IX. MEMORIALS

DORIS MAE AMELUNG

January 18, 1927 – March 20, 2011

Doris Mae (Hurd) Amelung, beloved wife of Rev. Dean Amelung for fifty-seven and a half years, went to be with our Lord on Sunday, March 20, 2011. Doris was born in Stratford, CT on January 18, 1927.

Doris was gentle, loving, and always took care of others. She was soft spoken and never had a cross word or thought. Family was her joy. Our Lord, husband Dean, and family were the center of her life. She needed nothing else.

Doris enjoyed singing and sang in choirs in nine churches. She also belonged to ten UMW groups and served on numerous hospitality committees. She volunteered to help wherever help was needed.

She is survived by her husband Dean, and leaves to cherish her memory a son, Dixon Amelung (Cookie), and daughter, Dale Janoski (David); seven grandchildren: Stacey Amelung Bogden (Scott), Christopher Amelung (Dawn), Alison Janoski, Peter Janoski, Gail Ramos (Alex), Michael Cohen (Valenis), and Brian Cohen (Rebecca); and six great-grandchildren. Doris is also survived by five siblings: Evelyn Ostberg, Ginny Green (Lou), Wallace Hurd, Jr. (Nancy), William Hurd, and Ruth Hurd; sister-in-law, Grace Evans, and brother-in-law, Rick Spicer (Muriel), along with many special nieces and nephews.

Submitted by: Rev. Dean R. Amelung
Interment: Hickory Bluff Cemetery, Stevensville, MI

HENRY C. ANDERSON, JR.

October 22, 1945 – March 3, 2011

Rev. Henry C. Anderson, Jr. was not always known by the title of Pastor Henry. He was also known as son, brother, uncle, teacher, painter, magician, writer, leader, craftsman, artist, counselor, farmer, fisherman, musician, teacher, mediator and friend. But the titles he coveted most were Husband, Father and Grandfather.

Pastor Henry was like a natural diamond. In the beginning, it has no shine, no luster, no brilliance. Only after being ground down, chipped away, shaped and polished are most people able to see the value hidden inside. Pastor Henry allowed God to take the trials and events throughout his life and use them to create a stunning display of HIS majesty and glory.

God's hand in testing was most evident during the last eleven years of his life as Pastor Henry watched his wife, Kay, suffer strokes that would leave her paralyzed and completely dependent on him for everything. However, just as Job continued to live a righteous life and maintain his faith, so too did Pastor Henry.

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Pastor Henry was called home to rest twenty-eight days before his wife. His final days here on this earth were spent surrounded by family and friends. One day soon, they will be reunited with them around the throne of our Lord and Savior, never to be separated again.

Henry is survived by daughter, Cynthia and her husband, William Wilson, son Christopher and wife, Kate Anderson, and three grandchildren, Rachel Wilson and Peter and Tressa Anderson.

Submitted by: Cynthia Wilson
Interment: Heislerville United Methodist Church Cemetary, Heislerville, NJ

KAY D. ANDERSON

June 9, 1944 – April 1, 2011

Kay D. Anderson, wife of Rev. Henry C. Anderson, Jr., was called home to rest twenty-eight days after her husband, after an extended illness.

Kay's life revolved around her family and each September her family grew. For seventeen years, she taught all-day kindergarten classes at Cape Christian Academy. Prior to that, she was a Title I teacher for several years.

Kay was active in her adopted church, Heislerville United Methodist Church. She played piano and was the Sunday School Superintendent for many years.

In 2001, Kay was struck by a series of strokes that would eventually leave her unable to walk, talk or take care of her own basic needs. This fiercely independent woman learned to completely depend on her husband, Pastor Henry, for everything.

Kay's final days were spent in the home she shared with her husband. Surrounded by her two children and music playing from the old record player, Kay quietly answered the call to rest and unite with her Savior and her husband.

Praise God for the promise that one day we too, will be able to answer that call!

Kay is survived by, daughter, Cynthia and her husband, William Wilson, son Christopher and wife, Kate Anderson, and three grandchildren, Rachel Wilson and Peter and Tressa Anderson.

Submitted by: Cynthia Wilson
Interment: Heislerville United Methodist Church Cemetery

MARY LOU BALLENTINE

May 3, 1943 – January 25, 2011

Mary Lou was born and raised in Belleville, NJ. After receiving her high school degree, she went on to do undergraduate work at Albion College in Michigan. She obtained her Masters of Divinity degree at

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Drew University, and was ordained in the Northern New Jersey Conference of the United Methodist Church in 1969. She was the third female minister to be ordained in the Conference.

Mary Lou was first appointed to the Morrow Memorial Church in Maplewood as the Christian Educator in 1968. In 1975 she was appointed to the Epworth United Methodist Church, and then moved to the Union Village United Methodist church in 1980. In 1984 Mary Lou began to serve the Green Village United Methodist Church, and in 1988 moved to the Succasunna United Methodist Church. After serving there for fourteen years, Mary Lou was honored in 2002 as Pastor Emeriti before retiring in 2008.

Mary Lou was a member of the Board of Ordained Ministry, was instrumental in the establishment of Aldersgate Camp in Swartswood, NJ, and was a past President of the Roxbury Twp. Clergy Council. She was always leading her congregation in outreach ministry to the community.

As one of the first ordained women in the Northern NJ Annual Conference, Mary Lou was a strong leader and paved the way for many other female pastors who followed her. She cared deeply about her congregations, and wanted nothing more than to be able to convey the love of Jesus Christ to others. Her mission was to take the body and love of Christ out of the church and move it into the community. She very much appreciated the love and support of her colleagues and her family. If Mary Lou wasn't in the pulpit, she was enjoying the time she had with her family; husband, Clifford "Kip", and children, Matthew, and Elizabeth. She loved spending time at the shore, and was always in the mood to cook elaborate meals for all of her family and friends. Her motto was "The More the Merrier". She loved being a hostess and opened her home to everyone. After retiring, Mary Lou's favorite thing to do was to spend time with her grandchildren, Aaron and Madison.

Mary Lou has made such an enormous impact in so many people's lives, and though we miss her, the memory of her offers us much comfort. We thank God and celebrate her eternal life with Christ.

Mary Lou is survived by her husband, Clifford "Kip" Ballentine; son Matthew and wife, Amanda Ballentine of Chillicothe, OH; daughter Elizabeth and husband, James Simons of Washington, NJ; and grandchildren, Aaron and Madison Ballentine.

Submitted by: Elizabeth Simons
Interment: Succasunna United Methodist Church Cemetery, Succasunna, NJ

JOAN WARNECKA BENNETT

April 9, 1929 – April 8, 2011

Joan W. Bennett, a former Methodist missionary and wife of retired Greater New Jersey Conference Elder, the Rev. Gilbert F. Bennett, died April 8, 2011 in Marshalls Creek, PA.

Joan was a graduate of Boston University with a degree in physical education. Mrs. Bennett became a Methodist missionary in the Belgian Congo (Katanga), serving with her husband. Returning to the United

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States in 1963, she taught physical education in South Amboy and Florence, where Rev. Bennett served as pastor.

She is survived by her husband Gilbert, four children, and 10 grandchildren.

WILLIAM H. BLACK

March 7, 1931 – July 17, 2010

William Howard Black, Jr. was the oldest of four children, born to the late William Howard Black, Sr. and Florence Hynson Black of Chester, PA. After high school, Bill joined the Air Force and served in Korea and Japan. He attended Bennett Pastor School in North Carolina, and Wesley Theological School in Washington, DC. He became an Elder in the Peninsula Conference. His first charges were in the state of Delaware.

On July 4, 1976, Bill met Clara Hall of Cherry Hill, NJ at the Jackson family reunion in Christiana, DE. The two married on Dec. 22, 1978 and made their home in Marlton, NJ.

In 1980, the opportunity to pastor a church in the Southern NJ conference became available. His itinerant ministry continued with churches in Burlington, Salem, Quinton, Atlantic City, and Mount Holly. He was active in the Rancocas Valley Clergy Association, and was President of the "Continue the Dream" Committee. In 2001, Bill retired from the ministry after forty years of service to the Lord.

Bill's hobbies included traveling, reading, computers, photography, and fixing things (even things that weren't broken).

Bill leaves to cherish his memory, Clara, his wife of thirty-one years, sisters , Barbara and Rosalie, nieces, nephews, cousins, grandchildren and friends.

Submitted by: Clara Hall-Black
Interment: Locustwood Memorial Park, Cherry Hill, NJ

DOLORES BOWEN

February 27, 1930 - May 11, 2010

The only child of Florence and Manuel Bacowsky, Dolores was born and raised in Trenton, NJ. After graduating from Trenton High she continued her education at Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC, majoring in music.

Dolores met Fred Bowen while they were both working as summer camp counselors at Camp Delaware located on Rotary Island. They were wed on August 25, 1951 while Fred attended seminary at Drew. She served as organist and choir director at several of the churches that Fred pastored and continued to serve at St. Luke's UMC in Long Branch after Fred retired.

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Together, Dolores and Fred raised five children. While the children were young, Dolores supported their activities by being a Girl Scout Leader, 4-H Club leader, substitute teacher and by playing the piano and organ for high school musicals. She allowed Monarch caterpillars to spin cocoons and hatch into butterflies in the parsonage dining room. In addition, three Seeing Eye German Shepherd puppies spent their first year living with the family before entering their formal training as guide dogs, and let's not forget they served as hosts to two Chilean foreign exchange students!

Dolores retired from Monmouth County Social Services after serving several years as a case manager. Retirement allowed Dolores and Fred to own their first home in Bradley Beach, although the first few months were spent living in a recreational vehicle while the house was refurbished to their specifications. The ocean view made the wait worthwhile and the all-season front porch was the perfect location to grow orchids. Dolores and Fred raised hundreds of orchids, several of which won recognition from the Deep Cut Orchid Society and won awards at the New York International Orchid Show.

Anytime Dolores saw the need, she would volunteer to play the piano or organ. She was the accompanist for the Sisterhood Chorus, a group consisting of pastor's wives that met during district meetings. As a member of the American Guild of Organists, Dolores was thrilled to play the magnificent organ at the Great Auditorium in Ocean Grove. She taught piano and organ to many students over the years.

Quilting was another talent Dolores enjoyed. She was a founding member of quilting groups at Mount Holly First UMC and St. Luke's UMC in Long Branch. She made quilts for her children, grandchildren and for the Ronald McDonald House in Long Branch. She also quilted banners, jackets, purses, Christmas tree skirts, table runners, clerical stoles and altar paraments.

Dolores was a long time member of the United Methodist Women. She served as secretary of the Northern Shore District UMW.

Dolores was predeceased by her husband, Rev. Fred Bowen in 2008. She is survived by two sons and daughter-in-law, Timothy and Susan Bowen and Thomas Bowen, three daughters and two sons-in law, Cynthia and Thomas Knudsen, Sandra and Stephen Colyer and Rebecca Bowen, and four grandchildren, Rachel Bowen, Kenneth and Katrina Knudsen, Ryan Knudsen and Arielle Knudsen.

Submitted by: Cynthia Knudsen
Interment: Greenwood Cemetery, Trenton, NJ

JOHN R. BOWERING

December 29, 1933 – December 13, 2010

John Bowering, retired elder of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, passed away on December 13, 2010. His service record includes East Millstone (1956-1958), Linden (1958-1960), West Creek and Warren Grove (1960-1963), Island Heights (1963-1970), Manasquan (1970-1973), Hightstown (1973-

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1983), Lakewood (1983-1984), Pemberton (1984-1988), Bayville and Ocean Gate (1988-1996). He retired in 1996. John was Pastor Emeritus of the Pine Beach Chapel.

His sister, Arlene Westling was quoted as saying "He was bigger than life. He was just a wonderful person and I couldn't have asked for a better brother." Pine Beach Mayor Christopher Boyle said, Rev. Bowering "made a mark on our town that will last forever.:

John is predeceased by his son, Jackie Bowering. He is survived by his wife, Bernice L. Bowering, daughter Tami and husband John Warnick and grandchildren Kalee and Kyle Warnick, and daughter Jani R. Bowering

Interment: Cremated

NORMAN G. BRITTON
May 2, 1924 – December 11, 2010

Norman G. Britton was born in Forked River, NJ and was a lifelong resident. He was a World War II Army veteran and served in Europe as a combat Medic.

Rev. Britton graduated from Wesley Theological Seminary and served the Lord for over fifty-six years, most of those years at Lanoka Harbor United Methodist Church. The honor of Pastor Emeritus was bestowed on him in 2004. Norman served as Chaplain for the Lacey Township Police Dept., the Forked River and Lanoka Harbor Fire Companies and First Aid Squads. He was also a Charter Member of VFW Post 10118 Forked River and served as their Chaplain. Norman founded Britton's Maintenance Service and Aqua Well Drilling Co. of Forked River.

Rev. Britton served three generations of Lacey families in God's care. He will be remembered for his love of God, family, friends, community and country.

Norman is survived by his wife, Patricia A. Britton; two sons N. Franklin (Barbara) and Claude (Deborah) and daughter Kathleen; a brother, Davis (Jean); nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren. Also, seven step-children: Deborah Burns, William (Donna) Jones, Donna (Stacey) Brocklebank, Edward (Linda) Jones, Thomas (Mary) Guerriero, Kathleen (Mary Frances) Guerriero, David (Flora) Guerriero, fourteen step-grandchildren, and three great step-grandchildren.

Norman was predeceased by his first wife, Alice, and two daughters, Elaine J. and Eileen C.

Submitted by Patricia A. Britton

Interment: Good Luck Cemetery, Lanoka Harbor, NJ

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E. EMANUEL BURKMAN

December 8, 1911 – February 19, 2011

Emanuel Burkman served God as pastor of United Methodist churches in South Jersey for sixty-two years. When he gave up his last pulpit in Swainton, at age eight-four, he was commended by the Bishop for having held pastoral appointments longer than any clergyperson in the Methodist conference's history. All told,, he served as pastor of seventeen Methodist churches in South Jersey.

Emanuel was born to immigrant parents on a chicken farm in Atlantic County. His mother, a former officer in the Swedish Salvation Army, helped lead Emanuel to Christian experience at an early age. Orphaned at age thirteen, he worked as a carpenter in Cape May, Camden, and Philadelphia. He completed high school at the YMCA night school for working boys in Camden and began study at Drexel Institute to become a civil engineer. At the time he was president of the Epworth League at Centenary Tabernacle ME Church in Camden, then the largest congregation in the NJ Conference. There he met Mary, who would be his wife for sixty-nine years, and answered the call to ministry. He transferred to Temple University for degrees in education and theology.

"Burky," as his clergy colleagues called him, was converted to the Methodist Holiness Movement early in his ministry through the influence of a lay person in one of his churches. He was devoted to Delanco Camp Meeting for decades, and took scores of youth and families to camp meeting every summer. His churches customarily held one or two revivals a year. Some revivals he preached himself, while others hosted such evangelists as Robert Coleman and Harry Denman. He joined in denominational evangelistic missions to Brazil and pre-Castro Cuba. Asbury College awarded him an honorary Doctor of Divinity in 1967.

Emanuel and Mary lived in retirement in a cottage they built in Ocean City. He repaired beach chairs and bicycles for a host of clients, until they moved to The Shores at Wesley Manor. Mary passed away in 2005. Emanuel leaves two sons, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He now rests in a country cemetery in Dorothy.

Emanuel is survived by sons Edward Jr. (Nancy) of San Diego and Thomas (Lani) of Buffalo, four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Virginia Hicks of Atco; cousin Marian DeGrasse of Westmont; niece Joyce Parmelee of Indian Mills; nephews William Hicks (Carol) of Medford Lakes, Jon Hicks (Cathy) of Atco, and Charles Hicks of Ocean City.

Submitted by: Thomas Burkman
Interment: Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, Dorothy, NJ

RAYMOND E. CARTER

September 29, 1924 – May 23, 2010

Rev. Raymond E. Carter of Chatsworth went home to be with his Lord on Sunday, May 23, 2010, very peacefully at home. He was 85 years old. Ray was a native of Eddington, PA and the son of Raymond E. Carter and Nellie (Best) Carter. He joined the US Coast Guard at the age of seventeen; he served on the

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Destroyer Escort USS Falgout in the Mediterranean during World War II (1942-1945), as a Sonarman. He married the late Miriam (Carlson) Carter and celebrated 25 years together and the birth of two daughters, Sharon and Laurel.

Ray was a former resident of Medford for fifteen years, he moved to Chatsworth in 1970 when he married Betty (Wills) Dunfee. He worked for Rohm and Haas in Bristol, PA for twenty-four years until being called by the Lord into His ministry. After attending the Course of Study (under the direction of the Division of Ordained Ministry) at the Wesley Seminary in Washington, DC, he was ordained a Deacon at the Southern NJ Annual Conference, by Bishop Taylor on June 12, 1974. After completing the five-year course he received his diploma on July 22, 1976. Ray served the Tabernacle United Methodist Church for fifteen years (1975-1990) and the Chatsworth United Methodist Church for twenty-three years (1968-1990) until his retirement in 1990.

When he became an ordained Minister in 1974, he was known as the "Cycle Riding Preacher", because he rode his motorcycle on all of his visitations to hospitals, nursing homes, the handicapped, and those confined to their homes. While serving the Tabernacle and Chatsworth churches, he worked with youth group children, ages twelve thru high school, that always attended the Annual Youth Conference weekend in Ocean City, NJ, and sang faithfully to the residents in the surrounding nursing homes. He also worked closely with the AA group that met weekly in the parsonage in Tabernacle. They would bring their Bibles and musical instruments to study God's Word for an hour or more, then make beautiful, joyful music to their Lord and Savior, with Ray playing his harmonica and picking his guitar. Many from this group returned over the years to express their sincere appreciation for his Christian love and caring that led them into a deeper spiritual relationship with their Lord and Savior.

Ray enjoyed the beauty of God's creation -- the forests, streams, and animal life, especially in the Pine Barrens where the family enjoyed camping and fishing. As Matthew 4:19 tells us, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." He never stopped thanking God for allowing him to minister to the dear folks of the entire area who were very special to him, and they never stopped calling him "Pastor Ray."

Ray was the beloved husband of Betty A. Carter (1970-2010), and dear father of daughters
Sharon Wilbur (Kenneth) of Southampton, Laurel Harrelson (Richard) of Powhatan, VA, Cathy Pepper (Chip) of Chatsworth, Carol Warren (Steve) of Chatsworth, and the late Cheryl L. Dunfee. He is also survived by a dear brother, Norman Carter (Sarah) of Levittown, PA, and sister Charlotte Mattocks (Myron) of Madison, GA. He was the grandfather of nine, and great-grandfather of fourteen.

God is good – all the time!

Submitted by: Betty A. Carter
Interment: Chatsworth Cemetery, NJ

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MARGARET COUSINS
January 3, 1932 – July 3, 2010

Margaret Cousins was born Margaret Wyllys Jones in Evanston, IL. She grew up in Wayne, PA and graduated from Radnor High School in 1949. In 1953 she graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL. While at Wheaton, Wyllys, as she was known in college, was a member of the Women's Glee Club, and Tiadethian (Tau Delta), a literary society. She also taught Sunday School at a local church.

Margaret began her teaching career in the Baltimore School District, and then continued her teaching career for another twenty years in various school districts in New Jersey.

In the 1990's she began a second career as a licensed local pastor. She served in churches in Gloucester and Camden counties until she retired from her pastoral position in 2003. She continued to work as a chaplain in the United Methodist Homes of New Jersey until her retirement in 2009.

An organist for more than 50 years, Margaret often filled in at area churches. She was a member of the American Guild of Organists.

She loved keeping in touch with the many friends and acquaintances she had met throughout her lifetime. She corresponded with over 800 people, either by letters or via e-mail.
June was a very happy time of year as Margaret looked forward to attending Annual Conference and seeing so many of her friends. Sadly, 2010 was her final year. Shortly after she returned home, she became ill and was hospitalized. She died from complications twelve days after surgery.

Margaret is survived by two children, Karen Bolger and Scott Cousins, and eight grandchildren ranging in age from five to thirty. She is also survived by her brother, David and her sisters, Gwyneth, Helen, and Laurel.

Submitted by: Karen Bolger
Interment: Private

WILLIAM LINTON EVERETT, SR.
April 30, 1926 – January 9, 2011

William Linton Everett, Sr., was born on April 30, 1926 to Marion and George Everett. He was the oldest child, and brother to George, Paul, Richard and Marion. He graduated from high school in 1943 and enlisted in the US Navy where he served until the end of World War II.

He became engaged to Jackie Lou Dennis in 1947; they married on June 12, 1948. Two sons, William Linton, Jr., and Lon Francis, and daughter Bethany Lou were born of the marriage.

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Linton shared a trucking business with his father and brother for twenty-seven years before suffering a severe heart attack in 1981. He was unable to actively work thereafter.

In 1990, wife, Jackie Lou became a pastor and Linton was her assistant throughout her ministry. They retired together in 2000. He loved his time in the ministry and being a part of the church in God's Plan. Their marriage lasted sixty-two years until God took him home for Eternity. He is now with God!

Linton is survived by his wife, Rev. Jackie Lou Everett, sons William Linton Everett, Jr. and Lon Francis Everett, and daughter Bethany Lou Hull, as well as eleven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Submitted by: Rev. Jackie Lou Everett
Interment: Columbus, NJ

BERNICE GESNER
December 29, 2010

Bernice C. Gesner (nee Hellyer), age eighty-four, died on Wednesday, December 29, 2010. Bernice was born in Montgomery County, PA and had been a resident of Woodbury Heights for over forty years. She was an active member of the United Methodist Church of Mantua, where she was the Lay Member to Annual Conference. Bernice was a member of the Woodbury Heights Senior Citizens and enjoyed bowling and playing pool. Annual trips to the Camp and Retreat Center at Ladore were a favorite pastime.
Wife of the late Albert B. Gesner, she is survived by daughter Susan Scott and her husband Greg of Aloha, OR; son Edward Schaufler of Horsham, PA, six grandchildren; step-children Scott Gesner and wife Stella, and Bonnie Terreri and husband Anthony.

J. ROGER GEYER
June 26, 1933 – May 28, 2010

Roger was born in Jersey City, NJ to Joseph A. and Kathryn G. Geyer. He lived and attended school on Long Island, NY until he was ten years old. The family moved back to New Jersey in 1951 where he graduated from Middletown Township High School in Leonardo. He spotted his wife-to-be, Nancy Stryker, playing the violin in the school orchestra. She invited him to the youth group at the Keansburg Methodist Church where they attended together, and were married on June 6, 1953.

Roger did his undergraduate studies at Rutgers University where he felt the call to ministry at the age of nineteen. While at Drew Theological Seminary in Madison, NJ, the couple served the Anderson, Changewater and Port Colden Circuit for three years. From there, they were appointed to the Barryville and Eldred, NY churches for two years. After Roger's ordination

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their next appointment was at the Rockaway, NJ church where he and Nancy ministered for twenty-three years. During this time, the Rockaway congregation relocated to its newly constructed church building just a few blocks away.

Their last appointment was Bergen Highlands Church in Upper Saddle River, NJ, from which they retired in 1994 after serving for twelve years. Since then, Roger and Nancy have lived in their beloved log home at Lake Junaluska United Methodist Assembly. For many years, they coordinated all the exterior Christmas decorating, served on numerous committees, delivered Meals on Wheels, and were always on hand to volunteer where needed. Both he and Nancy received the coveted Chief Junaluska Award in 2000. Roger attended the Waynesville United Methodist Church where he continued in ministry in many ways. He was known for his children's sermons, lectures on angels, his collection of crosses, and for his portrayals of John Wesley, St. Stephen, and the prophets Haggai and Hosea.

Roger is survived by Nancy, his wife of fifty-seven years, daughters Kathy (Dick) Baldwin, Bonnie (Tom) Florek; grandchildren, Amy Redmond, Eric Redmond, Julie Eynard; great-grandchildren, Danny and Layne Darabaris, Jaycee and Eric Redmond III; sister Jean Helm; niece Karen (Vic) Blanton and their children Kara and Daniel, and nephew, Donald Helm.

Submitted by : Nancy Geyer
Interment: Cremated – Ashes to be scattered around Lake Junaluska Assembly

JOHN DREW GODSEY

October 10, 1922 – October 12, 2010

Born in Bristol, Tennessee on Oct. 10, 1922, Dr. Godsey was the son of William Clinton and Mary Lynn Corns Godsey. He attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and received his B.S. degree in 1947, following a stint as an officer in the U.S. Army from 1943-46.

Dr. Godsey earned a B.D. Degree, was graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1953 from Drew University Theological School, during which time he was awarded both the Morrow Memorial Scholarship and the Delaplaine McDaniel Fellowship. He earned his doctorate in Theology Insigni Cum Laude in 1960 from the University of Basel, Switzerland, where he was a protégé of Swiss theologian Karl Barth. Dr. Godsey's published dissertation, *The Theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*, was the first comprehensive study of Bonhoeffer in any language. He was recognized throughout the theological world as an expert on Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran pastor and member of the German resistance who was executed near the end of World War II for his role in the failed plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler.

Dr. Godsey was professor of Systematic Theology at Drew University Theological School in New Jersey from 1956-1968. In 1964, he was awarded a Fulbright Research Scholarship and spent a sabbatical year at the University of Goettingen, Germany. He moved to Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC in 1968, where he taught systematic theology and served as Associate Dean for three years. He continued to teach until retirement in 1988. He returned in 1990 to teach an additional three years, and

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served briefly as Acting Dean of the Seminary. In 1995, Dr. Godsey received Drew University Theological School's Distinguished Service Award. He was an active member of the Northern NJ Conference and from 1957 until his retirement in 1988 missed only two sessions!

Dr. Godsey believed in social justice, loved music and jazz, and was an avid gardener. He authored and co-authored numerous books and other scholarly works, including *Ethical Responsibility: Bonhoeffer's Legacy to the Churches*, and was a founding member of the International Bonhoeffer Society, English Language Section; a past president of the American Theological Society; and active in the American Academy of Religion, the Biblical Theologians, and the Karl Barth Society of North America.

Dr. Godsey was preceded in death in 1993 by Emalee Caldwell Godsey, his wife of 50 years, as well as brothers William Clinton Godsey, Jr. and Edwin Shirley Godsey. His wife of 15 years, Cozette Barker Godsey, died October 13, 2010. He is survived by his children Emalee Godsey Murphy of Kensington, MD; John Drew Godsey, Jr. of Bradenton, FL; Suzanne Godsey Douglas of Asheville, NC; Gretchen Godsey Brownley of Westminster, MD; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild; sisters Helen Godsey Overbay of Kingsport, TN, and Eloise Godsey Horner of Bristol, VA; and stepchildren James A. Barker of Bethesda, MD, Christopher Barker of Great Falls, VA, and John Barker of San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Emalee G. Murphy
Interment: Glenwood Shelby Hills Cemetery, Bristol, TN

ROBERT BURRILL GOODWIN

December 21, 1919 – March 30, 2011

The Rev. Dr. Robert Burrill Goodwin, 91, died peacefully on March 30, 2011, in the Health Care Center, Bristol Glen, Newton, NJ, surrounded by his family.

Born in Brewer, Maine, to Galen and Ethel (Mayo) Goodwin, Bob graduated from the University of Maine in 1941 with a degree in electrical engineering. Called to the ministry, he entered Bangor Theological School that fall He served churches in East Sullivan, Gouldsboro, and Prospect Harbor, ME, as a single charge. While completing his seminary courses at Drew Theological School in Madison, NJ, he served another three-church charge in Westtown, NY, Unionville, NY, and Greenville, NY. He would spend the rest of his ministry serving Methodist churches in northern New Jersey. Bob was appointed to churches in East Orange, Rockaway, Clifton, Madison, and Westfield, and also served as a district superintendent. A lifelong student, he earned three advanced degrees: Master of Divinity, Master of Sacred Theology, and Doctor of Ministry, all conferred by Drew University. For many years, Bob served on the Conference Board of Pensions and was on the Board of Trustees at Drew University.
Bob was a past member of the Rotary Club, with 30 years of perfect attendance. While on vacation, he preached to a summer congregation in Lakeview, Maine. Although much of his time was spent ministering to his congregants, Bob was a man of many interests and talents. He was a handyman extraordinaire – which he demonstrated every summer at his vacation house at Sebec Lake, Maine. He could fix the pump, jack up the camper, build a deck or a boathouse, tar the roof, hook up the spotlights,

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grill the hotdogs, drive the boat for waterskiing and photograph the sunset. Over the years, his relaxation came from his woodshop, his HO trains, piano playing, tennis and, of course, the crossword puzzles. In retirement, he loved to watch baseball (Yankees) and football (New Providence Pioneers).

Bob has touched so many lives both in his ministry and in his extensive family. There have been countless baptisms, confirmations, weddings and burials that have bonded him to hundreds of people. His gentle faith and goodness encompassed all who knew him. He lived fully and loved deeply with grace, humor, wisdom and compassion. What a blessing it has been to have him in our lives.

Bob was predeceased by his beloved wife, Francena (Doble), whom he married in 1942. He is survived by their children; The Rev. Galen Goodwin (Judy) of Lansing MI, Dorothy Hill (Gerald) of North Port FL, Elizabeth Bottone (Frank) of Livingston NJ, Nancy Hanlon (John) of Brewer ME, and Timothy Goodwin (Beth) of Hudson, ME, along with twelve grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his older brother, Howard, of Sun City Center, FL.

Submitted by: Galen L. Goodwin
Interment: Sebec Lake, Maine

ALICE JANE HELMS

October 16, 1920 – January 30, 2011

Alice Jane Pontefract Helms, age ninety, passed away at Pitman Manor on January 30, 2011.

Born in Roxborough, Philadelphia, Alice Jane attended local schools, graduating from Roxborough High School. In 1942, she graduated from Episcopal Hospital to become a Registered Nurse. That same year she married Jay Helms, a Methodist minister. Together they moved to Wilmington, Delaware where they served the Newark Union and Kingswood Churches before transferring to the New Jersey Annual Conference. After raising her family, Alice Jane served several hospitals as a registered nurse, including Princeton University Clinic and Leesburg Prison.

Alice Jane is survived by her devoted husband of sixty-nine years, Jay K. Helms, of Pitman. Also surviving are her beloved sons and daughters-in-laws, Mark and Barbara Helms of Moorestown, Paul and Susan Helms of Independence, MN, and Timothy and Judy Helms of Eatontown. She will be remembered as a loving Mom-Mom to her six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Submitted by: Rev. J.K. Helms
Interment: Woodruff Church Cemetery

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DARBI J. HESS

February 10, 1948 – September 21, 2010

"I Hope You Dance." That was the title of the song that was to become Darbi's theme song throughout her eleven year battle with breast cancer. Basically the song says that when life gets tough, you have two choices: you can sit it out, or you can dance. Darbi chose to dance, and throughout those eleven years she and God danced, sometimes slow, sometimes fast, but they danced.

Because of her faith, she was not afraid to die and that set her free to live. She traveled with her friend Pat, enjoyed "girls weekends" away in Lancaster with Carolyn, and family vacations. However, the greatest joy she received was reaching out with words of encouragement and hope to other folks battling cancer or going through other kinds of difficult times. She would share her faith in Jesus and how that faith gave her the courage and the peace she needed to deal with the ups and downs of fighting cancer. Other cancer patients would call her when they were down and feeling bad, and she would listen and offer words and prayers of encouragement. Her doctors would tell other patients to call Darbi to talk with her about how they felt; and she was always there for them. She touched so very many people with her positive attitude. People are still telling me how she influenced their lives and that when they get discouraged about something they think of her and find the strength to keep going.

On the day we learned that there was nothing else the doctors could do for her and she went on Hospice Care, I said to her, "Well, the war is over; now we'll get ready for your homecoming!" She agreed, and prepared for her homecoming by continuing to live as she had been living, right up to the day she stepped into heaven.

The final thought Darbi would want to leave everyone with is simply this, "I hope you dance!" No matter what the struggle, don't sit it out, take God's hand and dance!

Darbi is survived by her husband, Rev. Bill Hess and two sons: Wade and Eric.

Submitted by: Bill Hess
Interment: Cremation

ELAINE M. HUNT

September 8, 1916 –April 4, 2011

Elaine Miller was born September 8, 1916 in Waymart, PA. She was the daughter of Elmer Curtis Miller and Cora Bidwell Miller. After graduation from Waymart High School, she attended Scranton-Lackawanna Business College and worked for a time at the International Correspondence School. She was graduated from Susquehanna University in 1941 and taught in Unadilla (NY) High School. She was a member of Kappa Delta Phi sorority.

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Elaine married Rev. Clark W. Hunt in 1942. She is remembered as a helpful partner in ministry and as the gracious hostess of the parsonage in pastorates in Crestwood, NY (1942-1950), Albany, NY (1951-1958), Westfield, NJ (1958-1974), and when Clark was Superintendent of the Western District in the Northern NJ Conference (1974-1979). The ministers and wives who were on the Western District described Elaine as their "model" of a minister's wife. One of them wrote of a Ministers Wives Association Meeting and quoted Elaine as saying of herself and her husband, "She considered herself the one who also ran – not behind him – not ahead of him – but beside him."

Upon retirement, Rev. and Mrs. Hunt moved to River Hills at Lake Wylie, SC, and then to Arbor Acres in Winston-Salem, NC in 1988. Since moving to North Carolina, Elaine was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church and of Chapter P. P.E.O. She enjoyed gardening, reading, and walking. Wherever she lived, she readily made friends. She was known for the smile on her face, the help from her hands and the quiet goodness from her faith-full life.

Elaine is survived by her husband of sixty-eight and a half years, Rev. Clark W. Hunt; a son Dr. Clark Curtis Hunt (Ann) of Midlothian, VA; a daughter Judith MacMillan of Cle Elum, WA; and seven grandchildren; Michael MacMillan and wife Nikki and son Grayson, Kerry Gnik and husband Mark and children Gavin and Sydney, Peter Manier and daughter Paige, Molly MacMillan, Beth Manier, Jill Hunt, Timothy Hunt.

She was predeceased by a brother, Elmer Curtis Miller, who served in the Air Force in World War II and was shot down over Japan in 1945, and by her son-in-law, Greg MacMillan.

Submitted by: Clark Hunt

Interment: Waymart , PA

CHARLES E. JONES

March 25, 1938 – June 27, 2010

My dad had many titles…husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend. He sang out loudly in church, boisterous and unashamed, and he never failed to shout "Amen" whenever the proceedings warranted such acclaim. He decorated the house for any and all holidays, and often the things he "put away" to make room for seasonal decorations never returned. He threw himself whole-heartedly into many dramatic roles…the Headless Horseman at the local haunted hay ride, an immigrant at the feet of Lady Liberty in the Fourth of July parade, Colonel Mustard with the revolver in the backyard photo shoot.

Talent lived in his hands. He knew how to make a log cabin out of bamboo and hot glue. He twisted and knotted cords into macramé wreaths and plant hangers and necklaces. He created beautiful flower arrangements. He spent painstaking hours fastening Christmas ornaments into amazing displays. Sitting

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on his red leather stool in the basement, surrounded by paints and brushes, he earned the name "Captain Ceramics."

He was born in Beach Haven, near enough to the ocean to hear the sound of its waves. Lighthouses delighted him. He collected Christmas ornaments and added to his prodigious assortment every year. A cabin on Flying Pond, Maine provided his ideal vacation retreat. He loved playing games, especially pinochle and Upwords, and he generally won. He wore enormous belt buckles. He was the apple of my young son's eye.

I like to think of him in his workshop, brush in hand, or on his back deck reading in the dappled sunlight, or in the yard watering his plants. These places await his return, and his absence feels like a temporary thing. We listen for his footstep, and we long to hear his voice. Although he has gone on ahead, his presence will never depart, and our memories of him will be like a beacon shining in the night.

He is survived by his wife of forty-eight years, Joan Jones; son Rev. Wayne Jones and wife Debra; daughter Cynthia Maksin and husband Bruce; daughter Pamela Alekseyev and husband Peter;
and grandchildren: Michael, Gregory, Jessica, Jeff, John, Melissa, Stephanie, Natalie, Michelle, Brandon, and Evelyn.

Submitted by: Pamela Alekseyev
Interment: Locustwood Memorial Park, Cherry Hill, NJ

NANCY R. KEMP

December 20, 2010

Nancy R. Kemp, widow of the Rev. Wesley A. Kemp, died Dec. 20, 2010 in Plains Township, PA, surrounded by her loving family.

Nancy was born in Ridgewood, NJ, the daughter of the late Walter and Priscilla Hemphill Reich, and was a graduate of Ridgewood High School and Berkeley Secretarial School.

She had been employed as a secretary by several businesses in New Jersey and Pennsylvania for fifty years. She moved to Pennsylvania in 1975, where her husband was pastor of several United Methodist churches, chaplain at Wesley Village in Jenkins Township, and at the former Leader Nursing Home in Kingston. Since her move to Pennsylvania, Nancy had been a secretary at the Wyoming Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross, and at Rosenn, Jenkins and Greenwald of Wilkes-Barre.

Nancy was very civic-minded and was a founder of Public Forum, an organization which supported the first Luzerne County Home Rule Study Committee. She also served as judge of her district elections in Laflin, PA and was a member and board member of the Oakwood Park Townhouse Association in Laflin.

She was very supportive of her husband's ministry and served as organist and choir director at the former Abbott United Methodist Church in Wilkes-Barre for several years; and as a pianist at the former Leader Nursing Home in Kingston. She was a member of Plains United Methodist Church.

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Nancy is preceded in death by her first husband, Norman Smith, and husband Rev. Wesley A. Kemp. She is survived by her children; Charlotte Rose of Monterey, CA, Patricia Shute (Keith) of Milan ,NH, James Smith (Rosa) of Parlin, NJ, and Wesley A. Kemp Jr. (Nina) of Wilkes-Barre, PA; stepchildren, Laura Gong (Kenny) of British Columbia, Wayne Kemp of Wasilla, AK, and Lorraine Lee (James) of Texas; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, step-grandchildren, and step-great-grandchildren. Nancy is also survived by her twin sister, Claramay Rhodes of Provo, UT; sisters Elizabeth Joyce and Chris Reich, and numerous nieces and nephews.

JOHN W. LAWSON

December 16, 1926 – May 19, 2010

John W. Lawson died May 19, 2010. He was born on Dec. 16, 1926 in Bradford, PA. He moved in 1930 to Madison, NJ. He held many jobs as a youth and was involved in scouting, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. John graduated from Madison High School in 1945 and Drew University in 1950.

He and his wife, Lois, were married on June 18, 1955. He worked as an auditor for Beneficial Finance in Morristown and later for the Northern New Jersey Conference of the United Methodist Church. John was also the Lay Member to Annual Conference for the Madison United Methodist Church for many years.

Always active in the community and in church activities, John completed a project to track all veterans' memorials in Madison for the Historical Society. He always enjoyed listening to and playing music. He was an accomplished clarinetist, and was a member of the Union Band. He was also a season ticket holder at the Metropolitan Opera for more than 50 years. His most cherished legacy is his selfless attitude of always thinking of and helping others. He particularly enjoyed visiting his grandchildren.

John is survived by his wife Lois; his children, Robert and wife Anne, of Roanoke, VA, William and wife, Faith of Havre de Grace, MD, Thomas and wife, Susan of Bernardsville, NJ, Peter and wife, Cathy of Timonium, MD; and ten grandchildren, Madeleine, Claire, and David Lawson of Roanoke, VA; Kate and Alex Lawson of Havre de Grace, MD; Brendan, John, and Andrew Lawson of Bernardsville, NJ; and Summer Lawson and Jennifer Escallon of Timonium, MD.

MONA MAGLONE

October 7, 1944 – January 3, 2011

Mona Maglone was born in Lakewood to Ramon and Dorothea Pressburger and was a life-long Howell resident until she moved to Lakewood in 2006. She was a very religious child, attending services every Sunday at the Southard Methodist Church in Howell. She was a gifted young pianist and became the organist of her church around the age of nine.

Mona was a very talented and successful business owner. She owned and managed her own insurance agency in Farmingdale. She began her journey to ministry after looking for, and finding, a new home church – the UMC of Farmingdale. That is where she met her wonderful mentors and friends in ministry, Rev. Gerri Fowler

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and Rev. Betty Megill. She was appointed to her first church, Cedar Grove UMC in Toms River and served as their pastor from 2000 to 2006. Mona cherished the years she spent there – meetings, pot luck dinners, and friendships she maintained and cherished. She was also very active in administration and preached as an Assistant Pastor for First UMC in Asbury Park for many years. Mona attended the Monmouth Bible Institute four-year program, and completed the Tree of Life program as well. She graduated from Georgian Court University in December 2008 with a Bachelor's Degree in Art and was working to obtain her Master's degree.

Mona was an avid artist – working in many mediums (watercolor, oil, pottery, clay, pencil drawing, etc), a talented gardener (she had the most beautiful gardens and potted plants), a gifted pianist and organist, and a talented student who had a love for learning. She was also a great manager and leader and was on the board at her housing development. She was a dedicated and loved minister. Mona loved her family and friends very much and enjoyed doing many things with them all. She lost her husband, Jim Maglone in 2006. He enjoyed a religious life with her and was a talented pianist and soloist as well.

She is survived by her mother, Dorothea Pressburger; two sisters, Linda Drolet and Sissy Wilson; a brother, Ramon Pressburger; two sons, Ernest Tilton and Darrin Maglone; three daughters, Stephanie Marrone, Lisa Tubman, and Tara Maglone; and nine grandchildren, Vincent, Monica, Stephen, Heather, Brian, Adam, Amanda, Christopher, Zachary.

Submitted by: Ernest Tilton

Interment: Evergreen Cemetery, Farmingdale, NJ

HARVEY W. MALICK

June 2, 1915 – September 13, 2010

Harvey Malick, a Methodist Minister of Ocean Grove, was born June 2, 1915 in Sunbury, PA. He moved to Long Branch as a teenager, married Estella, and moved to Spring Lake Heights in the early 1950's.

In 1941, he began a career with the Government as an electronic technician, retiring in 1976 after winning various awards for his advances in Instrument Calibration. He served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1945 with the 147th Engineer Combat Battalion, Special Brigade. In 1966, he became a Methodist Minister. One of his first church assignments was to close Southard United Methodist Church, but because of his enthusiasm he preserved the church for another 14 years. His guiding principle was "everything I do is an expression of love for people."
Besides serving his Lord and his family, his interests included string art, camping, and square dancing. He had a longtime (over fifty years) circle of close camping and square dancing friends, and time spent with them remained as fond memories for him.

Please remember our father's kind heart and do a good deed for someone in his honor.

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Harvey was predeceased by his wife, Estella in 1988, and son, William in 1986. He is survived by his sons: Roger and wife Bobbi, Richard, Elwood and wife MaryBeth, Harvey and wife Joella, and "adopted" daughter-in law Catherine Jaworsky.

Submitted by: Harvey W. Malick
Interment: Monmouth Memorial Park, Neptune, NJ

SUSAN MAE McARTHUR

April 13, 1949 – August 28, 2010

Susan Mae McArthur, 61, passed away Saturday, August 28, 2010 at home in Aberdeen, NJ with her family beside her. She was a lifetime resident of Aberdeen and previously lived in Germany and Georgia.

Susan was a 1968 graduate of Matawan Regional High School and a 2003 graduate of Brookdale Community College. She was a program analyst at Fort Monmouth for 39 years, retiring in 2009. Sue was a lifetime member of the Matawan United Methodist Church where she was a Lay Speaker, Trustee, Treasurer, and Lay Member At-Large to Annual Conference. She also served on various other committees within the church including Administrative Council. She was a past member of the South Aberdeen First Aid Squad.

Susan was predeceased by her parents, Clarence Beam and Mildred Powelson Beam. She is survived by her son, James W. McArthur and daughter, Lisa Ann and her husband Richard Riccardi, both of Aberdeen; a brother, Kenneth and his wife Eileen Beam of Middletown; a sister, Kathy Beam of Matawan; two nieces, Heather Brennan and Christine Bevacqua; one great niece, Kayla Bevacqua; two great nephews, Justin Bevacqua and Tommy Brennan; and an aunt, Shirley Crawford and many loving cousins and friends.

Submitted by: Lisa Riccardi
Interment: Cremated

VIVIAN E. MOORE

December 4, 1922 – June 7, 2010

Vivian DeLand, better known as Penny, was born December 4, 1922 in Camden, NJ. She was the wife of Rev. Lawrence E. Moore, a prominent minister for 39 years with the Southern New Jersey United Methodist Conference. During his years as a minister, Lawrence (Larry) Moore served as the Central District Superintendent starting in 1974. It was during this time that Penny served the Southern New Jersey Conference first as the Vice President, and later as President of the Minister's Wives. Rev. and Mrs. Moore served under Bishop Taylor and later, Bishop White.

Additionally, Penny served the Southern NJ Conference as the President of the Historical Society and has authored many published poems and hymns. The most famous song she wrote was entitled "Broken for

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Me, Broken for You". Her friend, Marsha Hendron wrote the music to accompany this hymn. What a tremendous gift this song is to all of us!

In January 2003 Penny moved into Francis Asbury Manor, a United Methodist Home, in Ocean Grove, NJ.

She is survived by one sister, Marie Folks; four children, David Moore, John Moore, Sharon and David Aitken, Linda and Michael Morrell; five grandchildren, Dustin, Allison, Deanna, Melanie, and Andrew; along with four great-grandchildren.

Submitted by: Sharon Aitken

Interment: Greenwood Cemetery, Brielle, NJ

WILLIE MAE NANTON
January 19, 2011

Rev. Willie Mae Nanton passed away on January 19, 2011 in Camden, NJ. She lived in Trenton for over 30 years.

Rev. Nanton received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the College of New Rochelle in NY, and a Master of Divinity Degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton NJ.

Willie Mae was the president of the Concerned Pastors and Ministers of Trenton and Vicinity, the first woman and first United Methodist to hold this position, and a board member of Ecclesia Ecumenical Ministry. During her legacy of leadership, she served as the assistant pastor of Jehovah Jireh Baptist Church in New York City, senior pastor of St. Mary Street United Methodist Church in Burlington, NJ, and later became the first woman pastor of Cadwalader-Asbury United Methodist Church, Trenton. She retired in 2004. She also held a weekly radio broadcast on WIMG. Rev. Nanton was very active in the community.

Willie Mae was predeceased by parents, William Henry and Hattie Gresham, and husband, Henry Nanton. She is survived by two sisters, Ann Nixon and Pauline Anderson; daughter Michelle Nanton Scott; two sons, Andre Michael Nanton and Christopher Glenn Nanton; five grandchildren, Christopher Kyle, Brandon T., Courtney, Brittany, and Brianna Nanton; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and loving friends.

Interment: Colonial Memorial Park, Hamilton, NJ

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MARGARET "PEGGY" PARKER

August 24, 1947 - May 19, 2010

Rev. Margaret "Peggy" Parker was born August 24, 1947 to George and Lillian Abrams. She went home to be with the Lord on May 19, 2010.

Peggy was an Ordained United Methodist Minister and a long time employee of Baxter Pharmaceutical in Cherry Hill. Her service record includes Wesley UMC in Pleasantville, Billingsport UMC in Paulsboro, Repaupo UMC, Penns Grove, Batsto, Hammonton, Pinelands UMC,Sweetwater, Highland Park UMC, Gloucester, and Glendale Church which is associated with Hope United Methodist Church.

Peggy is survived by her daughter, Stephanie Parker; and siblings, George "Spike" Abrams (Micha) of Woodbury, NJ, Mary "Betty" Cooper (Al) of Smyrna, DE, Eddie Abrams (Carol), Fred Abrams, and Jimmy Abrams. Peggy was also aunt, great aunt, and great great aunt to numerous nieces and nephews.

CHARLES FRANK POST, JR.

March 12, 1922 – July 12, 2010

Charles Frank Post, Jr. was born in Kearny, NJ to Charles F. Post and Helen Elliot Post on March 12, 1922. He graduated from Kearny High School as class president with honors in January 1940. Charles received his Bachelor's Degree in English Literature from West Virginia Wesleyan College in 1944 and a Bachelor of Divinity Degree from Drew Theological Seminary in June 1946, both cum laude. He later attended the New School for Social Research in New York, and was awarded a Master's Degree from Drew. While attending Drew, Charles met Ellen Holborn, a student at Brothers College. They were joined in marriage in 1946 by her brother and Charles's classmate, Hans Holborn, now of Whittier, California.

Charles served as a minister in United Methodist Churches of Northern New Jersey for 25 years -- in Asbury, West Portal, Newark, Elizabeth, Midland Park, Leonia, and Butler. His service to two annual conferences included Chair of the Board of Missions of the Newark Annual Conference (1960-1964), Business Manager of the New York Area Ministers' Fellowship (1963-1964) and of the New Jersey Area Convocation on Ministry (1966-1967), Treasurer of the Methodist Inner-City Mission in Jersey City (1965-1971), Vice-Chair of the Board of Ministry of the Northern New Jersey Conference (1968-1971), Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the United Methodist Homes of New Jersey (1968-1971), and Chair of the Total Mission Crusade of the Northern New Jersey Conference (1969-1971). He also participated in a six week preaching mission to Brazil, Bolivia, Peru and Panama with a group of 30 clergymen from across the U.S. in 1963. His community ministry included: membership on the Board of Directors for Goodwill Industries of New Jersey (1960-1964), member of the Chaplaincy Committee of Englewood Hospital (1962-1965), and member of the Mayor's Committee on Drug Abuse and of the Advisory Committee on Youth Employment Service in Butler (1969-1971).

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In 1971, Charles and Ellen moved to the Upper Valley of Vermont where he assumed a new career as a social welfare worker and then as a vocational rehabilitation counselor. He retired in 1987 but maintained an active volunteer life serving as a court advocate for children for the State of Vermont. Charles and Ellen greatly enjoyed the 25 years they lived in Vermont and then moved to Orleans, Cape Cod, Massachusetts in 1996. Charles passed away at home in Orleans on July 12, 2010, following an illness of several months.

Charles is survived by his wife, Ellen Holborn Post of Springfield, MA; son Stephen Post and wife Judith Cook of Orleans, MA and their sons, Jefferson, Christopher, and Kenneth Post; daughter Katherine Post and husband Richard Murphy and their sons Patrick of Springfield, MA, Benjamin of Brooklyn, NY, and Matthew of Cambridge, MA.

Submitted by: Ellen Post

Interment: Orleans, Massachusetts

MARY ELIZABETH WHITFIELD POYNER

August 24, 1935 – June 1, 2010

Mary Poyner, 75, a Diaconal Minister, passed away Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at her home in Seabrook Village, Tinton Falls. She passed away from complications related to Parkinson's disease.

Mary was the only child of Robert and Ruth Whitfield. She grew up on Rossmore Place in Belleville. She graduated with honors from Allegheny College, May 1957, with a degree in Elementary Education. She married Art on August 3 of that summer. The couple moved to Shrewsbury where they lived for forty-nine years. Mary enjoyed baking, sewing, gardening, reading, days at the shore and summers in New Hampshire with her children and grandchildren. She touched the lives of everyone with her gentle spirit and warm, loving kindness. Mary taught second grade in Shrewsbury School. She later taught basic skills at Point Road School, Little Silver, for 25 years.

Mary was also head of the Children's Program at Red Bank United Methodist Church and Wayside UMC. She earned her Diaconal Ministry Degree from Drew University in 1985. She was president of the Shrewsbury PTO, Shrewsbury Board of Education, served on the Monmouth Council of Girl Scouts and helped start the Alpha Chi Omega Chapter for the Greater Red Bank Area.

Mary is survived by her husband, William Arthur Poyner; her daughter, Marilyn Vines (Edward); two sons, David Poyner (Jackie), and Scott Poyner (Pauline); grandchildren, Claire, Elise, Tyler and Stephanie; and step-grandchildren, Cliff, Frank and Greg.

Submitted by: W.A. Poyner

Interment: Red Bank UMC Memorial Garden

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EMERSON R. RUBIO

October 10, 1928 – July 6, 2010

The Rev. Emerson Rubio, a Methodist Minister, was born October 10, 1928 in the city of Holguin, Cuba and went home to be with the Lord on July 6, 2010.

In 1957, Emerson attended the Seminario Evangelico de Teologia where he graduated in 1960. It was during his seminary years that he met Rita Haza, his wife, whom he married in September 1959. After graduating from seminary, Emerson was ordained to Christian Ministry by the Methodist Church in Cuba. In 1966, Emerson and Rita were blessed with the arrival of their son Emerson, Jr.

In 1967, after serving in various Methodist Churches in Cuba, and due to the political unrest in the country, the Rubio family traveled to Madrid, Spain emigrating the following year to the United States. They made their residence in Lakewood, NJ where Emerson served as a Methodist Pastor and later in Keyport, NJ until he retired.

In 1976, Emerson received the degree of Master of Liberal Arts Degree from Montclair State College in NJ. After his retirement in 1976, Emerson and Rita moved to Melbourne, Florida where they found the love of innumerable friends and brethren. Emerson recently received a Certificate for his 50th Anniversary as an ordained Minister of the Gospel in the United Methodist Church.

Emerson is survived by his wife Rita M. Rubio, and son Emerson J. Rubio.

Submitted by: Rita M. Rubio

NORMAN W. SCHANCK

March 6, 1935 – October 8, 2010

Rev. Norman Schanck was born the last of five children to Norman A. and Harriett (Lutz) Schanck on March 6, 1935 in Millville NJ. He died at home on October 8, 2010 after a long battle with cancer.

Norman began his ministry as summer pastor of the Strathmere Methodist Church during the summers of 1955 and 1956. After becoming a full time pastor in 1957, he served the Friendship Methodist Church in Monroeville, Porchtown Methodist (1957-1958), Newfield and 4th Street, Vineland Methodist Churches (1958-1959), Newfield Methodist (1959-1961), St. Paul's Methodist in Thorofare (1961-1963), Bethesda United Methodist in Swedesboro (1963-1977), Christ United Methodist in Lakewood (1977-1983), Trinity United Methodist in Pennsville (1983-1985), and Middletown United Methodist (1985-1998).

He retired to Logan Township in 1998 and preached wherever there was a need. In 2006-2007 he served several months as interim pastor at St. John's United Methodist Church in Harrisonville and Ferrell United Methodist Church.

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Norman was active in the NJ Conference of the United Methodist Church serving on the Conference Board of Ministry, the Conference Committee on Finance and Administration, The Board of Directors of the United Methodist Homes, Chairman of the Conference Committee on Property Insurance, and the Church Extension Committee.

While in Swedesboro, he was a member of the Swedesboro Masonic Lodge, Kingsway Board of Education, and Woolwich Fire Company. He was captain of the Ambulance Squad for several years and Fireman of the Year on three occasions.

Norman's life was committed to Jesus Christ, his family and his church. He had a great sense of humor and a contagious laugh. He loved to preach and loved the music of the church, especially singing the great hymns! What a singer he was!!

My friend Diane Goss said it so well when she wrote: "Norm taught us so much…how to live as a Christian and how to die with such faith and strength. We loved hearing him preach with passion, and his love for the church was embedded in every meeting. We will miss his booming voice rising in hymns above the congregation. What a beautiful legacy he has left – a big hole in your family and many."

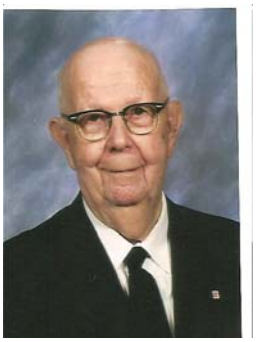
Norman is survived by his wife of fifty-three years, Winnifred H. Schanck, whom he met while attending West Virginia Wesleyan College. From that marriage came a wonderful family: Richard (Karen) of Hollywood, MD, Bruce (Connie) of Howell, NJ, Jim (Kathy) of Harper's Ferry, WV, Sandra Royster (Darryl) of Elkridge, MD, and Lance (Mary Beth) of Pittsfield, ME.

He is also survived by fourteen grandchildren and a brother, Everett of Casper, WY.

Submitted by: Winnifred Schanck
Interment: Lake Park Cemetery, Swedesboro, NJ

G. WILLARD SOUTHWICK

January 18, 1918 – November 11, 2010



Willard was born in Tabernacle, NJ on January 18, 1918 to George and Catherine Southwick. At the local Methodist church, Willard was converted and called to the Ministry. In 1936, he entered Temple University where he graduated in 1944 with a B.S. in education. In 1947, he received the S.T.B. from Temple School of Theology. In 1973, he was awarded the Master of Divinity Degree from Temple.

On November 15, 1941, Willard married Grace Halvorsen in the Colonial Manor UMC where she was an active member. He and Grace had one daughter, Evelyn White (Ronald). Willard also leaves two grandchildren and five great-children; he is predeceased by one grandson.

Willard began his ministry in the Southern NJ Conference as a student supply at Bellmawr in 1939. Other churches he served as a student include Oceanville and West Berlin. In 1945, he was called to serve at First UMC in Collingswood as Assistant Pastor. This was the beginning of his interest in staff

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ministry. He devoted eighteen years in conference churches. Other churches served were Mantua, Cranbury, Barnegat, New Brunswick, West Belmar, Camden-Bethel, Woodbury-Kemble, and Glendora. During his years in ministry, Willard enjoyed participation in the Conference Boards and Agencies. He was a member of the Board of Education, Board of Missions; served on the Conference Secretaries Staff as Journalist and at the time of his retirement, he was the Secretary of the Conference Board of Pensions.

When Willard retired again, the Southwicks moved to their home in Malaga Camp. Willard continued as Pastor of Visitation at Kemble Church in Woodbury. At Malaga, he became Chaplain and served as Real Estate Secretary; he was available for pulpit supplies. His last supply was at Plainville UMC until June of 1991.

His wife for over forty-six years, Grace, passed away on October 12, 1987. In 1988 he married Katherine Simpkins, a long time friend, and widow of a college classmate. They became residents of Pitman Manor in 1996. Katherine passed away in 2004.

After some wonderful busy years, Willard was called to his final appointment with our Lord on November 11, 2010. A fitting memorial service was held on November 15, 2010 at Pitman UMC.

Submitted by: Evelyn White
Interment: Asbury Methodist Cemetery, Cinnaminson, NJ

HAROLD F. TURK

August 15, 1921 – July 19, 2010

Rev. Harold Turk, retired Elder, passed away on July 19, 2010. Born on a farm in Hardingville, NJ on August 15, 1921, he graduated from Glassboro High School in 1938. He married Claire Scott in 1945; they were married for 65 years.

Harold graduated from Rutgers University and Temple University's Conwell School of Theology. In 1950, he entered the pastorate and served United Methodist Churches in southern and central New Jersey for 45 years. He spent 17 of those years as pastor of the United Methodist Church in Browns Mills, where he led the congregation in two major building projects, the building of an educational building and a new sanctuary. He was an ordained member of the Southern New Jersey and Greater New Jersey Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church for 55 years.

Harold was active in the Delanco Camp Meeting Association and served on the Board of Directors of the Association for more than 40 years. He resided on the grounds each summer for the annual ten-day camp meeting for most of those years.

He was a promoter and supporter of missions in his churches. Having taken a mission trip himself to Haiti, he regularly had missionaries visit his churches and his home.

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He also enjoyed spending time with his family and supported them in their endeavors. His interests also included gardening, camping/traveling and studying history.

Harold is survived by his sons Rev. Gary Turk and his wife Linda, Dr. Gordon Turk, and daughters Dr. Gayla Turk, and Gloria Turk; grandchildren Heather (Charles) Wilson, Cheryl Turk, Gary (Holly) Turk, Jr., and Sophia Cianfrano; and great-grandchildren Caitlin Wilson, Madison and Aidan Turk. He is predeceased by his beloved wife, Claire, and granddaughter Rebecca Lynn Turk.

Submitted by: Gary Turk
Interment: Richwood, NJ

BETTY I. VOELKER

January 28, 1923 – February 25, 2011

Betty Voelker was born in Hope, NJ, and died in Hope eighty-eight years later. She married T.R.Sutton and they celebrated thirty-two years of marriage together. Betty then married Rev. Howard Voelker. They were married for thirty-two years.

Betty worked very hard all her life, beginning at Picatinny Arsenal seaming hosiery during World War II, pumping gas at her mother's gas station, and working as a bookkeeper at First Hope Bank until her retirement. She was a minister's wife in Hope UMC and Woodbridge UMC for many years. She served on many church committees and earned the title of "Sarge", probably for her organizing skills.

Betty is survived by her daughter Carol Kernoschak; stepdaughters Maryanne Belstra and Valerie Kyte; step-son Forrest Voelker; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Submitted by: Carol Kernoschakt
Interment: Hope, NJ

DOROTHY W. WATT

June 4, 1928 – May 5, 2010

Dorothy W. Watt, wife of the Rev. Dr. George Watt, Jr., was born on June 4, 1928 in Plainfield, NJ and died after a brief illness on May 5, 2010 at her home.

She grew up in Plainfield, the daughter of Henry and Eva Whitton. She attended George School in Newtown, PA for her high school years and graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University with a B.A. in Elementary Education.

Dorothy first met George when he was the student pastor at the Plainfield Methodist Church and they were married on June 23, 1950 in that same church. She was the mother of their two children, Debra and Robert and grandmother to three grandchildren.

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We will always remember how active she was in the life of the church. She was the consummate pastor's wife, frequently accompanying George on parish visitation, attending charge conferences, leading Women's Society groups, entertaining in the parsonage, and going to Ocean Grove with George. He attended the United Methodist Homes meetings and she visited with both her mother and mother-in-law who were residents in the United Methodist Homes residential care. Frequently Dorothy would take both to lunch at a local restaurant.

At Christmastime, Dorothy would organize a special "Open House" with her gourmet dinner. It was a very special occasion with a lot of love and support coming from both George and Dorothy during the years he served as a District Superintendent.

It is difficult to imagine Dorothy without George. Those who knew them, and were touched by their ministry, will remember them as a team-in-ministry. So, our prayer is that they are united now in the eternal love of the One in whose name they ministered.

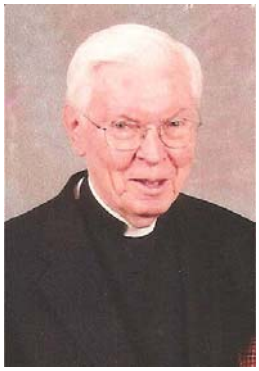
It is easy to imagine that we hear the words, "Well done good and faithful servant."

Dorothy Watt is survived by a son and daughter, Robert Watt and Debra Anderson, and three grandchildren.

Submitted by: Bob and Debra Anderson

GEORGE WATT, JR

June 26, 1924 – June 20, 2010



The Reverend Doctor George Watt, Jr. was born in Somerville, New Jersey, on June 26, 1924. He graduated from Rutgers University, and received his professional degree at Drew University Theological School. He was also honored by Centenary College who presented him with the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters in 1993.

In 1948, George was ordained as Deacon and served as associate pastor in Plainfield. Two years later he was ordained Elder in Full Connection. In the ensuing years, he served churches in Maplewood, Jersey City and Caldwell.

In 1966, Bishop Prince Taylor, Jr., appointed George as District Superintendent of the, then, Southern District of the Northern N.J. Conference. He was the youngest person to have been appointed to this office at that time. While a superintendent, he served as Dean of the Cabinet. At the end of his term as superintendent in 1971, he was appointed to the Ridgewood Church.

In addition to being well known as a Conference Parliamentarian, he served in the Conference as President of the Board of Trustees, President of the United Methodist Homes, Chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry, Chairperson of the Board of Education, a member of the Board of Directors at Bristol Glen, and the Conference Council on Finance and Administration.

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George was elected by the Annual Conference in 1984 to serve as Conference Treasurer and Director of Administrative Services until 1992, at which time he retired. Until his death, he served as Pastor Emeritus of the Morristown Church where he and his family worshipped regularly.

On June 20, 2010, at the age of 86, George completed his earthly mission, only six weeks after his devoted wife and ministerial help-mate, Dorothy W. Watt, died. Together they now rest in the "peace of Christ that passes all understanding."

The Rev. Dr. George Watt, Jr. is survived by a son and daughter, Robert Watt and Debra Anderson, and three grandchildren.

Submitted by: Bob and Debra Anderson

IDELL V. WILSON
June 29, 1950 – March 8, 2011

Idell V. Wilson, widow of full-time Local Pastor Richard A. Wilson, passed away on March 8, 2011 in Philadelphia, PA.

Idell is predeceased by her husband, Rev. Richard Wilson in 1994. She leaves to cherish her memory, her children, Richelle Wilson and Clarence H. Wilson; siblings Muriel White (Zachariah), Nora Peal, Henrique Peal (Willy-Mae), Maria McQueen, Theresa Peal, Samuel Peal (Elizabeth), Reginald Peal, Orvetta Peal, Milton Peal (Roseline), Dr. Gabriel Peal, and Lena Peal; brother-in-law Cllr. Hilary Wilson (Caroline); sister-in-law Deborah Wilson Dennis; uncles and aunts, including the Honorable J. Jenkins and Emma Peal, Rev. Gbessi and Esther Kemah, and John and Alice Bracewell; nieces, nephews and a host of other close relatives and friends in the United States and Liberia.

Interment: Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Silver Spring, MD

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