

X. MEMOIRS

Editor's Note: For record of charges served, see the Pastoral Record of this Journal. Memoirs received after June 20, 2008 will appear in the 2009 Journal.

A. Members of Conference

HARLAN F. BABCOCK

The son of M.H. Babcock and Florence Snitzler Babcock, Harlan was born February 2, 1924 in Winnebago, Minnesota. He graduated from Winnebago High School. Harlan served in the US Navy 1943-1946. He received a medal from the Philippine government thanking him for their liberation during WWII. Upon his discharge he had his own construction crew of 13 men. At age 35, Harlan decided to begin college in order to become a minister. Harlan attended the University of Dubuque, Upper Iowa University and Drake Seminary. He was married 61 years to Betty Ruth Thatcher Babcock.

Following retirement to Big Fork, Minnesota he continued preaching in Lutheran and Presbyterian churches when needed. Harlan was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Lions Club.

Harlan died July 31, 2007 at the age of 83. A memorial service was held August 2, 2007 in Bigfork, MN. He was cremated and his ashes were scattered in a private family memorial service at his beloved fishing hole. He is survived by his wife, Betty Bigfork, MN; sons, Dave H., Fort Madison, IA; Jon P., Bigfork, MN; and Brenda Ann Babcock, Holyoke, MN; 2 grandchildren, and brother, Dick Babcock. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Lois.

EDWARD JACKLEY CASS

The son of Frank and Carrie Jackley Cass, Edward was born August 14, 1915 in East Dubuque, IA. Edward graduated from Delhi High School in 1933, Upper Iowa College in 1937, and Dubuque Theological School in 1940. Edward married Marjorie Swales of Fayette, IA in 1944. He served churches in the Iowa Conference for 35 years. He retired in 1979 to Fayette, IA.

Edward enjoyed traveling throughout the United States, photographing scenic and historic sites and making slide programs with dialogue and music backgrounds. Many of his parishioners enjoyed watching these programs with religious themes. Edward enjoyed several trips to the East Coast and many trips to the West Coast, camping and visiting family members.

Edward died March 29, 2008 at the age of 92 years after a one year illness. A memorial service was held April 2, 2008 at the Fayette United Methodist Church with the Rev. Thelma Colorado-Subramanian officiating. Burial is in the Grandview Cemetery, Fayette, IA. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, Fayette, IA.; daughters, MaDonna Matsui, Aiea, Hawaii and Rev. Ramona Cass, Glendale, CA.; brother, William (Foster) Cass, Los Alimitos, CA.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Paul and Robert; and sister, Betty Ruth.

S. WILLARD CUNNINGHAM

The son of Logan and Ada Jane Leehman Cunningham, Samuel Willard was born October 25, 1916 at Coulterville, Illinois. He graduated from Morningside College, Sioux City, IA and Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL. He married Mildred V. Astor at Sioux City, IA.

Willard retired in 1981 and moved to Webster City, IA. He died July 28, 2007 at Trinity Regional Hospital, Fort Dodge, IA. A memorial service was held July 31, 2007 at Asbury United Methodist Church with the Rev. Gordon Watson officiating. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery, Sioux City, IA. Willard is survived by his wife, Mildred (deceased 8/28/07);

daughter, Donna Cunningham, St Paul, MN and one grandson. He was preceded in death by son, Gerald; two sisters and four brothers.

GEORGE W. DEN HARTOG

The son of Herman and Josephine Den Hartog, George was born November 19, 1917 in Sioux City, Iowa. George graduated from East High School, Sioux City, IA in 1936. He continued his education at Asbury College, graduating in 1942. That same year George enlisted in the US Army, serving as a chaplain. In 1951 George graduated from seminary and later began his ministerial career. He was united in marriage to Nina Karroll. The couple later divorced and George was then married to Clara Ann Beacher.

George was an avid golfer spending hours teaching his grandchildren how to play and appreciate the game. He enjoyed putting in the yard, working in the garden, and listening and playing music. He enjoyed people and visiting with everyone.

George died March 19, 2008 at age 90 at Trinity Regional Medical Center, Fort Dodge, IA. A memorial service was held March 22, 2008 at First United Methodist Church, Fort Dodge, IA with Rev. Mark Haverland officiating. George is survived by son, David, Fort Dodge, IA; daughter, Karen Gohlke, Jackson, TN; step-daughter, Ann Wildt, Fort Dodge, IA; sisters, Gertrude Paul and Dolly Wilton, Sioux City, IA; 8 grandchildren and 1 step-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, Nina; second wife, Clara; one granddaughter; sisters, Marie and Mildred; and brother, Herman.

WARREN WALLACE DUIT

No information received

HERBERT HAROLD FOXWORTHY, JR

The son of Herbert Harold Foxworthy and Helen Mason, Herbert was born August 26, 1930 in Brazil, Indiana. He graduated from Richmond, Indiana High School. He served with the US Air Force during the Korean War. He moved to Iowa in 1957 and graduated from the University of Iowa. Herbert graduated from Garrett Seminary, Evanston, IL and earned his doctorate from Trinity Theological in Newburgh, IN. He married Bonnie Ackland Reger on November 4, 1979 in Onawa, IA.

Following his retirement in 1996 he moved to Boone, IA where he served the Marion Street and Napier United Methodist Churches. Herb enjoyed fishing, woodworking, and collecting cars.

Herbert died October 27, 2007 at his home at the age of 77. Services were held at the Napier United Methodist Church on November 1, 2007. Burial was in the Ames Municipal Cemetery, Ames, IA with a military honor guard. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie, Boone, IA; son, Douglas, Hesperia, CA; daughters, Karen Lohry, Sioux City, IA; Connie Logeman, St. Cloud, MN; step-son, Earl Reger, Ontario, OR; step-daughter, Mary Vande Luin, Kokomo, IN; sister, Barbara Williamson, Granger, IA; 17 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and step-grandson, Christopher Reger.

H. EUGENE GARDNER

The son of John Henry and Jesse Jane Moore Gardner, Homer Eugene was born February 4, 1922 in Stoddard County, Missouri. He graduated from Bell City, MO High School, SE Missouri State College in 1948 with a BA, Yale University in 1951 with a Master of Divinity, University of Southern California in 1967 with a Master of Science, Drew University in 1982 with a Doctor of Ministry. On August 8, 1961 he married Lavonne Jeanette Rodsater at McClellan Air Force Base, CA. He served in the United States Air Force for over 30 years, retiring as a chaplain in 1974 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was active in WWII as an Army Air Corps Navigator on a B24 stationed in Italy.

Gene retired in 1986 and served as interim pastor in Burlington, IA area churches for many years. He died August 10, 2007 at age 85 of skin cancer. A memorial service was

held on August 13, 2007 at First United Methodist Church, Stuart, FL with the Rev. Robin L. Hager officiating. He is buried at Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver, CO. Gene is survived by son, Rod, Stuart, FL; daughter, Ruth Gardner, Aurora, CO; and one grandson. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lavonne.

MERTON B. GREEN

The son of Rev. Harry D. and Evelyn Boswell Green, Merton was born May 1, 1914 in Osakis, Minnesota. He graduated from high school in West Branch, IA. He received a BA from Cornell College, Mount Vernon, IA in 1935. In 1938 he graduated from Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA. He received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Cornell College in 1953. He married Myrtle E. (Brownie) Brown on June 11, 1938 in Boston, MA. During WWII Merton served as a chaplain in the European Theater.

Merton retired in 1979 to Sioux City, IA where he served over 1000 hours as a volunteer at the Methodist Hospital, Sioux City, IA. He also served as a volunteer chaplain at the hospital for many years. He was named "Pastor Emeritus" by Grace United Methodist Church, Sioux City for his tremendous volunteer services. He also served as interim pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Sioux City, IA. Merton was named Poet-Laureate of the Iowa Annual Conference. He spent a lifetime working with wood, making dozens of pieces of furniture and carvings.

Merton died April 18, 2008 at age 93 at Wesley Acres, Des Moines, IA. from pneumonia and acute dementia. A private memorial service was held with Rev. William H. Steward officiating. Burial is at Memorial Park Cemetery, Sioux City, IA. He is survived by daughter, Diana Rasmussen, Clive, IA; sons, Michael, Chapel Hill, NC, David, Lanai City, HI; 8 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and sister, Mildred Hansen, Sun City, AZ. He was preceded in death by his wife, Brownie and sister, Evelyn.

NORRIS PAUL HANSON

The son of Andros Olai and Sylvia Heggen Hanson, Norris was born May 1, 1919 in rural Emmet County, Iowa. He attended rural school and graduated from Dolliver, IA High School. He was a graduate of Luther College, Decorah, IA and of Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, MN in 1962. He served Lutheran Churches in Iowa prior to becoming a member of the Iowa Annual Conference.

On June 18, 1950 he married Kathryn J. Burley at Woodlawn Christian Church, Lake City, IA. Norris died May 2, 2008 at his home in Mason City, IA. A memorial service was held May 5, 2008 at Woodlawn Christian Church, Lake City, IA with Revs. Carla Hillyer and James Stiles officiating. Burial is in Lake City Cemetery, Lake City, IA. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn, Mason City, IA; daughters, Sharlene Applegate, Sharyl Carson, Elaine Bittner; son, Paul Hanson; 16 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; brothers, Arden Hanson, Romain Hanson, David Hanson, Phillip Hanson; sisters, Marilyn Hagen and Phyllis Book; sister-in-law, Verna Hanson. He was preceded in death by his parents, triplet sons in infancy; brother, Marvin Hanson and his wife, Bernice; and brother, Joseph Hanson.

ROBERT ALAN HARY

The son of Walter Robert and Frances Ida Prebo Hary, Robert was born on November 1, 1936 in Evansville, Indiana. He served his country in the US Marine Corps and the Air Forces Special Forces for 27 years. He graduated from the University of Evansville and the Course of Study at Garrett Evangelical Seminary, Evanston, IL. On November 19, 1991 he married Joann Hildebrandt Nielsen in Lamont, IA. He enjoyed airplanes, golf, computers, photography and clowning around as Purple Love and Lion Forrest. Bob was a member of the FMFpac Drum and Bugle Team, American Legion, Disabled Veterans of America, Masonic Lodge, Order of Eastern Star, and Knights Templar.

Bob retired in 2003 because of health problems but continued to serve by offering Holy Communion every Sunday in the Chapel after worship at the Montezuma United Methodist Church.

He died June 1, 2007 at the age of 70 years due to complications of Myascenia Gravis and Heart Disease. Services were held at the Montezuma United Methodist Church on June 3, 2007 with the Rev. Matt Miller officiating and at the Winfield United Methodist Church on June 5, 2007 with the Revs. Nancy Bender and George Carr officiating. Burial was in Winfield Scott Cemetery, Winfield, IA. He is survived by his wife, Rev. Joann H. Hary, Montezuma, IA; sons, Robert Jr., Newburgh, IN; Martin Nielson, Cedar Rapids, IA; and daughters, Jennifer Kirsch, Newburgh, IN; and Stephanie White, Winfield, IA. He was preceded in death by his parents and younger brother, Gary.

JACK RAY HOOTEN

The son of Emanuel Jackson and Vivian Jewell Clemmons Hooten, Jack was born October 26, 1933 in Exeter, Missouri. Jack attended Open Bible College, Des Moines, IA and received a Masters Degree from Upper Iowa University. He married Thelma Lorraine Gowing on June 27, 1959. He received the Governor's Award for Volunteers.

Jack retired in 1997 to Cedar Rapids, IA. He died November 1, 2007 of congestive heart failure at the age of 74 years. A memorial service was held November 5, 2007 at Sharon United Methodist Church, Cedar Rapids, IA with the Revs. Gary Dobbins, Bob Dagit, and, Jim Hanke officiating.

Burial was at Murdock-Linwood Cemetery, Cedar Rapids, IA. Jack is survived by son, J.R. Hooten, Cedar Rapids, IA; daughters, Anita Barber, Miles City, MT and Lynda Lanus, Fairfax, IA; and brother, Ray Hooten, Raytown, MO.

RAY CAROL HOWLAND

The son of Ralph and Cleora Lary Howland, Ray was born July 18, 1936 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Ray attended school in Cedar Rapids graduating from Roosevelt High School in 1953. He joined the Marine Corps and then attended Westmar College, LeMars, IA receiving a BA in Antebellum History in 1961. He married Nancy L. Flathers in 1959. Ray attended Evangelical Theological Seminary in Naperville, IL where he received his BD Degree.

Ray's primary ministerial interest was advocating for the oppressed: pigs and farming techniques were donated to poor black farm families, he mediated at Wounded Knee, he and the church youth group raised funds to purchase an ambulance for Red Bird Mission in Kentucky, and he worked on the Iowa Conference Committee on Religion and Race. Mid-career he directed Self-Help and traveled the world disseminating agricultural technology to developing countries such as Pakistan, Honduras, Paraguay, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Belize, Kenya, Nigeria, and Ghana.

He married his second wife, Renata, in 1999 and retired that same year. During his retirement appointment at an inner city church in Nashville, TN., he began a food distribution program for the poor.

Ray died January 6, 2008 of lung cancer at the age of 71 years. His memorial service was held January 12, 2008 with the Reverends Dennis Meeker and Sandra Griggs officiating. He was cremated. He is survived by his wife, Renata, Nashville, TN; daughters, Christie Bowlin, Reinbeck, IA, Joani Howland, Iowa City, IA; step-son, Brandon Bowers, New Hampton, IA; 4 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; sisters, Vera Mae Grimm, Marion, IA; Barbara Dalton, The Villages, Florida; and brother, Ralph in Idaho.

RICHARD S JENSEN
No information received

GERALD CARLTON LAMOTTE, JR

The son of Gerald Carlton, Sr. and Pearl Groves LaMotte, Gerald was born May 28, 1919 in Des Moines, Iowa. He graduated from high school in Tama, IA in 1938, Simpson College, Indianola, IA and Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA. Gerald married Emma Nan (Nancy) Crane on January 28, 1940.

He retired in 1981. While living in Boone, IA, he called on "over 60's" and had a garden which he shared. He began the Boone Educational Endowment Fund and served area churches when called upon.

Gerald died December 5, 2007 at the age of 88 years from Parkinson's Disease. His memorial service was held at First United Methodist Church, Boone, IA, on December 11, 2007 with the Reverends Phil Webb, Andrea Kraushaar, and Jim Stiles officiating. Burial was at the Tama Cemetery, Tama, IA. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, Boone, IA; sons, Robert Mark, Springfield, IL., Gerald C. III, Arnold, MO; daughter, Connie Alexander, New Sharon, IA.

J. ARTLEY LEATHERMAN

The son of Noah and Bessie Leatherman, J. was born December 11, 1918 in Bristol, Indiana. He attended Bristol High School where he was a 3-letter athlete and where his powerful baritone voice first came into the public spotlight. He attended Goshen College, Evansville College where he received his BA in 1940, and graduated from Boston University School of Theology in 1943. He married Naomi Esther Antle in 1943. He received an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree in 1964 from Simpson College, Indianola, IA. J. was a member of the Board of Trustees, Iowa Methodist Hospital; Board of Directors, Homes of Oakridge, Des Moines, IA; President, Des Moines Area Council of Churches; and chairman of the Commission on World Peace, Baltimore Conference. He retired in 1985 and served as Minister of Visitation at Trinity United Methodist Church, Elkhart, IN until 2005. He loved farming and the outdoors and also had a life-long love of Lionel trains which were permanently set up in his den.

J. died on April 22, 2008 in Goshen, IN at the age of 89 years. A memorial service was held at Trinity United Methodist Church, Elkhart, IN on April 28, 2008. Burial is in Oakridge Cemetery, Elkhart, IN. He is survived by his wife, Naomi Esther, Goshen, IN; four children, Ruth, David, Rebecca, and Joanna; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his three sisters, Leone Brindley, Vera Blood, and Bessie Van Pelt.

DONALD W MACPEEK

No information received

ROBERT EDWARD MCBRIDE

The son of Isaac Edward and Edna Irene McBride, Robert was born May 11, 1924 in Washington, Indiana. He married Luella Hart in 1944 and served in the 17th Airborne Division, Battle of the Bulge, and was awarded the Purple Heart. Robert received a BA Degree in 1948 from Indiana Central College, a Masters in Theology from United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH, and a PhD in Philosophy of Religion from The University of Chicago and completed post-doctoral work at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. Robert received many special awards and honors throughout his career including Honorary Doctor of Letters, Alumnus of the Year, Distinguished Alumnus, and Athletic Hall of Fame, University of Indianapolis; Honorary Doctor of Humanities, Simpson College; and one of the Ten Most Effective College Presidents, Council of Independent Colleges of America in 1987.

Robert died January 19, 2008 at the age of 83 years. A memorial service was held January 25, 2008 in McCleary Chapel, University of Indianapolis. He is survived by his wife, Luella, Franklin, IN; sons, Ronald, Indianapolis, IN; Steven, Denver, CO; daughter, Judith Bentley, Seattle, WA; brother, Elwood, Indianapolis, IN; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

SUNGJOON PARK

No information received

GLENN RESOR PARROTT

The son of Eugene K. and Stella Resor Parrott, Glenn was born October 21, 1912 in Danville, Iowa. Growing up on a farm, he attended Danville High School and graduated from Rhodes, IA High School. He continued his education at John Fletcher College, Oskaloosa, IA and taught rural school for 3 years in "Possum Hollow" and "Jugtown". He graduated from Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL in 1937 and completed seminary at Garrett Biblical Institute in 1945. Glenn married Agnes Genevieve "Jane" Carlson on September 12, 1938. Jane preceded him in death in 1995. In 1998 he married Jane's sister-in-law, Mary Carlson.

Glenn served on various Conference boards and was elected delegate to General Conferences in Dallas and St. Louis and Jurisdictional Conferences in Peoria, Indianapolis and Detroit. Iowa Wesleyan College awarded him an honorary doctorate in 1966. Following his retirement he began the chaplaincy program at Burlington, IA. Medical Center and served as its first chaplain for 5 years. Today the chapel at Great Rivers Medical Center is named in his honor. He served as interim pastor of 7 Burlington, IA churches, on the boards of the American Red Cross, Visiting Nurses Association, and was a song leader for Keenagers, a YMCA Retired Group.

Glenn died on March 18, 2008 at the age of 95 due to complications from pneumonia. A memorial service was held March 21, 2008 at Washington, IA United Methodist Church with the Rev. Julia Poulsen officiating. Burial is at Pleasant Grove Cemetery southwest of Danville, IA., where Glenn served on the cemetery board. He is survived by his wife, Mary, now of Turpin, OK.; daughter, Andree Halden, Burlington, IA.; son, Robert, Montgomery, TX; daughter-in-law, Beverly Parrott, Denver, CO.; step-daughters, Marilyn Crane, Hugoton, KS and Jan Stickler, Turpin, OK.; step-son, Dan Carlson, Farmington, NM; 5 grandchildren, 7 step-grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild; and 5 step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Jane; and son, Allen.

WALTER BAIRD PHELPS

The son of Tom and Mary Baird Phelps, Walter was born January 27, 1933 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He graduated from Roosevelt High School, Cedar Rapids, IA in 1951. He attended Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, IA, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA. and graduated from Morningside College, Sioux City, IA in 1955. He married Margaret Lohr on June 27, 1954. Walter attended Garrett Theological Seminary and completed his formal studies at Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, IL.

Over the years he participated in three ministry exchange programs, twice in England and once in India. In 1989 he received his Masters in English from University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA. He loved to read and write, especially poetry. He also enjoyed the out-of-doors, woodworking and camping.

Walter died August 21, 2007 at Bartels Lutheran Retirement, Waverly, IA at age 74 years due to complications of Primary Progressive Aphasia. His memorial service was held August 25, 2007 at Trinity United Methodist Church, Waverly, IA with the Reverends Tony Nester and Anne Lippincott officiating. Walter is survived by his wife, Margaret, Waverly, IA; sons, Marc, South Amana, IA, Kevin, Muscatine, IA, Michael, Alexandria, VA; Norman, Moline, IL; 4 grandchildren; sister-in-law, Jean Phelps, Cedar Rapids, IA. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Tom.

EDWARD PALMER PHILLIPS

The son of Palmer and Julia Morris Phillips, Edward was born April 14, 1930 in Mount Sterling, Ohio. He graduated from Mount Sterling High School in 1948. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Ohio University in 1952 and from Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL. He married Joan Carol Everson, June 26, 1954 in Wisconsin.

Edward retired in 1992. In retirement he served Fort Dodge Riverside United Methodist Church and moved to Lehigh, IA in 1996. He was known by many for his morning walks. He was president of the Lehigh Library and had been a member of the Lion's Club. Ed was a collector of year-end stamp book/folders.

Edward died October 17, 2007 of lung cancer at age 77 years. He was cremated and the ashes will be scattered at a future date and place with a family gathering and memorial. He is survived by his wife, Joan; four sons, Keith, Olympia, WA; Jeff, Lehigh, IA; Brian, Cleveland, MN; Paul, Cedar Rapids, IA; daughter, Nissa Ray; and two sisters, Marjorie Lightle, OH; and Marion Wickline, CO; and 12 grandchildren.

JOHN LAURENCE RIEBHOFF

The son of Lance and Jenny Riebhoff, John was born January 1, 1928 in Bancroft, Iowa and grew up in Burt, Iowa. Following graduation from Morningside College he served as a missionary to Japan. Upon return he graduated from Drew Theological Seminary.

Following his retirement in 1991, he became part time Minister of Evangelism at Ankeny First United Methodist Church. He later served Hopkins Grove United Methodist Church. John loved to travel. He collected railroad memorabilia and antiques. John was an avid reader.

John died August 31, 2007 at Mill Pond Retirement Community in Ankeny, IA. A memorial service was held on September 8, 2007 at Ankeny First United Methodist Church with the Reverends Martha Ward, Richard Pfaltzgraff, Robert Ward, and Mike Gudka officiating. His body was donated to the University of Iowa College of Medicine, Iowa City, IA. John was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Lorena.

LAWRENCE EDWARD RIEGEL

The son of Henry William and Emma Riegel, Lawrence was born September 19 1937 in Empress, Alberta, Canada. A graduate of Iowa State University, he studied architecture. In addition he studied law at Drake University and received a theological degree from Garrett Evangelical Seminary, Evanston, IL. After working for IBM and the State of Nebraska, Larry became a United Methodist pastor in Iowa.

He was an accomplished musician.

Larry died March 5, 2008 at age 70 years. A memorial service was held March 22, 2008 at Fort Des Moines United Methodist Church, Des Moines, IA. He was cremated. He is survived by sons, Michael Riegel, North English, IA; Steve Riegel, Lincoln, NE; and daughter, Laura Merrill, Lincoln, NE; 5 grandchildren; mother, Emma Riegel, Des Moines, IA; and brother, Jim, Kansas City, MO.

HERBERT CLYDE SHAFFER

Herbert was born October 13, 1913 near Masontown, West Virginia, the son of Dorsey and Minnie Mae Knisell Shaffer. He graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, WV in 1945 and Westminster Theological Seminary, Westminster, MD in 1948. Herbert married Helen Louise Hawkins July 3, 1936 in Albright, WV. For over 50 years they served churches in West Virginia, Maryland, Montana and Iowa. Helen died September 5, 1988 in Vinton, IA. He then married Sarah Van Buren on November 18, 1989 in Vinton, IA.

Herbert retired in 1978 and spent a number of years wintering in southern Texas, serving winter Texans. He also liked painting and woodworking and in his later years enjoyed making wall clocks out of different woods for family and friends. One of his joys in life was helping to build two United Methodist Churches.

Herbert died September 16, 2007 at the age of 93 years in Vinton, IA. A memorial service was held at the Phillips Funeral Home with the Rev. Karen Larson officiating. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery in Vinton, IA. He is survived by his wife, Sarah, Kendallville, IN; son, Herbert, Jr., La Mesa, CA; daughters, Diora Hewer, Camanche, IA; Wailana Barker, Rochester, MN; Erma Souhrada, Joshua, TX; Gwen Symeck, Herrin, IL; Charlene Posekany, Cedar Falls, IA; 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great grandchild.

OTTO SCOTT STEELE, JR.

Otto was born June 14, 1922 in New Concord, Ohio, the son of the Rev. Otto Scott, Sr. and Rachel Merrill Steele. He graduated valedictorian from West Lafayette, IN High School and Phi Beta Kappa from DePauw University, Greencastle, IN, where he lettered in baseball and played violin in the University Symphony. After he enrolled at Boston University School of Theology, he was chosen one of two Methodist students from the United States to attend the World Student Christian Federation Conference in Switzerland in 1946 where he met Mildred Romedahl, the other Methodist student from the US. They were married in 1947 by his father. Otto earned his STB in 1947 and was named the Jacob Sleeper Fellow for graduate study and received his Th.D in 1951.

Otto served as president of the Conference Board of Education and registrar of the Board of Ordained Ministry. He taught Methodist polity at Drake Divinity School for 8 years. He attended World Methodist Conferences in London and Denver. He headed anti-gambling forces in Iowa for over 40 years. For his social justice work he received awards from Bishop Wayne Clymer, the Truth About Gambling Foundation, the Beje Clark Justice Award, and an MFSA Peace and Justice Award. In 1980 he received an honorary doctorate from Morningside College, Sioux City, IA.

Otto retired in 1988 to Pella, IA. He died February 19, 2008 at age 85 at Pella Regional Medical Center, Pella, IA of complications from Lewy Body Dementia Disease. A memorial service was held April 5, 2008 in the United Methodist Church, Pella, IA. with Rev. James Beranek officiating. The cremains are buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, east of Luther, IA. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Mildred, Pella, IA; daughter, Dr. Martha Steele Knepper, Sioux City, IA; sons, John Joseph, Omaha, NE; and Timothy Scott, Milton, MA; 4 grandchildren; and sister, Esther Hyde, Indianapolis, IN.

DAVID EUGENE STREYFFELER

David was born June 7, 1923 in Monroe, Iowa, the son of Harlan and Opal Howell Streyffeler. He graduated from North High School, Des Moines, IA in 1941, Simpson College, Indianola, IA and obtained a Master of Theology Degree from Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA in 1954. He married Belva Elaine Black on May 27, 1945.

David served on a number of Iowa Conference boards and agencies. He was a certified lab instructor. He was president of DACU in Dubuque, IA, a group committed to developing greater understanding to help meet the religious and community needs. David participated in the Iowa Conference camping program for 25 years.

David retired in 1987 to Hollister, MO. He pastored the Branson, MO United Methodist Church for 3 months in 1994. He loved golf, bowling and fishing and was a licensed pilot for single-wing aircraft. He was a member of Rotary and Lions Clubs in various communities.

David died January 11, 2008 in the Madison County Memorial Hospital, Winterset, IA of complications from probable Alzheimer's. His memorial service was held January 19, 2008 at St. Charles Parish Church, St. Charles, IA with the Rev. James Pemble officiating. Burial was in the St. Charles, IA Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Belva, St. Charles, IA; brother, Sam, Johnston, IA, sisters, Marian Easter, Des Moines, IA and Carol Needham, Greene, IA; sisters-in-law, Beverly Vowell, Rogers, AR; and Jeanne Minard, Truro, IA. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Vern; sister-in-law, Luella; and an infant son, James Eugene.

A. Spouses

PHYLLIS BARTRUFF (Wayne)
No information received

VIOLA BLANKERS (Anthony)
No information received

BETTY JEAN CASPERS (Donald)

Betty (Bee) was born January 5, 1930 in Iowa City, Iowa, the daughter of Harold and Millie Emmons of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She graduated from Wilson High School in 1948. She married Max Bachman of Cedar Rapids on July 31, 1949. Bee participated in school activities and had fond memories of summers at Camp Hitaga. As an adult she was active in each community in which she resided through a variety of volunteer commitments. She held a variety of positions throughout the years and retired from West Bend Mutual Insurance Company in 1992.

Bee was married to Rev. Donald T. Caspers at Palisades State Park on July 7, 1979. In 2003 they retired to Methwick Manor, Cedar Rapids, IA. She died September 1, 2007 at Methwick Manor following a lengthy illness. A memorial service was held at Lovely Lane United Methodist Church, Cedar Rapids, IA on September 3, 2007 with the Reverends Paul Wilcox and Kay Mineck officiating. Private family inurnment was held November 17, 2007 at the Cedar Memorial Park Mausoleum Columbarian, Cedar Rapids, IA. She is survived by her husband, Don, Cedar Rapids, IA; sons, Dan Bachman, Al Caspers, Scott Caspers, Rod Caspers; daughters, Sue Bachman Statton; Becky York; and DeAnna Caspers; 14 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Wally Emmons, and son, Craig Caspers.

ELIZA KATHRYN CLARK (Alfred C.)

The daughter of Clarence Eugene (Banty) and Mattie Amanda Baker, Kathryn was born October 7, 1919 in Helena, Missouri. She was widowed at the age of 31 and left to raise three children. She entered the workforce for the first time working at Safeway as a meat wrapper to support her children. Kathryn married Rev. Alfred Clark on August 5, 1961. Kathryn was known for her humanitarian acts, kind smile, and absolute devotion to God and her family. She cherished friendships and family and kept very active until a stroke tried to slow her down without much success.

Kathryn died April 20, 2008 from cancer. A memorial service was held at First United Methodist Church in Monett, Missouri with the Rev. Cliff Crocket officiating. Burial was in Union Star Cemetery, Union Star, MO. She is survived by daughters, Amanda Edie, Janice Masters, and son, Grover McBeth; six grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred.

HELEN SPENCER COWHERD (Holman)

The daughter of K.K. and Lula Gilgore Spencer, Helen was born April 28, 1912 in Lee City, Kentucky. She graduated from high school at Cannel City, KY. After graduating from high school she worked as a bank teller for several years. In 1934 she enrolled at Kentucky Wesleyan College, Winchester, KY where she earned a teacher's certificate and taught school for several years. She married Holman Cowherd June 11, 1938 in Winchester, KY. Helen was an officer in the United Methodist Women on local, district and conference levels.

Helen died March 27, 2008 at the age of 95 in Campbellsville, KY. A memorial service was held March 31, 2008 at Early's Chapel United Methodist Church, Campbellsville, KY with the Rev. Joe Lee Ward (nephew of Holman), Carolyn Gillihan (niece of Helen) and Paul J. Dicken officiating. She is survived by daughter, Mayme Lee Maisano, Tuscon, AZ; 3 grandchildren; brother, Rev. Herman Spencer, Colorado Springs, CO; and sister-in-law, Ellen Faye Cowherd, Campbellsville, KY. Preceding her in death was her husband, Holman; brother, Dr. Alec Spencer; sisters, Polly Shaw, Emily Spencer, and Nancy Evelyn Spencer.

VIRGINIA D COUGHENOUR (Newton)

The daughter of Edward and Elsie Lake Davis, Virginia was born February 13, 1919 in Spencer, Iowa. She graduated from Spencer, Iowa High School and continued her education at Morningside College, Sioux City, IA; Drake University, Des Moines, IA; and Julliard School of Music, New York, NY. She married Newton Coughenour in 1944. Virginia

was a professional accompanist in New York City, a church organist and choir director; taught piano and voice privately; taught public school music; entertained personally for various groups; did arranging for various instrumental and vocal groups; coached singers and groups; played most instruments; directed Sweet Adelines; and English Handbell Ringers Choir; and played for several radio shows. She was member of P.E.O., Winterset Music Club, Des Moines Symphony Guild, Des Moines Women's Club, American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, and O.E.S.

Virginia died March 11, 2007 at age 88 at Hilltop Care Center, Spencer, IA. A graveside service was held March 15, 2007 at Riverside Cemetery, Spencer, IA with Rev. Jim Gochenouer officiating. She is survived by cousins including Ronald Phillips, Spencer, IA and Holly Nystrom, Milford, IA. Preceding her in death were her parents and her husband, Newton.

MILDRED VIOLA CUNNINGHAM (S. Willard)

Mildred Viola was born May 15, 1918 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the daughter of George and Bertha Helfrich Astor. She received her education in the Sioux Falls School System and also attended college for two years. She married Samuel Willard Cunningham in Sioux City, IA. She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, Webster City, IA; was active in P.E.O in several United Methodist Women's organizations.

Following retirement they moved to Webster City, Iowa. Mildred died at age 89 at Crestview Senior Living, Webster City, IA on August 28, 2007. A memorial service was held September 1, 2007 at Asbury United Church, Webster City, IA with the Rev. Ryan Christianson officiating. Burial is in the Memorial Park Cemetery, Sioux City, IA.

She is survived by daughter, Donna Cunningham, St. Paul, MN; a grandson; and sister, Georgia Soule, Arnolds Park, IA. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, S. Willard; son, Gerald Cunningham; and sister, Elizabeth Larue.

CLARA A DEN HARTOG (George)
No information received

LORENE WILMA SCHILLERSTROM ELDER (Vern)

Lorene was born July 18, 1919 in Lockridge, Iowa, the daughter of Ellsworth Clifford and Edith Watkins Schillerstrom. She graduated from Agency, IA High School in 1936. She married Vern Dwight Elder May 28, 1939 in Agency, IA. She was a homemaker and later was secretary to the principal of Agency School. In the late 70's they moved to West Grove, IA., then built a home in Drakesville, IA and served those churches for 13 years. Lorene and Vern coordinated many Lay Witness Missions in Iowa. As a token of love the two churches and various friends and family members took up a collection to send them to the Holy Land, a long time dream of theirs.

Following their retirement they lived in Iowa Falls, IA several years and later moved to Ottumwa, IA. She belonged to the Ambassador's Club at Pennsylvania Place and United Methodist Women.

Lorene died February 9, 2008 at the age of 88 as a result of congestive heart failure. A memorial service was held at Reece Funeral Home in Ottumwa, IA on February 12, 2008 with the Revs. Lon Lewis and Thomas Shipley, a grandson-in-law, officiating. Burial was at Memorial Lawn Cemetery in Ottumwa, IA. She is survived by her daughter, Janice Albert, Eldon, IA; 2 brothers, Merle Schillerstrom, Des Moines, IA and Carroll Schillerstrom, Salado, TX; sister, Laurel Martin, Minden, NV; 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Vern; and son, Douglas Vern.

ANITA MARIE FRANKHAUSER (Arthur)

Anita was born May 12, 1912 in Radcliffe, Iowa, the daughter of Levi Conrad and Edith Wahl Thalman. She graduated from Cedar Falls, IA High School in 1931 and Iowa State

Teacher's College (University of Northern Iowa) with a BA in 1935. She taught in Fairfield, Charles City, Traer, and Waterloo, IA. On June 18, 1941 she married Rev. Arthur F. Frankhauser at First Evangelical Church, Cedar Falls, IA. During Arthur's years of ministry, Anita was involved in the education and music programs with emphasis on children's ministries. She also was a substitute teacher in the public schools. She was active in United Methodist Women and enjoyed planning programs on mission projects.

Following retirement they moved to Cedar Falls, IA where she volunteered at Sartori Hospital and Western Home. In 1989 they joined the Western Home Communities moving into an apartment in Windgrace. She died March 28, 2008 at age 95 years from normal pressure hydrocephalus. A memorial service was held April 1, 2008 at Western Home Communities Chapel with her son-in-law, Rev. Robert Colman officiating. Burial is in Greenwood Cemetery, Cedar Falls, IA. Anita is survived by son, Dr. Richard Frankhauser, Cedar Falls, IA; daughter, Joyce Colman, Franklin, IN; four grandchildren; granddaughter-in-law, Debbie Heffner; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur and grandson, James Frankhauser.

JAMES DEE GILLAN (Marilee "Wendi")

James was born January 1, 1934 in York, Nebraska, the son of Leland and Cecil (Griffie) Gillan. He attended school in York and Central City, NE, graduating from Central City High School in 1953. He was married to Ruth Ellison and they had 2 children, DeAnna and Kenton. Jim and Marilee A. (Wendi) Persons were married November 24, 1982 in the Evanston United Methodist Church, Denver, CO.

Jim was a certified lay speaker and a member of the Northwood United Methodist Church. Even though he was legally deaf, he ran the sound systems in each church Wendi served. He taught himself to make Native American flutes (with the blessing of a Native American chief), cross necklaces out of nails, and an Irish Brogan drum. Jim had a way of finding the people that no one else would associate with and helping them see their possibilities. He especially loved helping kids and served on the school boards in Central City, NE and North Kossuth School in Swea City, IA.

He died August 22, 2007 at age 73 at Muse Norris Inpatient Hospice House, Mason City, IA of heart and kidney disease. Memorial services were held August 25, 2007 at Northwood United Methodist Church with the Revs. Ed Kail and Cindy Buhman officiating, and August 28, 2007 at the United Methodist Church, Central City, NE with Rev. Joy Savage officiating. Both celebrations featured a bagpiper to honor his Irish heritage. A service for the blessing and scattering of his ashes was conducted by his wife, Wendi, on August 29, 2007 on the Duane Stewart farm in rural Merrick County, NE. He is survived by his wife, Rev. Wendi, Northwood, IA; daughter, DeAnna Way, Portland, OR; son, Kenton, Central City, NE; 3 grandchildren and brother, Don, Lampe, MO.

EUNICE MCDONALD KUNTZ HANN (Paul)

Eunice was born August 27, 1909 in Madison County, Iowa, the daughter of Frederick V. and Mary Ethel McDonald Kuntz. She graduated from Winterset, IA High School in 1927 and attended Simpson College prior to teaching school for two years in Patterson, IA. She married Paul Markley Hann June 25, 1932 in the front yard of her parents home four miles west of Winterset, IA. While Paul attended Boston University School of Theology, Eunice attended classes at BU and transferred to Simpson College, graduating in 1935.

She belonged to Federated Women's Club, A.A.U.W., P.E.O. Chapter AG, United Methodist Women (including 2 honorary life memberships) and Church Women United, where she was named the 2007 Valiant Woman.

Following their retirement in 1972, they moved to Winterset, IA. Eunice was a volunteer at Madison County Memorial Hospital, Winterset, IA for 14 years and as a docent at the Madison County Historical Museum. She donated to the museum a one-room log school house that served as the first residence on her family farm. She loved to quilt and donated over 200 doll and teddy bear quilts to abused children at the Domestic Violence Center.

Eunice died November 8, 2007 at the age of 98 years in Winterset, IA from heart attacks and congestive heart failure. A memorial service was held November 12, 2007 at First United Methodist Church, Winterset, IA with the Rev. Beverlee Bell and Pastor Lee Hirt officiating. Burial was at the Winterset, IA Cemetery. She is survived by son, Bruce F., Denver, CO.; daughter, Martha E. (Grant) Jordan, Winterset, IA; 6 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Rev. Dr. Paul M. Hann; sisters, Katherine Sawyers and Blanche Easter.

JANE ELIZABETH SWEDBERG HARBOUR (Donald)

Jane was born November 24, 1918 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the daughter of Marcus Royal and Eva Thompson Swedberg. She graduated from high school in 1936 and Hamline University, St. Paul, MN in 1940. She taught English and Speech for a number of years. She married Donald Lee Harbour, June 19, 1945 in Earlimart, CA.

She attended First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ; St. Aidan's Anglican Church, Limby Church, Bethesda Lutheran Church, St. Johns By the Campus Episcopal Church, and First United Methodist Church. She was active in Bible Study Fellowship in Ames, IA., a member of Eastern Star, Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority; United Methodist Women, and United Christian Women.

They retired in 1981 to Packwood, IA and moved to Ames, IA. in 1994. Jane died December 3, 2007 at age 89 at Mary Greeley Medical Center, Ames, IA from complications of dementia and pneumonia. A memorial service was held December 7, 2007 at Adams Funeral Home with the Revs. A. David Digby and Fred Lewis officiating. Burial is at the Packwood, IA Cemetery. She is survived by one son, Marcus, Gering, NE; 2 daughters, Elizabeth Spencer, Ames, IA and Nancy Lee Harbour, Coral Springs, FL; 1 grandson and 2 great-grand children. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Donald; son, Douglas; and brother, Jack Swedberg.

HILDA HAVIGHURST (Lawrence)
No Information Received

LOIS ALBERTA BASKERVILLE HILL (M. Trevor Baskerville)

The daughter of Harte Adgate and Winona (Nona) Lane Allyn, was born September 16, 1917 on a farm near Masonville, Iowa. Lois graduated from Manchester, IA High School in 1934 and attended Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, IA where she received her Rural Iowa Teacher's Certificate. She taught in her home country school for 2 years before her marriage in 1938 to M. Trevor Baskerville who preceded her in death in 1973.

Lois married E. Howard Hill in 1976, and they lived on the Hill Farm west of Minburn, IA until Howard's death in 2002. She then moved to Rowley Memorial Masonic Home, Perry, IA. Lois was active in the United Methodist Church all of her adult life, singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School, working with youth groups, and belonging to the women's clubs. She was a member of P.E.O., Chapter OK in Perry, IA, Perry United Methodist Women, and Naomi Circle.

Lois died August 19, 2007 at the age of 89. A memorial service was held August 22, 2007 at Irene Lunde Memorial Chapel, Rowley Memorial Masonic Home, Perry, IA with the Reverends Arthur Hill and Clare DeBoef officiating. Her body was donated to the University of Iowa Medical School. She is survived by her son, Allyn, Yuma, AZ, and daughter, Mary Lou McCormick, Las Vegas, NV; 3 step-daughters, Marjorie Joslin and Marilyn Hagedorn, West Des Moines, IA; and Margaret Northey, Spirit Lake, IA; 8 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, 7 step-grandchildren and 14 step-great-grandchildren; and brother, Francis (Frank) Raymond Allyn, Eldora, IA. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Charles Albert Allyn; and husbands, M. Trevor Baskerville and E. Howard Hill.

BEULAH MAY STREYFFELER HINDMAN (Ralph)

The daughter of Samuel Henry and Mary Elisabeth Sherk Streyffeler, Beulah was born May 19, 1912 in LeMars, Iowa. Beulah received a two-year teaching certificate from Western Union (Westmar College) where she met her husband Ralph. She returned to college and received a Bachelors Degree at age 51 and later received a special education degree and taught for many years. Beulah was active in all church activities, especially all United Methodist Women's groups. After Ralph's stroke in 1988 they moved to Deer Park, WA to be near family.

Beulah died September 14, 2007 at the age of 95 in Deer Park, WA. A memorial service was held October 13, 2007 at the Deer Park United Methodist Church with the Rev. Deb Conklin officiating. She is survived by 2 sons, Dr. Keith, Deer Park, WA and Dr., Neil, Silver Spring, MD; 7 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Beulah was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ralph; and daughter, Debra Thompson.

JEAN ELAINE HULSE (Marvin)

The daughter of Lawrence and Luella Fischer Eichorn, Jean was born January 14, 1931 in Bismarck, North Dakota. Her childhood years were spent in Leher, ND until 1946 when her family moved to Denver, CO where Jean graduated from East High School in 1948. She graduated from Westmar College, LeMars, IA in 1952 with a BA in Elementary Education. On August 15, 1952 she married Marvin Hulse in Denver, CO. Jean taught for 3 years at Bardwell Elementary School, Aurora, IL while Marvin attended Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, IL.

As a pastor's spouse she taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, directed children's music programs, and played the piano and organ for many church events. Jean was a substitute teacher, very active in Church Women United, and United Methodist Women. She was a 33 year member of P.E.O.

Jean died January 4, 2008 at her home in Fort Dodge, IA, at the age of 76. A memorial service was held January 14, 2008 at First United Methodist Church, Fort Dodge, IA with the Rev. Mark Haverland officiating. Burial was in the Nevada, IA Municipal Cemetery with the graveside service officiated by Rev. Steven Williams. She is survived by her husband, Marvin, Fort Dodge, IA; daughter, Janet Matthews, Olathe, KS; and son, David, Hanoi, Vietnam; 2 grandchildren; and sister, Joann Bowsher, Denver, CO.

LOIS KELDERMAN (LeRoy)

The daughter of Peter and Wilhelmina (Minnie) Langstraat Van Ham, Lois was born July 1, 1946 in Oskaloosa, Iowa. She graduated from Pella Community High School in 1964. On July 18, 1964 she married LeRoy William Kelderman. Lois served as an administrative assistant in several positions. In 1993 she followed her passion of reflexology and massage therapy and became co-proprietor of Connections Massage Therapy, Des Moines, IA. She was also known for her needlework and her gifted decorating.

Lois died November 21, 2007 following an auto accident. A memorial was held June 28, 2008 officiated by the family. Lois was cremated.

She is survived by her husband, LeRoy, Des Moines, IA; sons, Chadley, Seattle, WA. and Trev, Chicago, IL; brother, Lee Van Ham, southern California; sisters, Pauline Brader, Oregon and Phoebe Van Ham, Wheaton, IL; and 3 grandchildren. She is also survived by her long-time business partner and friend, Gordon Gymer, Des Moines, IA. Preceding her in death were her parents; brother, James; and sister, Julia.

ESTHER RICE KENNEDY (Stanley)

The daughter of George E. and Mary Rogers Rice, Esther was born December 8, 1928 in Tougaloo, Mississippi. Esther graduated Summa Cum Laude from Iowa Wesleyan College and married Stanley C. Kennedy on June 5, 1950 in Mount Pleasant, IA. She taught school in Salem, IA, Westmont, IL, and Waterloo Community Schools Extended Education

Program, Waterloo, IA. She served as a member of the Waterloo Board of Education and was active in countless other church and community activities including NAACP, KBBG-FM, Logandale Day Care Center, and Waterloo Metropolitan Chorale. She was awarded KBBG-FM Founder's Award and received a lifetime achievement award from the Waterloo Commission on Human Rights.

Esther died October 15, 2007 at University Hospitals, Iowa City, IA at age 78 of a brain aneurysm. A memorial service was held October 18, 2007 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Waterloo, IA with inurnment at Garden of Memories Cemetery. She is survived by her sons, Paul Edgar, Arlington, MA; Wesley Gehl, Skokie, IL; daughter, Patricia Anne Kennedy, Los Angeles, CA; 2 grandchildren, and sisters; Isabelle R. Borg, Indianapolis, IN; and Rebecca R. James, Boulder, CO. She was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley C. Kennedy and sister, Caroline Rice.

ROSALIE MARGUERITE GENEVA GORANSON LARSEN (Laurell)

The daughter of Joseph R. and Addie L. Nyquist Goranson, Rosalie was born October 8, 1923 in Taylors Falls, Minnesota. She graduated from Center City High School, Lutheran Bible College, and College of Commerce, Minneapolis, MN. After college she moved to Beresford, SD to work in the office of a children's home. Rosalie married Laurell Larsen on July 25, 1954 in Chisago Lake Lutheran Church. Rosalie filled the pulpits when Laurell was attending the Course of Study. In retirement she lived in LeMars, IA and Sioux City, IA and worked as a certified nurse's aide in several nursing homes. She was a member of Riverside United Methodist Church, Sioux City, IA and active in United Methodist Women. She enjoyed reading and spending time with her family. Rosalie also prayed faithfully for missionaries and people in need.

Rosalie died October 16, 2007 at the age of 84 years at Indian Hills Nursing and Rehab Center. A memorial service was held October 19, 2007 at Riverside United Methodist Church with the Rev. Janice Bennett officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery, Sioux City, IA. She is survived by her daughters, Mary Lee Martin, Sioux City, IA; Lois A. Betz, Houston, TX; Susan Humiston, Edgemont, SD; Debra Larsen, Sioux City, IA; 10 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; brothers, Richard Goranson, Denver, CO and Roy Goranson, Elk River, MN. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Laurell; and grandson, Christopher Martin.

MELINDA LEE HUFFMAN (Robert Leverenz)

Lindy was born March 5, 1945 in North Hollywood, California where her family was involved in the movie industry. For over 20 years she immersed herself in the HIV/AIDS epidemic first as a volunteer at Park Plaza Hospital, Houston, TX, Omega House (hospice for people with AIDS), AIDS Foundation Houston, program director at the Bering United Methodist Church Adult Care Center, and subsequently the director. After moving to Portland, OR to be with her husband, Rev. Robert Leverenz she secured employment at Cascade AIDS Project and Women's Information AIDS Resources. In those venues Lindy embraced the marginalized in our society. Lindy brought her gift of the aesthetics to Faith United Methodist Church where Bob was the pastor from 2001-2007. That congregation surrounded Lindy with love and understanding in a supportive manner. Lindy made a difference in the lives of many as she walked upon the earth.

Lindy died August 19, 2007 from lung cancer at age 62. A memorial service was held at Faith United Methodist Church, Troutdale, OR on August 26, 2007. She is survived by her husband, Robert Leverenz; Portland, OR; 2 sons, Christopher, Dallas, TX and Conan, Clinton, KS; step-sons, Lance Leverenz, Frederick, MD, and Grant Leverenz, Tulsa, OK; and 1 grandchild.

LORENE CHRISTINE ARENSMEIER LONG (Arthur)

The daughter of Louis H. and Johanna Thee Arensmeier, Lorene was born August 22, 1912 in Madras, Oregon. She graduated from Higginsville, MO High School and Research

Hospital School of Nursing, Kansas City, MO in 1934 as a Registered Nurse. Lorene married Arthur Vestal Long, September 7, 1936 in Higginsville, MO. The couple moved to Evanston, IL where Arthur finished seminary at Garrett Theological School. Lorene served as head nurse at the McGraw Center of the Presbyterian Home in Evanston, IL from 1969 to 1987. She was an active member of P.E.O.

Lorene died October 29, 2007 at Iowa Methodist Medical Center at the age of 95 years from natural causes due to age. A memorial service was held November 1, 2007 in the Community Room at Wesley Acres with the Revs. Richard Pfaltzgraff and C. Dendy Garrett officiating. Burial of the cremains is in the memorial garden of First United Methodist Church, Evanston, IL. She is survived by daughters, Barbara Shedd, Boone, IA and Jacqueline Crimins, Boxborough, MA; sons, Richard, West Dundee, IL and Joseph, Yarmouth, ME, nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Arthur; brother, Kerby; and son-in-law, John G. Shedd.

RUBY M. MARTIN (Ernest F.)
No Information Received

JANE M MAUS (Edward)
No information received

HAZEL MC LAUGHLIN (Willis)
No information received

VIRGINIA RUTH PHILLIPS MILLER (J. Heber)

The daughter of Herbert H. and Naomi King Phillips, Virginia was born February 4, 1919 in Seymour, Iowa. As a child she lived on a farm where she loved her pony, Pansy, and her many other pets. Later the family moved to Kansas. Virginia attended Southwestern College, Winfield, KS where she became secretary to the college president, Dr. Frank Mossman. She married J. Heber Miller, December 10, 1939 at the home of Dr. Mossman. While Heber attended Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, IL, Virginia attended many classes and was secretary to the seminary president, Horace Greeley Smith.

Virginia attended and taught many lab schools. She also served United Methodist women on the district and conference levels. In their early years, Heber and Virginia took youth to camp. They would stay in the same cabin with campers and did their own cooking. Two crates of chickens went with them to be prepared and eaten during the week. Virginia also worked as church secretary in Manchester, IA and for the county extension in Rock Rapids, IA. They retired to Monarch Cove, Spirit Lake, IA and spent many winters in Texas.

Virginia died January 4, 2008 at Lakes Regional Health Care, Spirit Lake, IA at the age of 88 years. A memorial service was held January 8, 2008 at the United Methodist Church, Spirit Lake, IA with the Rev. Deborah Wise officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Gardens Cemetery, Spirit Lake, IA. She is survived by her husband, J. Heber Miller, Spirit Lake, IA; Judith Ann Miller, Sioux City, IA; Linda Sue Wittstruck, Spencer, IA and an American Field Service daughter, Atsuko Oishi, Japan; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Eldon Phillips.

M. IRENE PETTERSEN (Clarence)

The daughter of John R. and Igna Christine Weberg Venem, Irene was born October 18, 1909 in Albert Lea, Minnesota. She married Rev. Clarence H. Pettersen on August 11, 1941. She was a devoted helpmate to her husband, serving wherever needed in churches and in the districts he served. She led youth groups, taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, performed vocals solos and hosted district dinners. Irene spent her retirement years in Waterloo, IA maintaining her own home until her death.

Irene died December 11, 2007 at the age of 98 years at Allen Hospital in Waterloo, IA from cardiac asystole. Memorial services were held December 15, 2007 at the Kerns, Huisman-Schumacher Chapel, Waterloo, IA with the Rev. Dana Wimmer officiating and at the

Forest City, IA United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jerald Swanberg officiating. Burial is in the Oakland Cemetery, Forest City, IA. Irene is survived by her son, Hugh, Cedar Falls, IA and brother, Richard Venem, Jesup, IA. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence; daughter, Wanda; son, Omar; and brothers, Adrian, Eugene, and Alton.

PAM PILECKI (Fred)
No information received

ALBERTA PIMLOTT (Lloyd G.)
No information received

BARBARA ELIZABETH PINNELL (Robert)

The daughter of Rev. John Lakin and Minnie Eunice Moore Brasher, Elizabeth was born February 25, 1911 in Boaz, Alabama. She attended Attalla, AL public schools and graduated from John Fletcher Academy, University Park, IA in 1927. She attended John Fletcher College, University Park, IA receiving a diploma in public speaking in 1931. She married Robert Wesley Pinnell on December 24, 1931 in Boas, AL. In 1956 she gave devotions at the National P.E.O. Convention in Philadelphia, PA. She enjoyed entertaining family and friends, was an excellent cook, talented seamstress, played the piano, and enjoyed poetry. She was member of United Methodist Women, P.E.O., Shakespeare Club, Indianola, IA, and Clear Creek United Methodist Church, Gallant, AL.

Elizabeth died January 17, 2008 at the age of 96 years, 11 months of cancer. A memorial service was held January 23, 2008 at Clear Creek United Methodist Church, Gallant, AL with her brother, Rev. Julius L Brasher; two nephews, Rev. Paul H. Eubanks and Dr. J. Lawrence Brasher; and Rev. Charles Marshall officiating. Burial was in the Brasher Cemetery on family-owned property in rural Attala, AL. She is survived by her daughters, Suzanne Pinnell, Des Moines, IA; Sylvia Pinnell, Attala, AL; son, Robert Pinnell, Jr., West Des Moines, IA; brother, Rev. Julius Brasher, Attala, AL; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert and 8 siblings.

ALTA ROBINSON (John)
No information received

LORENE TEXTOR SCHUMACHER (Paul Textor)

The daughter of Fred and Lorena Austin George, Lorene was born June 4, 1920 in Coon Rapids, Iowa. She graduated from Coon Rapids, IA High School around 1938 and taught country school in Carroll County for four years. She then attended the 4 C's Business College in Des Moines, IA. On January 2, 1944 she married Paul Frederick Textor. She was active as MYF counselor, Sunday School teacher, Junior Choir director, and WSCS. Following Paul's retirement they returned to Coon Rapids, IA where he died in 1976. Lorene married Walter Schumacher of Coon Rapids, IA on January 13, 1979. He died in 1984. Lorene worked in the produce department of Frolich's Grocery Store and in Christian education for the Coon Rapids United Methodist Church. She was chair of the church missions committee and member of UMW, Federated Women's Club, and P.E.O. Her interests included needlepoint, sewing, croquet, and Scrabble. She enjoyed traveling and participated in numerous Volunteer in Mission projects.

Lorene died February 23, 2008 at the age of 87 years at Thomas Rest Haven in Coon Rapids, IA, of Pancytopenia as a consequence of Myelodysplastic Syndrome (her bone marrow failed to produce blood). A memorial service was held at Coon Rapids First United Methodist Church on February 26, 2008 with the Rev. Lynn Gunderson officiating. She was buried in Union Township Cemetery, rural Coon Rapids, IA. Lorene is survived by her daughters, Rev. Shirley Textor, Oakland, IA, Dian McMahon, South Plainfield, NJ and Evelyn Ned, Tucson, AZ; son, Loyd Textor, Johnston, IA; step-children, Jan Pearson, Anamosa, IA, Tom Schumacher, Cedar Rapids, IA, Marlene Hight, Schleswig, IA, Alan Yeager, Ida Grove,

IA; brothers, John George, Nevada, IA and Dale George, Coon Rapids, IA; and 2 grandchildren.

ALICE THUROW (Willis C.)
No information received

SHIRLEY MARILYN TUTTLE (Lanny L.)

The daughter of Elmer and Jennie Triggs Bishop, Shirley was born October 9, 1937 in Rolfe, Iowa. She graduated from Rolfe, IA High School and attended Morningside College, Sioux City, IA from 1956-1958. On June 5, 1958 she married Lanny L. Tuttle at Grace Methodist Church, Spencer, IA. She was a homemaker, taking care of her family wherever God led Lanny's ministry. She was a trained Disciple Bible Leader, member of First United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, Newton, IA. Shirley enjoyed reading, praying, and taking church trips.

Shirley died February 7, 2008 at age 70 years at Iowa Methodist Medical Center, Des Moines, IA. A memorial service was held February 12, 2008 at First United Methodist Church, Newton, IA with the Revs. Gary Marzolf, David Wendel, and Keith Scott officiating. Burial was in the Palo Alto Cemetery in rural Newton, IA. She is survived by her husband, Lanny, Newton, IA; son, Mark, Ankeny, IA; 2 grandchildren; brothers, Lester Bishop, Greenville, NC, Lawrence Bishop, Oklahoma City, OK, Leo Bishop, Fort Dodge, IA, Herb Bishop, Fort Dodge, IA, Robert Bishop, Lampe, MO; and sister, Pearl Overeen, Hope Mills, NC. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother-in-law, Drexel Overeen; sisters-in-law, Mae Bishop and Lori Riggs.

LOUISE ELINORE WALTERS (Dean)

The daughter of Rev. John V. Sr. and Anna Louise Beard Madison, Louise was born June 22, 1922 in Kingston, Illinois. She graduated from Morningside College, Sioux City, IA in 1943 with a BA in Sociology. Louise married Rev. Dean G. Walters April 16, 1943. They served a mental hospital in Cleveland, OH to meet Dean's conscientious objector obligations. At Iowa State University Louise worked as a clerk in the library. She held offices in UMW and taught Sunday School classes. Over the years she typed an entire card catalog for an elementary school, taught knitting, served as counselor to a college camp in South Dakota, and worked as a library clerk for the Iowa City, IA schools. Following retirement to Ames, IA, Louise and Dean served McCurdy School in New Mexico and did interim ministry in Iowa. She enjoyed handwork, crossword puzzles, and participating in a retired ministers camping club. Louise was also a member of P.E.O.

Louise died January 24, 2008 at age 83 at Scottish Rite Park, Des Moines, IA of heart failure. A memorial service was held February 2, 2008 at Collegiate United Methodist Church, Ames, IA with the Rev. Scott Grotewold officiating. She is interred in the columbarium in Nichols Chapel, Collegiate United Methodist Church, Ames, IA. Louise is survived by daughters, (Elinore) "Joy" (Sars) Nagel, Sointula, BC, Laura Anspach, Des Moines, IA; sons, Marvin, Broderick, CA, Lowell "Mark", Medford, OR; brothers, John Madison, Jr., IN, Richard Madison, TX; sister, Anne Wallace, Mason City, IA; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Dean.