Studies. She was a hospice volunteer and often volunteered at the Second Harvest Food Bank.

After a long and courageous battle with cancer Diahann died on February 24, 2010. Funeral services were held in South Plainfield, New Jersey, on February 26, 2010, with the Reverend Curran Spottswood officiating. Her ashes were spread on the beach at St. Augustine and on the grave of the Spottswoods' daughter in New Jersey. A memorial service was held at Mandarin United Methodist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, on March 7, 2010, with the Reverend Deborah McLeod officiating.

She is survived by her husband, the Reverend Curran L. Spottswood III; her sons, David Spottswood, Eric Spottswood, Michael Spottswood, and Garrett Spottswood; her mother, Anne Nappe; and her brother Joseph Nappe, his wife Bella, and their two children.

Submitted by Curran L. Spottswood III



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### SYLVIA ROSALIE GUSTIE ZINSCHLAG STEWART



Sylvia Rosalie Gustie Zinschlag Stewart was born on November 5, 1914, in Beckemeyer, Illinois, one of five children of William and Augusta Wulze Zinschlag. As a teenager she enrolled at Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky. Paul Milburn Stewart, who became Sylvia's boyfriend, was across the street, at the seminary. They fell in love and were married on August 25, 1943, three years after his seminary graduation.

Together Paul and Sylvia pastored churches in Illinois before moving to Florida in 1951. They served at Safety Harbor, Tavares, and Orlando before being commissioned in 1961 as short-term missionaries to serve with the Oriental Missionary Society in Japan, Taiwan, and India. In 1963 they returned to the pastorate in the Florida Conference, where they served in Perry, Jacksonville, Miami, and Zephyrhills.

After Paul's death 1984 Sylvia lived in Hialeah, Florida, and Greencastle, Indiana, before moving to Oaks Village in Avon Park, Florida, where she was one of the early residents. There she attended the Nazarene Church and later the Community Bible Church. She attended the annual Avon Park Camp Meeting, renewing her acquaintance with many evangelists and laymen.

Sylvia was a magnet for the Lord wherever she went. She witnessed to her fellow residents and staff personnel on a daily basis. She became the leader of the Sunday morning worship service for as long as she could physically do so. Everyone loved and respected her. She is especially missed by her friends at the Resthaven Assisted Living Facility at Zolfo Springs, Florida, where she lived for the last several years of her life.

Sylvia died on July 18, 2009, at Resthaven Home after a long illness. A memorial service was held on July 22, 2009, at the Oaks Village Clubhouse in Avon Park, Florida. Officiating at the service were Ed Dowdy, Ken Geren, and Burnis Bushong.

She was pre-deceased by her siblings: Paul Zinschlag, Florence May, and Myrtle Newkirk. She is survived by her sister, Harriet Quinn of Carlyle, Illinois; two nieces, Dorothy O'Connell of Bonita Springs, Florida, and Eden Prairie, Minnesota, and Beverly Walker of Carmi, Illinois; and two nephews, Bob Quinn of California, Maryland, and Howard Zinschlag of Chesterfield, Missouri.

Submitted by the Memoirs Committee

### VIRGINIA SUMMERS

Virginia (Mell) Summers married the Reverend George E. Summers on November 20, 1949. She served with him at Apalachicola, Punta Gorda, and Epworth, Jacksonville. He retired in 1956. She was actively involved in all functions of the United Methodist Church; it was her life.

Mell died on January 7, 2010. A memorial service was held on January 21, 2010, at Murray Hill United Methodist Church in Jacksonville. Survivors are three step-children: George Summers, Jr., and wife Janie, Charlotte Summers, and Annie Laurie Summers; and a nephew, Eugene Pierce.

Submitted by the Memoirs Committee

### NAN PAGE HALL WILLIAMS



Nan Page Hall Williams was born on January 25, 1910, in Woodville, Florida, to John Milton Hall and Ola Page Hall. She received a bachelor of science degree from Florida State College for Women.

She taught in several small schools in west Florida and ended her career as a Latin teacher at Leon High School in Tallahassee, Florida.

As the devoted wife of the Reverend Gerald Williams, she graciously served with him in churches throughout the conference.

After an extended illness Nan died at her Lake City, Florida, home on January 23, 2010, two days shy of her one hundredth birthday. Funeral services were held on January 28, 2010, at Woodville United Methodist Church, Woodville, Florida, with the Reverend Cecil Bradley and the Reverend John Pearce officiating. Graveside services at the cemetery at Bethel United Methodist Church in Lake City were led by the Reverend Ken Hamilton and the Reverend Lynwood Walters.

Nan is survived by her husband of fifty-seven years, the Reverend Gerald Williams of Lake City, Florida, and several nieces, nephews, and extended family. She was predeceased by a brother and two sisters.

Submitted by Gerald Williams