RUTH SHRADER BEEMER
June 11, 2014

Ruth Shrader Beemer, 93, of Ocean Grove, died Wednesday, June 11, 2014, at Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Neptune. Ruth was a homemaker, active in supporting her husband in his ministry. She was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Ocean Grove and a member of the Anne Forrester circle. She was a graduate of Houghton College and was active in the Methodist community in Jersey City, Tenafly, Kearny, Hasbrouck Heights, and Roselle Park.

She was predeceased by her husband, Rev. Albert L. Beemer in 2003, by her son, Ronald and by her sister, Mabel Johnson. Surviving are her sons, Gerald and his wife Cindy of Easton, MD, and John and his wife Sandy Sutton of Ocean Grove; 5 grandchildren, Scott L. and his wife Erin, David L., Carrie, Dawn and her husband Chris, and Catherine and her husband Avi; 4 great-grandchildren, Zachary, Norah, Alys and Nathan and her extended family loved ones, Rev. Edwin Hahn and his wife Carol.

From the Asbury Park Press, June 13, 2014
Interment: Hackensack Cemetery, Hackensack NJ

GILBERT F. BENNETT
December 25, 1926 – October 19, 2014

Reverend Gilbert Forrest Bennett, on Oct. 19, 2014, a native of Red Bank, NJ and a veteran of W.W.II, graduated from Dickinson College in 1950, and Boston Univ. School of Theology in 1953. Appointed associate pastor near Buffalo, NY, and later as Conference Director of Youth Work in the Genesee and Erie Annual Conferences of the Methodist Church. After his marriage to Joan Warenka, he became a teacher of religious studies at Pennington School for Boys. In 1959 the Bennett's were sent to the Congonow, Zaire. In 1963 they returned to the States. He became the pastor of the United Methodist Church of South Amboy, NJ, and transferred to Florence, NJ, Bordentown, NJ, and finally Berlin, NJ. Gil spent his retirement building a cabin in the Poconos.

He is survived by his children Carl Bennett, Barbara Witkowski, Susan Bennett, Jane Poling, and ten grandchildren as well as brothers Richard and Lawrence. He was predeceased by his loving wife Joan, parents Ruth and William Bennett, and sister Carol Trimmier.

From the Courier Post, October 26, 2014

KEITH A. BRENDLER
July 31, 2014

Keith A. Brendler, 55, of Toms River, passed away Thursday, July 31, 2014, at University Hospital in Newark. Born in Trenton, he was raised in Pennington, and lived in Waretown and Seaside Heights before settling in Toms River more than 30 years ago. He was a 1977 graduate of Hopewell Valley Central High School, and proudly served his country in the U.S. Army until his honorable discharge in 1984. He was a longtime employee of AF Cafiero Machinery Co., and for the past 19 years worked at Monmouth Rubber and Plastics in Long Branch.

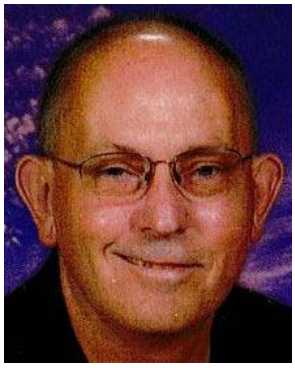
Keith was devoted to his faith and committed to helping those in need. As Lay Member of the Island Heights United Methodist Church, he served on numerous committees, was a leader of the IHUMC Youth Group, and assisted with the Toms River First United Methodist Church Youth Group. He was also a member of the Emmaus Community. Keith shared his love of soccer with children in the Jersey Shore area by coaching several clubs and dedicating much of his time to the Tops Soccer Outreach Program. He was an avid photographer, carpenter, hockey player and NJ Devils fan, and was very proud of his distinguished goatee.

He was predeceased by his father, Arthur, his mother, Helen Schoeneberg Brendler Hirst, and his stepfather, Conrad Hirst. He is survived by his beloved wife of 25 years, Joann (Sarullo) Brendler, and their children, Airman Kristian Brendler, Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, Alaska, and Mikaila Brendler, a recent graduate of Toms River High School South. He is also survived by siblings Clifford Brendler and his wife Deborah, Marlene (Brendler) Lewis, Mary Ellen (Hirst) Devlin and her

husband Martin, and Martha (Hirst) Devlin and her husband James; Sisters-in-law, Marie (Sarullo) Leone and her husband Thomas, and Nancy (Sarullo) Quinn and her husband Donald; 17 devoted nieces and nephews; and 2 fiercely loyal cats.

From the Asbury Park Press, August 5, 2014

GARY BRENNAN
March 9, 1951 – April 21, 2015



Gary felt God tugging at his heart from a very young age. He was raised in a home where his parents were not church goers though in fact, his mom was Methodist and his Dad was Catholic, so Gary took it upon himself to attend an Episcopal church near his home. There, he fell in love with the Lord and wanted to serve Him. After high school, he attended Asbury College for a year. However, with his mother's health declining rapidly from cancer and his father already deceased, Gary felt he had to return home to care for his beloved mom. Becoming a minister would have to wait.

In the 1990's, the tugging stronger, Gary again revisited the possibility of pursuing his dream of becoming a pastor. He never lost the calling, but life intervened and his dream always seemed to be put on the back burner. Finally God worked it out, everything fell into place and the journey was on. His dream was realized in 1996 when he received his first appointment. He worked extremely hard for 19 years and served the Lord to the best of his ability.

Gary's ministry focused on making disciples, preaching the gospel, and caring for the poor, hungry and defeated. Gary could not stand the thought of anyone being hungry or a child not having a gift to open on Christmas morning. He also had a heart for veterans in nursing homes and his congregations purchased new pajamas and toiletries for them for Christmas. Gary also loved to laugh, had a great sense of humor, and incorporated it in his service to the Lord.

It was only a brief illness, but a very serious diagnosis of acute leukemia that halted Gary's ability to serve God during the last month of his life. But even with his progressing illness, he was still taking calls on his cell phone while in the hospital.

Gary was a loving, dedicated husband and best friend to his wife, Christine. He was a devoted and caring father to his son, Bryan and his step-son, Mike. His five grandsons, Bryan, Michael, Patrick, Dominick, and Zachary brought him the most enjoyment in his life. He also loved his fur companions, Momma Cat and Miss Kitty, and really enjoyed stirring them up.

Submitted by: Christine Brennan

EDWARD S. CARTY
December 6, 1939 – December 12, 2014

A faithful and humble servant, a man of integrity, a great listener, one who pursued his role with a passion, are but a few of the terms used to describe the late Rev. Edward Samuel Carty. His guiding principle was "If you cannot be best, aim at giving your best".

Edward was born in Jamaica, West Indies on December 6, 1939. He accepted Christ as his personal savior at age seventeen, and six years later answered the call to Christian Ministry. He received his college diploma from the Calabar Theological College in Jamaica, his diploma in Theology from London University and his Master of Divinity from Drew University in the USA.

His Christian ministry spanned forty-one years, serving in two countries and two denominations. Twenty-three years of Baptist ministry (1966-1989) were in Jamaica where he pastored the Buff Bay Circuit of four churches and Sutcliffe Mount Circuit of five churches. In the United States, he continued his studies for two more years, then served for sixteen years at three churches in New Jersey (1996-2012): Park Ave.-St. John's UMC in

East Orange, Calvary UMC in Dumont, and Christ UMC in Jersey City, until his retirement in 2012.

Additionally, Pastor Carty served the Gateway North District on the Committee of District Superintendency, and, at the Conference level, he served on the Committee on Investigation and the Board of Trustees.

Edward's achievements included, but were not limited, to the following: 1) the building of three new churches in the Buff Bay Circuit in Jamaica, 2) the carrying out of extensive renovations to various church properties in both countries, 3) organizing outreach programs including summer day camps, vacation bible schools and feeding programs, 4) funding charities such as UMCOR, Support a Child, and CUMAC-ECHO where he organized adults and youths to serve, 5) led parishioners to The Walk to Emmaus, and the youth to Search.

Rev. Carty died after a brief illness on December 12, 2014 and was buried on December 20, 2014, the day that he and his beloved wife Viola would have celebrated their forty-seventh wedding anniversary. He had fought a good fight and had finished the race.

May his soul rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon him. He is survived by Viola, his loving wife; his three sons, Ray, Gian and Dave; two sisters, Carmen and Inez; two brothers, Andrew and Samuel, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, colleagues in ministry and friends.

Submitted by: Viola Carty
Interment: Rosedale Cemetery, Montclair, NJ

HOWARD L. CASSADAY
January 27, 1924 – January 18, 2015

Howard L. Cassaday graduated from Bridgeton High School in June 1941, Drexel University in 1954 with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering, Eastern Baptist Seminary with a Masters of Divinity, and New York University with a Masters of Christian Education.

He worked for 25 years at Owens Illinois until 1975 when he retired to return to school. During his graduate studies, he started his second career as a United Methodist minister in the Southern New Jersey United Methodist Conference. He served in the Conference until his second retirement at 65 years old, however he continued part-time ministry well into his 80's.

Howard was always a musician. He had his own band through his high school and college years, and played in all the school bands. He played clarinet, saxophone, trombone, and trumpet. He also sang in the choir at every church he attended and played and sang at many other venues during his life.

He was honored in December 2012 for his many years in ministry and his contribution to the Aldine UMC Choir, of which he was a member since 1990.

Married to Grace M. Rathbone on October 30, 1948, they shared their lives for 66 years. He conducted the marriage ceremonies of all of his children at least once, and sometimes twice. He baptized most of his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Howard was beloved by many and will be greatly missed. He is survived by his children: Suzanne (Bud) Hamm, Charlotte (Mary Lu Schreiber) Cassaday, and Charles (Elaine) Cassaday; 4 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

Submitted by: Suzanne Hamm
Interment: Emanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Friesburg, NJ

MARTHA S. CHENEY

November 10, 1924 – November 7, 2014

Martha Sturgis Cheney, 89, of South Seaville, New Jersey, passed away on Friday, November 7, 2014, surrounded by her family. Martha was born on November 10, 1924 in Mt. Carmel, PA, to Barney and Erma (Harbold) Sturgis. After moving to Penns Grove, NJ in 1928, she attended St. Paul's United Methodist Church. It was at St. Paul's that Martha met her future husband, The Rev. Edward B. Cheney. Martha graduated as valedictorian of Delaware Hospital School of Nursing in 1945 and then married Edward in 1946. She also began her career as a registered nurse in Trenton, and pastor's wife at that time. Martha's proudest moment as an RN was starting the labor and delivery unit at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Camden in the early 1950's. While raising her children, she continued to work in private duty nursing and at various hospitals in the southern New Jersey area.

The life of a pastor and his wife provided many adventures for Martha and Ed throughout New Jersey, including several years at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Cherry Hill, First United Methodist Church in Millville, and Red Bank United Methodist Church in Monmouth County. Retirement brought them to South Seaville United Methodist Church, where Edward served part-time for 13 years. They continued to live in the refurbished Sea Isle City train station (built in the early 1900's) on the South Seaville Camp Meeting grounds. Martha enjoyed singing alto in various choirs; "Dinner Gangs" with close friends, other pastors and their wives; traveling with friends to New England; visits to her daughter and family in Germany; and playing card and board games. An avid sports fan, Martha enjoyed relaxed afternoons watching golf, tennis, college football and the Philadelphia Eagles.

Martha is survived by Edward, her devoted husband of 69 years; her loving children, Ruth Klinger Cheney (Klaus) of Krefeld, Germany; Lynn Martha Cheney, of South Seaville; Kristi Cheney Paulson (Paul) of Cherry Hill; and grandchildren, Anna Hardy (Toby Gafner), of Suffern, NY; Leigh Martha Klinger, of Brooklyn, NY; Ryan Klinger, of Wurzburg, Germany; Amelia and Elliot Paulson, of Cherry Hill; and her sweet K9 companion, Daisy. Martha is also survived by several cousins, nieces and nephews, as well as dear friends. A great sadness in Martha's life was the passing of her son, John L. Cheney, and her sister, Ruth Sturgis Quigley.

From the Courier-Post, November 10, 2014

GLORIA FACEY
June 25, 2014

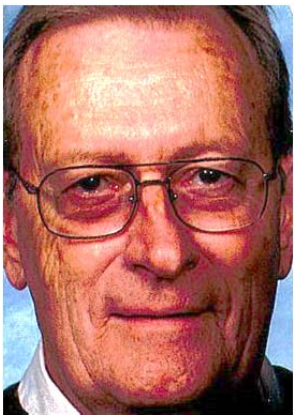
Gloria Blanchard Facey, 89, passed away on Wednesday, June 25, 2014. Formerly of Florence, NJ, Mrs. Facey resided with her son and daughter-in-law in Murrells Inlet, SC, before moving to Emeritus at Conway Place, Conway, SC. She spent most of her adult life in New Jersey as a homemaker and mother. Her final months were spent at Myrtle Beach Estates Memory Care.

Mrs. Facey was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Harold Facey, and their son, Stephen. She is survived by daughter, Linda Randall and her husband John, of Costa Rica; son, Donald and his wife Kimberly; two grandchildren, Andrew Facey and wife Hallie, of Park City, UT, and Erin Facey Bencivengo and her husband Craig. She is also survived by three great-grandsons, Matthew, Michael, and Nicholas Bencivengo, of Burlington Township, NJ.

From the The Trenton Times, July 3, 2014

ARTHUR SHERWOOD FOWLER

March 31, 1936 – July 11, 2014



Arthur Sherwood Fowler, 78, beloved husband of Rev. Geraldine I. Fowler for 55 years, died suddenly at home in Southampton in the early morning of July 11, 2014. Born in Mt. Kisco, NY, he was the son of Arthur S. Fowler, Sr., and Mary Buckhout Fowler.

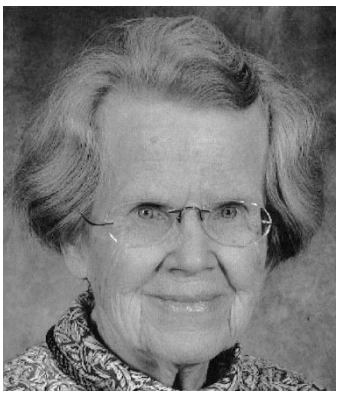
Art graduated from high school in Pleasantville, NY, and went on to earn a degree in industrial engineering at Clarkson College of Technology in Potsdam, NY. After 36 years of employment at Public Service Electric and Gas Co., Art retired as manager of rates research, at the Newark general office in 1995.

He served as a first lieutenant in the Army Reserve, as well as on active deployment during the Berlin crisis in 1961. An avid sports participant in his earlier years, and an avid observer in his older years, Art was cherished by all who knew him. He was a particular favorite of the churches in which his wife Gerri served. We praise God that he has been received into his eternal home.

Art is survived by his wife, Gerri, and his devoted children, Steven Fowler, Diane Kahny, and Susan Fowler. Other survivors include a sister, Marilyn Bucher (Glen), and a brother, Charles Fowler (Yolanda), as well as five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, and four sisters-in-law.

Submitted by: Rev. Geraldine I. Fowler
Interment: Cremated

CHRISTA GRANT
March 26, 1925 – March 31, 2015



Christa was born in Austria, just outside of Vienna, but lived mostly in Germany. At the beginning of the war (1939), she and her family moved to Hamburg where she completed her degree in music. She was not permitted to pursue a career in music, but was instead drafted as a farm laborer.

In 1947 her father was brought to the US under the auspices of Operation Paperclip, initiated by the Office of Strategic Services. Christa and her mother were allowed to join him in New Jersey a couple of years later, although they were severely restricted as “enemy aliens” for a few years and because of that, she was still unable to pursue a career in music.

In 1960 she married Andrew Grant. They moved to Newport, TN for 8 years where their son Christopher was born. There Christa finally had an opportunity to use her musical training to start a children’s choir at the Methodist Church. She loved music and loved working with children. Putting these two passions together became her calling in life, and served as a restitution for all the thwarting of her dreams and aspirations of having a professional musical career up to that time.

In 1968 Christa and Andrew moved back to NJ where she again immersed herself in working with children’s choral and instrumental groups through the Methodist Church. She soon became a Diaconal Minister in the United Methodist Church and served in the Summit church and later in Asbury UMC in Woodstown.

Each summer for many years, she directed two weeklong music camps for children, one at Aldersgate and one at Mt. Misery. She was blessed to be able to enrich the lives and touch the souls of many campers and choristers with whom she worked, inspiring many of them to take up a career in music.

In 2000, after retirement, Christa moved to Oregon, and in 2007 to the Cascade Manor retirement community, where she organized a choral group among the residents. She succumbed to cancer on March 31, 2015.

Christa is survived by her husband Andrew, and son Christopher Grant.

Submitted by: Andrew Grant
Interment: West Lawn Memorial Park, Eugene, OR

BRIAN A. GRECO
July 31, 1965 – December 17, 2014

Brian Greco, affectionately known by his congregants as Pastor Brian, was born on July 31, 1965 in Buffalo NY. He attended Springville Griffith High School where he was an all-around athlete, playing varsity baseball, basketball and football. He met Lois, his wife of 25 years, at Rutgers University where they co-led a Big Brother/Big Sister College program for New Brunswick youth. Brian began his professional career in investments, but soon felt called by God to enter into the pastorate. He earned his Masters of Divinity at Duke University, where he served as a student pastor first at Duke's Chapel UMC, and then at Bahama UMC.

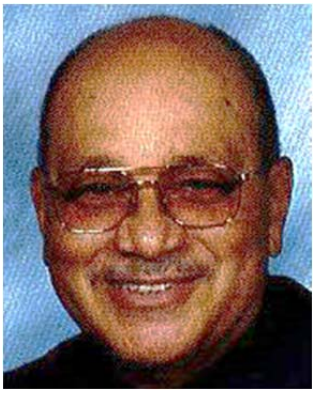
As an ordained elder in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, Brian served as pastor of the Cross Keys UMC for 18 years before serving as senior pastor at Haddonfield UMC. Wherever Brian served, he served God with enthusiasm, passion, humor and wisdom. He viewed his purpose to be making disciples for Jesus Christ, and he called God's people to act justly, lovingly and equitably. He modeled leadership for both clergy and laity, and he was not afraid of making difficult choices. Brian had an ability to help people "agree to disagree" and remain united in ministry despite discord. He was a gifted preacher, providing a practical interpretation of scripture that helped people meet God in their daily circumstance. He preached with humor, candor and brevity. He was comfortable worshipping God in any setting, and he enjoyed introducing people to a loving God.

Brian loved his family and being a father to his children – Rachel, Jacob and Angela. He shared the love of baseball with his grandfather, father and son – all avid Yankee fans. But most of all, Brian loved God and life.

He is survived by his wife Lois; children, Rachel, Jacob, Angela; father, Sam Greco; brother, Sam Greco Jr; and sister, Teresa Smith.

Submitted by: Lois Greco
Interment: Cremated

DELLOYD A. GREEN
July 27, 1942 – January 17, 2015



Delloyd A. Green, born July 27, 1942 to Alexander and Amelia Green in Chester, PA, passed away peacefully at his home in Absecon, NJ on January 17, 2015.

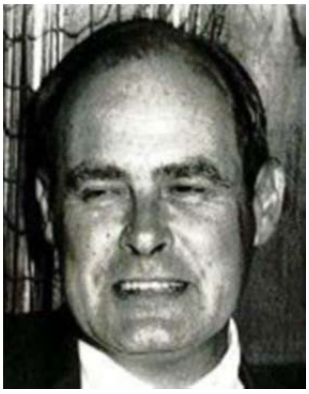
He served as the pastor of Emmaus UMC in Smithville, NJ from 2005 to 2014. Delloyd was a 1993 graduate of Rhema Bible College in Tulsa, OK with studies at John Wesley Theological Seminary. He was a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors. His ministry also included missionary work, co-founder of Candlestick Outreach Ministries and Associate Pastor in the Bahamas. In the US, he built Church Computer Learning Centers, taught Church Leadership and served as President of the Fellowship of churches of Atlantic City. Delloyd served as a spiritual advisor and mentor to Navajo Native American Pastors in Arizona.

Before entering the ministry, he was Vice-President of Surveillance and Investigations at Resorts International Casino/Hotel and was a US Air Force veteran.

Delloyd is survived by his wife of 25 years, Sandi, and leaves behind supportive and caring family members. He was a mighty man of valor. Delloyd has won, he lives, to God be the glory!

Submitted by: Sandi Green
Interment: Emmaus UMC Cemetery

CHARLES G. HANKINS
May 13, 1933 – August 9, 2014



Charles served his community and the Lord in the Methodist ministry for 40 years before he retired. He also was a chaplain in the US Navy Reserve for 26 years, retiring as Commander, and a licensed Marriage and Family therapist for 22 years. He graduated Drew University in 1955 with a Bachelor of Arts in History, in 1959 with a Master of Divinity, and in 1975 with a Doctor of Ministry.

Over the course of his life, Charles served the United Methodist Church in the New Jersey communities of Bay Head, Spring Lake Heights, Farmingdale, Fair Haven, Merchantville, Vineland, Red Bank, Whiting, and the Chapel in Pine Beach. Charles also served as District Superintendent for the Southwest District.

As a Navy Chaplain, Charles was stationed at the Naval Air Station in Lakehurst and then at the US Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May, NJ. He later served as pastor of the Cathedral of the Air at Lakehurst, NJ.

Charles conducted his life of service as a counselor for Family and Psychological Services of Cherry Hill, NJ assisting veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

He is survived by his wife Nancy; his children Peter, Phillip, and Ruth (Hankins) Moore; grandsons Christopher and Eric Moore; and great-granddaughter Madison Moore.

Submitted by: Nancy Hankins
Interment: Woodlawn Cemetery, Lakewood, NJ

FREDERICK D. HOFFMAN
June 18, 1926 – March 7, 2015

Fred D. Hoffman, 88, passed away on March 7, 2015, at Langdon Place, Keene, N.H., with his family at his side. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 57 years, Joan Prall Hoffman, in January 2010.

Born in Shamokin, Pa., Fred was publicly schooled until graduating from Scranton Technical High School. He served in the Navy Seabees in the Pacific during World War II. Upon his return, he continued his education at Keystone College, Wilkes University and ultimately received his M.A. in theology from Boston University. He entered the ministry, with his first congregation in Troy, N.H., at the Trinitarian Congregational Church. After time in New Hampshire, he moved to Northern New Jersey, joined the Greater New Jersey United Methodist Conference and served in many towns throughout his long ministry.

He is survived by his children, Deb Leopold and husband Ross of Johnson, N.Y.; Stephen Hoffman and wife Carrie of Keene, NH; Paul Hoffman and wife Allison Riley of Keene, NH; four grandchildren, Kayla, Alexandra, Emma and Sam, all of Keene, NH.

Fred will be most remembered by his family and friends as infinitely patient and kind.

Submitted by: Stephen Hoffman
Interment: Abington Hills Cemetery, Clark Summit, PA

CARLTON G. JOHNSON
January 21, 1928 – November 17, 2014

Carlton G. Johnson Jr. was born January 21, 1928 in Atlantic City NJ. He grew up in Linwood NJ attending Central Methodist Church with his parents, Carlton Sr. and Mildred Johnson. Carlton Jr. was saved at a Percy Crawford rally in 1942 and began to actively serve God.

In 1944, while at Pleasantville High, he received his Exhorter's License through the Methodist Church. After graduating in 1946, he went to college in Georgetown TX and received his Local Preacher's License in 1948 through Georgetown Methodist Church. He met his sweetheart, Elizabeth Thomas and they were married in 1951 after he graduated from Southwestern University. Carlton worked in the aircraft industry for over 42 years, 28 of those years with the Boeing Company.

While in South Jersey, Carlton was active at Haddon Heights Methodist and then Sharptown Methodist. He worked 15 years for the Dept. of the Navy in North Carolina where he and Elizabeth were active at Bogue Methodist Church. Upon moving back to NJ in 2001 to be near their 4 children and 8 grandchildren, Carlton became a visitation pastor at Sharptown UMC, and served God on the board at Malaga Camp where they lived.

Carlton served his church in many ways; in the choir, teaching Sunday School, on the Board, and with the youth. He also was active as a Boy Scout and later as Scoutmaster and Commissioner. He loved God, his family, and his country (he served in the US Navy).

Carlton was 86 when he went home to glory on November 17, 2014, with his family at his side.
He was predeceased by his loving wife of 57 years, Elizabeth in 2008. He is survived by his children, Connie Ruth King, Carlton G. Johnson III, Carol M. Walker, and Ralph E. Johnson Sr.; 8 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren; and his sister, Ruth M. Gant.

Psalm 1:1-3 "*Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the* LORD*, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper*."

Submitted by: Connie R. King
Interment: Friends-Central Cemetery, Linwood, NJ

ELIZABETH ANN "BETTY" LYNCH
September 13, 1942 – November 7, 2014

Betty was born on September 13, 1942 to Charles and Louise Lengel in Philadelphia PA. She graduated from Boca Ciega High School in St. Petersburg, FL in 1961. Betty attended St. Petersburg Junior College and in later years she attended Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, FL.

In August of 1968 she became a secretary at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. In September when the students returned for the new school year a certain Methodist seminarian saw her sitting in the seminary dining room and knew at first sight that she was the woman of his dreams. Six weeks after their first meeting they got engaged and, on March 28, 1969, Rev. George J. Lynch Jr and Betty were married. Betty served with George for forty years in ministry, both in Florida and New Jersey.

Throughout those forty years of service, Betty was often referred to as the perfect minister's wife because of her kind, caring, and compassionate ways, through the many cards of remembrance to others, the meals that she made for people in their time of need and her willingness to serve wherever needed. Betty also served the New Jersey Conference as administrative assistant to the Rev. Hooker Davis, Rev. John Janka, Rev. Jack Johnson, and Rev. David Finch.

In 2008 George retired and they moved to Dallas, TX where Betty became active in Custer Road UMC and was also a Caring Heart Volunteer at The Heart Hospital of Baylor Plano. One of her greatest joys in life was that of being a wife to George, a mother to son Paul and wife Jill along with grandchildren Ryan and Katie, as well as to son Bruce and wife Ginger, along with grandchildren Averie and Andrew. She is also survived by a sister, Christine Wells, and a brother, Raymond G. Lengel.

Betty went home to be with her Lord on November 7, 2014.

Submitted by: George J. Lynch Jr.
Interment: Custer Road UMC, Plano, TX

ALF O. OLSEN
November 2, 1934 – July 22, 2014

Alf was born in Norway and came to the United States with his family when he was just two years old.

At age seventeen, Alf felt his calling from God into full time ministry. Upon graduation from Roxbury HS, NJ, he attended The King's College in Briarcliff Manor, NY. In just three years he graduated with degrees in Education, Psychology and Religion. He attended New York Theological Seminary where he earned his Master of Divinity. While working as a pastor Alf pursued his education, earning his Doctor of Divinity from the Universal Bible Institute.

Alf served multiple congregations for the UMC, including Brooklyn, West New York, Staten Island, Bound Brook, Butler and Stanhope. During his pastorate, Alf was noted for helping each church grow spiritually and in numbers, as well as growing and improving their financial and physical properties where possible. Alf's mission field was never confined to only his congregation; he enthusiastically served the Lord whenever opportunity arose, witnessing of the love of Jesus to all who would receive Him. After retirement, his mission field grew to include many he encountered in his everyday life, including the many who served as his medical advisors over the thirteen years of cancer treatment.

His passion as a pastor included teaching, preaching, counselling, youth programs, senior citizens, finances, and the Hmong ministry through the UMC Mission program. Alf aided in this ministry bringing many families to our country, assisting with housing, while meeting both their physical and spiritual needs. Many of these thriving families, who came to the US with little or nothing, are now serving in ministry in the UMC and in corporate America.

Alf's interests included: Real Estate- a gift he used to serve his family and others; Travelling- camping, cruising and flying to see much of God's Creation, including the Holy Lands; Writing –most notably his book on The Revelation; and his family including his wife Arleen, daughters Julie, Lynn and Christine and their families including twelve grandchildren.

He was a Good and Faithful Servant – Forever Missed - Welcomed by His Lord and Savior!

Survived by his wife, Ruth Arleen Olsen; daughters, Julie (Warren) Frerichs, Lynn (Stuart) Williams, and Christine (Chris Liney) Olsen; and grandchildren, Kristen and Brian Frerichs, Kyle, Tyler, Preston, Kyler and Corby Williams, Colsen, Makena, Addison, Bennett and Trevan Olsen.

Submitted by: R. Arleen Olsen, Interment: Speculator, NY

JULIO C. PANTOJA
November 6, 1922 – August 26, 2014

Rev. Julio C. Pantoja, 91, went home to His father's throne on Tuesday, August 26, 2014. Born in Jiguani, Cuba in 1922, he migrated to NY in 1955 where he eventually met and married his adoring wife, Haydalina. An immediate burial was held on Wednesday, August 27, 2014, before a small group of family and friends at Hollywood Memorial Park in Union, NJ. Rev. Pantoja was a retired Methodist minister. Prior to his retirement he was the pastor at the United Methodist Church "The Redeemer," in Elizabeth, NJ, for over twenty years. A humble ministry that began with three in attendance blossomed into a congregation with over 150 members with God at the helm.

He was the devoted father of Ana, Gerry, Julio, Julie, Patricia, Prisinnia, Aida, Annie, and Amanda as well as a doting grandfather to Doris, Angelica, Erick, Giovannie, Tanya and Shane. He was also the proud great-grandfather of Yeilan, Kimberly, Alex, and Nadia. Julio loved and held a very special place in his heart for his son-in-law Tim. Also, he extended his love and gratitude for all the kindness and attention given so freely by Richard and Louis. He was a dedicated family man and a loving and faithful husband to his surviving wife of 49 years, Haydalina.

From UnionFuneralHome.com
Interment: Hollywood Memorial Park, Union NJ

KATHLEEN RANDALL PETTY
December 19, 1948 – January 14, 2015

Kathleen was born the first of 10 children, to the late Edward John Randall and Mary Lucille-Lee in Cooper Hospital, Camden, NJ. She was raised and educated in the Deptford Township School District. She met and married the late Clarence Edward “Nuke” Sanders Jr, and from that union, 6 children, 25 grandchildren, and 35 plus great-grandchildren were born.

Kathleen worked for New Jersey Transit as a rail line operator and bus driver, then later promoted as the first African-American Regional Supervisor. She was also a supervisor at Paco Pharmaceutical. Later Kathleen became a real estate agent working for Powell-Peters Realty, and a beautician at Lucille’s Beauty Salon. As an entrepreneur, she was the owner and operator of Katie Bell’s Bingo, and a founding member of DREAM (Developing Responsible Enthusiastic Ambitious Minds).

Kathleen began her Christian journey as a singer in the choir alongside her mother at John Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church in Jericho, NJ. She was baptized at New Jerusalem Baptist Church under Pastor John Hawkins, and later affiliated with State Street UMC in Camden, NJ. As a proud and loving matriarch of her family, Kathleen served the Lord in several capacities; usher, gospel choir and with children and youth ministries. She was always supported by her brother, Rev. Dr. John Randall, at St. Matthew’s UMC in Delair NJ, and she frequently brought a caravan of family and friends to church. As a strong family leader, she became a member of First UMC in Bridgeton NJ, serving with the church’s Outreach Committee, evangelizing the Bridgeton communities during the Back-to-Church efforts. Kathleen was also elected as Lay Member to Annual Conference.

Preceding her in death, her parents, Mary and Edward Randall, and siblings: Edward, Charles, Ronald, and Robert Randall.

Living to tell Kathleen’s legacy are her children, Pamela Sease, Robert, Clarence, William (Lisa) Sanders, Kathleen Russell and Wandette Sanders; her siblings, Donald, Rev. Dr. John, William, Patricia, and Sandra Randall, and God-sister, Diane Rochester.

Submitted by: Kathleen’s Children
Interment: Old Fellow Cemetery, Jericho, NJ

VERNA W. PINE
November 19, 1907 – March 10, 2015

Verna Warner Pine went to be with the Lord on March 10, 2015. She was born on November 19, 1907 to Cary Sinnickson and John Alpha Warner of Salem, New Jersey. Verna married Reverend Harry R. Pine on December 28, 1935 and they spent 46 years together until Harry's death in 1981.

Verna and Harry served many Methodist churches in New Jersey. Verna was active in the church teaching Sunday School, leading women's groups and other activities. On December 30, 2005 she moved to Ohio to live with her daughter, Susan.

Verna was preceded in death by husband, Harry Pine; a sister, Sally Burt; a brother, John Warner; and a granddaughter, Chiara Bolton.

She is survived by her son, Peter Pine (Judy) of Egg Harbor, NJ; her daughter, Susan Pine of Westerville, OH; grandchildren, Verna Cornish (Sam), Carolyn Corea (Chris), Elizabeth McGhee (Chuck); and great-grandchildren, Shaunna, Aliecia, Andie, Anthony, Michael, Chris, Dylan, Andrew, and Matthew.

Submitted by: Verna Cornish
Interment: Cremated, with ashes spread with Rev Harry R. Pine

CAROL SUE PRICE
December 21, 1942 – November 24, 2014

Carol Sue Price (nee Trevathan), age 71, passed away on November 24, 2014, at her daughter's home in Hendersonville, TN, surrounded by her children and grandchildren.

Born on December 21, 1942, in Martin, TN, to Ellis Trevathan and Rosa White, Sue, as she was known, grew up in Gleason, TN, and graduated from Gleason High School. After graduation, Sue attended Lambuth College, where she met her future husband, James K. Price. The two were married on June 28, 1964, in Gleason, TN, and moved to Madison, NJ, where her husband, Jim, attended Drew University, and later, seminary. She was now the wife of a Methodist Minister. Sue's duties as a Minister's wife did not consume her entirely; she was an interior decorator/designer with her own business and had a knack for finding, restoring, and collecting beautiful antiques, which she cleverly placed in her home. She always knew how to transform something ordinary and make it elegant.

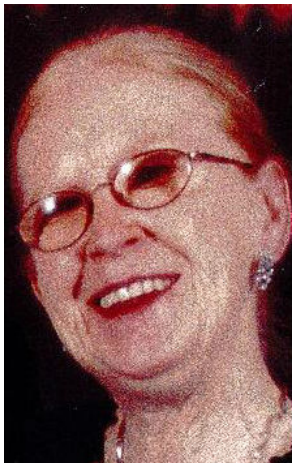
Jim and Sue were happily married for 33 years until she was widowed in 1996. After her husband's death, she moved back to her beloved state of TN to be closer to her parents and siblings. She bought a house in the historic district of East Nashville and proceeded to work her decorating "magic" on her beautifully restored craftsman home. For many years, her house was featured in a tour run by the East Nashville Historic Society.

Sue was a loving daughter, mother, aunt, sister, and wife. She was beautiful, clever, truthful, and cool. There will never be another "Christmas Carol."

She is survived by her four children: Shaunda Kohls, of Hendersonville, TN; Anita Delihasani, of Franklin, NJ; Ken Price of Nashville, TN; Reuben Price, of Savannah, GA. Sue is also survived by five sisters: Rubye Snider of Gleason, TN; Kaye Hynds of Martin, TN; Rosemary Evans of Tupelo, MS; Nancy Wyman of Cookeville, TN; Anita Knowles of Franklin, TN; many nieces and nephews, and ten grandchildren.

From The Tennessean on December 14, 2014

PATRICIA L. RICHARDSON-NEWMAN
September 2, 1940 – March 14, 2015



Patricia Lynn was born Sept. 2, 1940 in Belle, WV, graduated from DuPont High School, and attended West Virginia State College, then West Virginia Institute of Technology, and then Morris Harvey College. She met and married Kenneth Richardson in 1960, and together they attended The Theological School at Drew University, where they earned Master of Theology degrees. Kenneth was ordained an Elder in the United Methodist Church, Greater New Jersey Conference, where he served Flanders UMC, Hawthorne UMC, Grace UMC in Kearny, Mt. Horeb UMC, Lebanon UMC, and St. John's UMC in Wharton, before passing away in 1999.

Patricia was a born scholar and teacher and served closely in ministry with her husband in each church. She loved to teach children, youth, and adults. She enjoyed the study of Homiletics and often filled the pulpit when her husband was away. Patricia created the literary figure of The Church Mouse who enabled her to write articles for their church newsletters to publicize and support parish activities. The Church Mouse was intimately involved in the life of each church and even accompanied the family on vacation trips. Patricia used her theological scholarship, biblical literacy, and keen sense of humor to make the Church Mouse a beloved character who drew readers to her columns over many years.

In addition to her love for languages, philosophy and theology, Patricia had an insatiable appetite for the fine arts, especially theatre and music of all genres. In her youth she studied ballet and later cultivated an affinity for ballroom dancing. In her later years, she took up painting, learned to play the harp and published several poems and short stories. She was cherished for her quick wit and humor and admired for her love of fashion.

In 2001, Patricia returned to her home state of WV and married her former instructor and lifelong friend, Dr. Robert G. Newman. Robert was Professor of Religion Emeritus at the University of Charleston, and is currently Director of the Lay Academy of Religion, First Presbyterian Church, Charleston.

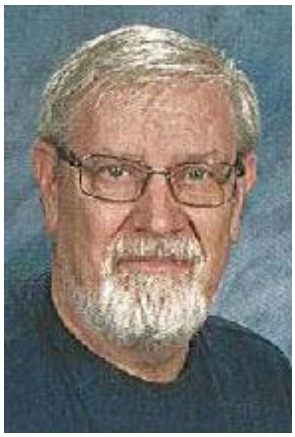
Patricia is survived by husband, Robert G. Newman; her brother, Mansfield S. Keenan II; and her daughter, Kristan P. Richardson Puketza.

Submitted by: Robert G. Newman
Interment: West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, Lewisburg, WV

E. DALE SHERROD
January 14, 1933 – October 26, 2014

E. Dale Sherrod, retired Elder of the Greater New Jersey Conference, died on October 26, 2014, in Fort Myers FL. Dale was a member of the Northern Mississippi Conference where he became a missionary to Argentina and pastored the Rosario UMC before becoming a member of the Northern NJ Conference. He served as pastor of Vienna and Janes Chapel in NY, Community UMC inHoboken, Embury UMC in Paterson, Dunellen UMC, Christ UMC in Piscataway, Park UMC in Bloomfield, and Lebanon UMC. He retired in 1993.

HOWARD FRED STERLING
May 4, 1945 – September 17, 2014



Rev. Howard F., 69, died on September 17, 2014 after a short battle with cancer.

He is survived by his wife, Irene, daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Christopher Laldee, and granddaughter, Leila. He also left a brother Arnold, and sisters Karen, Judy and Barbara. His sister Clarita predeceased him.

From The Record, September 24, 2014

JUNE STRICKLAND
January 6, 1929 – February 28, 2015

June Jones Strickland, formally of Haddonfield, NJ passed away peacefully at the age of 86 at her home in Hutto, TX on Saturday, February 28, 2015. Mrs. Strickland was the wife of Rev. E. Douglas Strickland.

She was born on January 6, 1929 in Jackson, TN. Over the years, she lived in Louisville KY, Cherry Hill, NJ, Haddonfield, NJ, Pedricktown, NJ, and most recently Hutto ,TX. She was very active in the United Methodist Church and was a devoted member. She loved traveling, gardening, cooking and spending time with friends and family. Mrs. Strickland is survived by Douglas, her husband of 65 years. She is also survived by three children: Janice Mohrfeld (Richard) of Pilesgrove, NJ, Alan Strickland (Patricia) of Georgetown, TX, and Holly Kirk of Hutto, TX; and six grandchildren, Kate Mohrfeld of Boston, MA, Christopher Mohrfeld of Pilesgrove, NJ, Michelle Strickland of Houston, TX, Sean Strickland of Georgetown, TX, Samantha Kirk of New Orleans, LA, and Shannon Kirk of Hutto, TX.

From the South Jersey Times, March 21, 2015

ADA "DOT" TONKINSON
February 23, 1919 – November 8, 2014

Ada "Dot" Tonkinson, age 95, formerly of Pond Eddy, NY entered into eternal rest Saturday, Nov. 8, 2014 at the home of her granddaughter Laurie in Poughkeepsie. She was born on February 23, 1919 at Corona, New York, the daughter of the late Henry G. and Alice Smith Meyer. Dorothy married Rev. C. Frank Tonkinson on April 15, 1936 celebrating 69 years of marriage until his death in 2005. Dot was a faithful member of the Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church, a member of the United Methodist Women and a member of the Friendship Circle of the church. She was a member of the Pond Eddy United Methodist Church, a choir member and director of the children's choir, Sunday school teacher, a member of the ladies' aid society of the church, and a member of the MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship). While residing in Florida, Dot was also a member of the Brooksville United Methodist Church in Brooksville. She played the piano at all three churches.

She is survived by her daughter, Lynn Tonkinson Brent of Poughkeepsie; her son, Kenneth T. Tonkinson and his wife Gloria of Sun Lakes, Arizona; her loving grandchildren, Laurie

Brent Schiavone and her husband Frank, Peter J. Brent and his wife Suquina, Michael J. Brent and his wife Marisa, Scott T. Tonkinson and his wife Karen, Gregory Tonkinson and his wife Jennifer; 13 great-grandchildren, Maxwell, Garrett, Jacob, Nathan, Emmilee, Aubree, Ryan, Megan, Caden, Bailey, Malia, Luke, and Zack; and several nieces and nephews. Dorothy was predeceased by her two brothers, Thomas H. Meyer and Henry G. Meyer.

From the Poughkeepsie Journal, November 11, 2014
Interment: Glen Spey Cemetery, Glen Spey, NY

CAROLE ANN WAGG
April 16, 1940 – March 22, 2015

Carole Ann Wagg, 74, of Ewing, NJ, passed away at home on Sunday, March 22, 2015, with her family by her side. Born in Trenton, Carole had lived in Mercerville and Cream Ridge before settling in Barnegat for many years. She retired to Ewing four years ago. A graduate of Hamilton High School West and Glassboro State College, Carole was employed as an elementary school teacher at Morgan Elementary School in Hamilton for several years, and then as a clerical aide in the Upper Freehold Regional School District.

In 1993, Carole graduated from the Princeton Theological Seminary with her Master of Divinity. During her years of ministry, she served as pastor of the Barnegat United Methodist Church, the Brookville United Methodist Church, and the West Creek United Methodist Church. Carole enjoyed gardening and antiquing, and cherished time with her family.

Predeceased by her parents, F. Arthur and Elva (Vaughn) Lucas, and her husband, Charles A. Wagg, Carole is survived by her daughters, Sharon Temmer and her husband, Richard, and Barbara Seidle and her husband, Jay; her son, Eric Wagg and his wife, Victoria; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; her sister, Peggy L. Lucas; her brothers, Paul A. and Earl R. Lucas, and several nieces and nephews.

From The Trenton Times, March 25, 2015

JANET WALZ
March 29, 1921 – January 11, 2015

Janet Sharp Walz died on Sunday, January 11, in Newton, NJ. She was 93 years old. Janet was born on March 29, 1921 in Nutley, NJ. She received a BA in 1943 from Wilson College in Chambersburg, PA and maintained a lifelong connection to her classmates and her alma mater. In 1945 she married the Rev. Norman Walz, also of Nutley. She was his helpmate as he served Methodist Churches in Union Village, Mendham, Park Ridge, Wharton, Summit (Oakes Memorial), Morristown and Vienna, NJ.

Being the wife of a minister afforded her countless opportunities to exercise her gifts and talents. Her joy, creativity, faith and social concern led her to teach Sunday School, script and stage plays, introduce young women to liturgical dance, sing in choirs, and work on behalf of social outreach through organizations such as the United Methodist Women.

Introduced to camping when her children were young, Janet became an avid hiker and camper. She and Norman particularly enjoyed long trips to New Hampshire's White Mountains, where they became members of the 4,000-Footer Club.

As her sons approached college age, Janet took a job working in the Northern New Jersey Conference Office of the church. While the work was clerical, she greatly enjoyed the relationships she established with colleagues and members of the conference. In later life, Janet and Norman spent many happy and active years in the Methodist Manor in Branchville and at Bristol Glen in Newton.

Janet was predeceased by her husband Norman and by her younger brother Richard Sharp of Woodbury, CT. She is survived by her brother Roylance Sharp of Punta Gorda, FL; sons Richard and his wife Sarah of Northampton, MA, William and his wife Viria of Ambler, PA, and John and his wife Kathleen of Mount Tabor, NJ; granddaughters Jennifer and Caroline; and great-granddaughter Chloe.

Submitted by: John S. Walz
Interment: Body donated to Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Anatomical Association

JUNE J. WATT
June 26, 1926 – April 6, 2015

June J. Watt, widow of Rev John D. Watt died on April 6, 2015. Rev. Watt served many churches in the Greater New Jersey Conference, including Vernon UMC, St John's UMC in Jersey City, Summit Ave UMC in Jersey City, Roseville UMC in Newark, Arcola UMC, Hasbrouck Heights UMC, and First UMC in Somerville.

WILLIAM M. YATES
February 22, 1932 – February 4, 2015

William (Bill) Yates was born to Nettie and William Clarence Yates in Jefferson County, Alabama on February 22, 1932. Bill served in the Navy on the USS Hornet during the Korean War. His mother told him she believed he would be a minister one day but Bill never believed her. Bill met Lois Huff, a friend of his sister Lila's. Lois's father, Alfred, called him "Rebel" because he was a southern boy and the Huff's were from New Jersey. In 1955 Bill and Lois married and moved to New Jersey. In 1966 Bill, just like his mother knew he would, heeded the call of the Lord and became a Minister in the United Methodist Church.

Bill served 4 churches in New Jersey during his 30 years in the ministry: Indian Mills UMC in Shamong, Trinity UMC in Roebling, Bethel UMC in Pennsauken, and Francis Childs UMC in Collingswood. He retired in 1996 and he and Lois moved to Montpelier, Virginia where some of their family lived. He continued to spread the gospel by helping out in any way he could as a retired pastor at Shiloh UMC in Montpelier and through the way he lived his life by God's teachings.

On February 4, 2015 Bill was once more called by the Lord, this time to come home to Him. Bill will always be remembered by his family and friends as a good friend, a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and as a man who loved his Lord.

Bill is survived by his wife, Lois H. Yates of Virginia; and sons, William M. Yates Jr. of Florida, Richard W. Yates of Virginia, and Thomas D. Yates of Colorado.

Submitted by: Lois Yates
Interment: Montpelier, VA