# SECTION VIII RECORD OF REMEMBRANCE

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# **Spouses**

Mildred Wilson Abram
Carol Elizabeth Jones Callahan
Dorothy Ruth Watkins Davidson
Inez Gambrell Evatt
Dolly Griffin Gilliam
Mildred Juanita Harrington Mack
Gary Clifton McCain
Leila Yarborough Attaway Riley Peurifoy
Rudolph Horace (R.H.) Smith
Belva Aleen Morse Williams

# **Surviving Spouses**

Margaret Derrick Bauknight
Mary Louise Hinson Bell
Hilda Collier Berry
Dorothy Rozier Coursey
Marshlea Cottingham Dawsey
Gene Juanita Daughtry Hamm
Mary Motte Anderson Herbert
Florence Elizabeth Newton Johnston
Annie "Blondell" Rumph McKay
Ruth "Dot" Moultrie Singleton Nelson
Almarie Stradford Richardson
Lucy Graves Shuler
Sara Long Lupo Smoak
Mary Sue Teal Stackhouse
Carolyn Smith Tyler

# Others

Alice Henderson Brazill Johnson James (Jim) William McAlister Sara King Fridy Murray Purser

## **RETIRED MINISTERS**

# TALMADGE DAVIS BELDING, JR. August 10, 1943 – June 9, 2008

The Rev. Tam Belding entered into the presence of his heavenly Father on June 9, 2008.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Carolyn Griggs Belding. He was the father of two children, a son, Samuel D. Belding and his wife, Carla; and a daughter, Susie B. Adcox and her husband, Chris. He is also survived by three grandsons, Davis Belding, Ben Belding, and Dallas Adcox. Other survivors include his mother, Bonnie Belding, a sister, Doris Ledbetter and a brother Dr. Robert Belding.

Rev. Belding entered the ministry in 2000 following retirement from Westinghouse Savannah River Site with 35 years service. He was a graduate of Wofford College and Erskine Theological Seminary. He served the Vaucluse-Pentecost Charge for 6 years before ill health forced his retirement. He was given the honor of being named Pastor Emeritus by both congregations.

Although he could not continue an active ministry, he continued to reach out to others through his faith, hope and courage until his death.

The service of Death and Resurrection was held at 10:30 AM, Thursday, June 12, 2008 at Grace United Methodist Church, North Augusta, South Carolina. Interment was in Pineview Memorial Gardens in North Augusta. The officiating ministers were, Dr. James C. Adams, Dr. John M. Newell, III and Reverend J. Wayne Smith, Jr.

#### WILLIAM REGINALD CLAYTOR, JR.

# February 12, 1916 - April 14, 2009



The Reverend William Reginald Claytor, Jr. passed from this life to life eternal on Tuesday, April 14, 2009. Born February 12, 1916, in Owensville, Maryland, he was the oldest son of William Reginald Claytor and Lydia Phibbons Claytor. He was an electrician by trade and served in the United States Army during World War 11(1942 - 1945) in Europe.

After his return to the States, he answered the call to ministry and relocated to South Carolina to further his education, earning an undergraduate degree in Bible History, his seminary degree in Religious Education, and completed continuing education in Pastoral Care. He served in the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church from 1951-1998. Bill's ministry was indeed a calling and during his 47 years in active parish ministry he no doubt touched countless lives in personal and meaningful ways during times of joy and times of sorrow. Friends and colleges described him using words such as a gentle spirit, endless compassion, great humility, tireless energy, total selflessness, a tender presence, genuine...a saint.

Churches he served include Ebenezer Methodist in Greenville, Poe Mill Methodist in Greenville, Slater Methodist, Enoree Methodist, Pelzer Methodist, Lynwood - Trinity United Methodist Churches in Lancaster, Rehoboth United Methodist Church in Columbia, Bethel United Methodist Church in Simpsonville, St. John - Laurens Road United Methodist Churches in Greenville, Zoar United Methodist Church in Greer, and Buncombe Street United Methodist Church in Greenville.

He married Virginia Piper on July 7, 1951. In addition to his loving wife, he is survived by his children, Barbara Masemore of Cape May, New Jersey, her husband Chip, and children Tami Carmichael, Kevin Carmichael, and Tanya Carmichael; Judith Claytor Snow of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, her husband Don, and children Christina Snow Smith and John Snow; Pamela Claytor Evans of Greenville, South Carolina, her husband Doug, and children Clay Evans and Jack Evans; and Stephen Reginald Claytor of Williamston, South Carolina, his wife Sandi, and children Alison Adams and Brantley Drake. He is also survived by one brother, Alexander R. Claytor of Annapolis, Maryland, and was preceded in death by his brother John P. Claytor and sister Lydia Claytor Jones.

The assurance of his deep faith was the source of tremendous comfort to Bill during the last years his life...he prayed without ceasing, quoted verses from hymns and scripture, reflected on the fundamental foundations of his faith, and often stated with great confidence..."I'm paid up, prayed up, and ready to go up." And so he was when he returned to his Lord and was welcomed as a "good and faithful servant".

# **DELOS DUANE CORDERMAN**

## September 5, 1936 - May 9, 2009

The Reverend Delos Duane Corderman, 72, of Lexington, South Carolina, died Saturday, May 9, 2009. The son of Robert L. Corderman and Esther Davis (Corderman) Pike was born and raised in Sac City, Iowa. He received a B.A. from Morningside College in 1958 and a M.Div from Duke University in 1961. Delos met his wife, Evelyn, while at Duke University and they were married in August 1961. He served appointments as pastor of the Cades Charge in Cades, South Carolina, the St. John - McBee Charge in Greenville, South Carolina, the Bethel - St John Charge, and the Lexington United Methodist Church. In 1976, he was appointed as the Administrator of the Office of Ministerial Affairs where he managed the pension fund, credit union, and health benefits program for the South Carolina United Methodist Conference until his retirement in 2007.

His service to the United Methodist Church included the South Carolina Board of Pensions, UMCare Task Force, Benefits 2000 Task Force; and as a General and Jurisdictional Conference delegate for 6 different terms. He was also the only retired minister elected to serve as a delegate to the United Methodist Jurisdictional Conference in 2008. He served as South Carolina

Annual Conference Secretary from 1984 until 2002. Delos also served on the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits and he received the Charles L. Calkins Award for Outstanding Leadership in Pensions and Benefits Administration given by the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits for the United Methodist Church in 2006.

Delos was an active member and past President of the Lexington Lions Club. He was a member of the Thomas Cooper Society and an enthusiastic member of the Palaver Club, a group whose members included doctors, professors and a retired university president who met for dinner and lively discussions on history, politics and much more. He also was a 26-year member of the Town of Lexington Board of Zoning Appeals. After his retirement, he became a volunteer for the Democratic Party. At Lexington United Methodist Church he was a member of the United Methodist Men and for the last 30 years taught the Aldersgate Sunday School Class, which has been renamed the Delos Corderman Sunday School Class in his memory.



Delos valued hard work, honesty, and integrity, but above all else he valued friends and family. He always remembered everyone's name and where they were from, how many children they had and all of the children's names and ages. Whenever he saw someone he knew, whether at work or just around town, he always asked with the greatest sincerity how their children were doing, how their parents were or how was school or the new job going. Delos was very humble but was always so proud of his daughters' accomplishments and his one-year-old grandson, whom he called "the Prince." Delos had a wonderful sense of humor and always appreciated a good joke or parody. He had a great love of history and loved to read, work in his yard tending his flowers and roses, and play cards and other games with his family. Delos will be remembered by his friends as a great friend and one of the finest, hardworking and honest Christians in the church.

A Service of Death and Resurrection was held Thursday, May 14, 2009, at the Lexington United Methodist Church in Lexington, South Carolina. Delos is survived by his wife of 48 years, Evelyn Gabbert Corderman, his daughter and son-in-law, Amy Corderman Purdy and Gregory Purdy, his daughter and son-in-law, Laura Corderman Harbison and William Harbison, grandson Nicholas Purdy, niece Julie Summers and nephew Kirby Summers. Delos was predeceased by his parents and his sister, Denise Corderman Summers. He was a loving husband and a wonderful father and a caring friend to all, who will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

With all of our love,

- Evelyn Corderman, Amy Purdy and Laura Harbison

# GEORGE WALTER COUCH, JR. November 28, 1926 – April 25, 2009

George Walter Couch, Jr., was born on November 28, 1926 in Easley, South Carolina. He was the son of George Walter and Eliza Sheriff Couch. Growing up on a dairy farm he loved telling stories about milking the cows and doing chores along with his dad. George loved going to church on Sundays with his mother, father and sister and from a small child always told everyone he wanted to be a preacher when he grew up. He was licensed to preach in 1945 when he was only nineteen years old.

George attended Wofford College for one year before enlisting into the army where he served his country for two years during World War II as a surgical technician. After returning from the army he enrolled in the University of South Carolina.

George always enjoyed working with young people. During his college years he often volunteered at Epworth Orphanage, now known as Epworth Children's Home. He worked as a life guard in the summers at the Methodist Youth Camp. One summer George was a member of a Methodist Youth Caravan Team. His team traveled to Mississippi where they worked with the youth in several different Methodist Churches there.



After receiving his BS degree in psychology from USC, George went to Duke University where he finished his conference course of studies. George was ordained deacon in 1957. In 1960 he was ordained elder and received into full connection. He served churches, spanning 41 years, from the foot hills to the seacoast and loved every church he served.

In 1959 he was assigned to my home church, the McClellanville Methodist Church. I was visiting one Sunday from Columbia College and that's when we met. One Year later on July 10, 1960, we were married. He always told me I was the love of his life and until he got sick, I don't think he ever missed a day telling me he loved me. We were blessed with four children: Ruby Elizabeth Couch Sarver, Geneva Susanne Couch Montgomery, George Walter Couch, III, and James McClellan Couch. He always enjoyed our family times together, cooking out and going camping in our little camper. We had fun just being together. When our boys were old enough George got them involved in scouting. He was an Eagle Scout and was so proud when both of our sons became Eagle Scouts also.

George was very compassionate about those who were sick or in need. He was always willing to help wherever he could, taking someone groceries or taking someone to the doctor. I remember one time one of our church members had surgery in a hospital many miles away. When she was discharged she was unable to sit up in a car for the long ride home. George fixed a bed in the back of our van and drove to the hospital and brought her home.

During his last four years in the ministry, while serving Beaumont/Whitney charge, George was also chaplain of Mary Black Hospital in Spartanburg where he was able to give comfort to so many people.

After he retired we moved back to McClellanville to be near my family. George enjoyed retirement but missed his church work. He would fill in for other ministers whenever he had a chance.

On April 25, 2009, George entered eternal rest with his heavenly father whom he served so well. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, two sons and three grandchildren. "Well done thy good and faithful servant...Enter into the joy of thy Lord."

- Wilhelmina McClellan Couch (His loving wife)

## JOHN WILLIS DAVENPORT

# June 9, 1927 - April 27, 2009

"Let my life's work speak for me."



Born in Greenville, South Carolina, John Davenport was the son of the late John Benson Davenport and Edna Crews Davenport.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Catherine Browning Davenport and brother, Charles Clifford Davenport of Lancaster, South Carolina.

Also surviving are daughters, Carole Davenport Forrester, Beth Davenport Merrifield, Pamela Davenport Merritt; sons, Roy "Tuffy" Davenport, Clemson "Butch" Davenport, Gregory B. Davenport; fourteen grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren.

He was a graduate of Spartanburg Methodist College, Wofford College and Duke and Emory Universities.

Reverend Davenport was a retired minister of the South Carolina Methodist Conference, serving in the following churches: Mountain View/Fews Chapel-Greenville, Clifton/Converse/Central-Spartanburg, O'Neal Street-Newberry, Brandon-Greenville, Main Street-Rock Hill, Lowell Street-Greenwood, Bethany-Charleston, St. John-Graniteville, Trenton-McKendree-Edgefield, Fort Lawn/El Bethel/Pleasant Grove-

Lancaster, Hopewell-Lancaster, Bethune/Sandy Grove-Hartsville and Gray Court/Trinity-Laurens.

He was instrumental in the foundation of St. John Methodist Church, Augusta Road, Greenville and Lee Road United Methodist Church, Taylors, South Carolina.

He was also a published poet and columnist. One of his poems is on display in the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Columbia Point, Boston, MA.

He served his country in the United States Army during World War II.

At the time of his death, he was a member of Salem United Methodist Church, Greenville, South Carolina.

### THOMAS FOSTER EVATT, JR.

## March 30, 1920 - February 15, 2009



Thomas Foster Evatt, Jr. was born in Anderson County, the son of Thomas Foster and Ruby Mays Evatt. On December 12, 1940, he was married to the one and only love of his life, Inez Gambrel! They were the parents of four children: Elaine (Mrs. Wade) Crow, Donna (Mrs. Henry) Price, Cynthia (Mrs. Charles) Goldman, and Thomas Mays (deceased). There are four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He graduated from Pendleton High School, Erskine College, and the Conference Course of Study, Emory University. He was Admitted on Trial in the South Carolina Annual Conference in 1952, and admitted as a Full Elder in 1954. He served on the Conference Boards of Missions and Evangelism and as Trustee of Epworth Children's Home. In 1956 Progressive Farmer named him Rural Minister of the year; and in 1988 he was the recipient of the Denman Evangelism Award. Appointments served were: Princeton, Williamston, Francis Asbury (Greenville), North Charleston, First (Bennettsville), St. Paul (Greenville), and Bethel (Chester).

Tom was a man who knew the meaning of the Apostle's words: "...Faith, hope, and love abide...the greatest of these is love." He loved his family, but he also loved his church family. He loved the people of

the congregations where he was appointed, and in turn they loved him. When they hurt, he cried with them, and when they were happy he rejoiced with them. There are those from each appointment who stayed in touch with him in appreciation of what he meant to them.

Tom was a good preacher in the pulpit – better than the average. After careful and deliberate study, he was always prepared, and he proclaimed the Good News of Jesus Christ most effectively.

Tom loved the United Methodist Church. He was loyal and faithful, promoting the programs and ministries of the Church – always working to bring the kingdom of God into a present reality wherever he was serving. He and his congregations brought about much good.

One thing he believed in was the World Service Fund of our church – the lifeblood of the church he called it. Tom read the "Statistical Tables of The Conference" each year. When he discovered a church had not paid this apportionment, he was greatly concerned. Why? Because this is the right thing to do, and because his first District Superintendent instilled in him the importance of this.

Tom enjoyed the fellowship he had with his fellow preachers. There was camaraderie as well as friendship. Annual Conference and District meetings were important – not so much for the business of the gathering as for the relationships with the other preachers. He and his peers could and did sing at the opening of Annual Conference: "And are we yet alive, and see each other's face? Glory and thanks to Jesus give for his almighty grace!"

After Tom and Inez came to live at The Oaks they quickly learned to love the people here, and in return they were loved equally. Tom found real ministry here as a resident. Frequently he was found leading devotions for one of the residential groups and singing in the choir. And numerous people have said to this writer how much he had meant to them — not only in their sorrows but also in their living and loving.

# "Servant of God, Well Done!"

Memorial services were held in the Stringer Chapel of The Oaks led by the Chaplain, Kermit Shrawder, and his friends, Ernest Heape and Boyd Chewning. His earthly remains were interred in the churchyard of the Pendleton Church, where Tom first learned to love God, and were led by the pastor, Ben Barnett, and Arthur Holt.

- J. Boyd Chewning

## **WESLEY DARLINGTON FARR**

## December 16, 1920 - January 26, 2009

The Reverend Dr. Wesley Darlington Farr, son of The Reverend John Foster Farr and Lillie Gault Farr, was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina, December 16, 1920. He died Monday, January 26, 2009, at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center with his wife and children around him.

Wesley married Cora Trent on July 27, 1940. She predeceased him in 2000. They had two daughters, Westa Angela, born December 10, 1942, and Selma Ann, born August 14, 1949. On August 22, 2000, he married Mildred Wilson Kinnett.

Wesley's life was one of service. He served his country as a gunnery instructor with the 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division during World War II from 13 June 1942 to 25 September 1945 when he was honorably discharged with the rank of SSgt. He was awarded the Expert Marksman in Pistol, Machine Gun, Mortar, and Bayonet. SSgt Farr's combat decorations included Combat Infantryman Badge, The Bronze Star, Army Good Conduct Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, European Campaign Medal with four Battle Stars (Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, Central Europe), WWII Victory Medal and Meritorious Unit Citation. Wesley continued his service with the South Carolina State Guard as a Chaplain with the rank of Captain.



He attended Spartanburg Methodist College, Limestone College, Emory University and Covington Theological Seminary in Chattanooga, TN, where he received his Doctor of Divinity degree.

Wesley answered the call to the ministry in 1951 and served the Lord in the South Carolina United Methodist Conference beginning his ministry at the Hickory Grove Charge, followed by Limestone Street (Gaffney), Lyman, Bethel (Union), Asbury (Charleston), Gramling, Belin (Murrells Inlet), St. Luke (Lancaster) Lebanon (Columbia), Cambridge (Ninety Six). As a retired supply he served Shady Grove Presbyterian (Clinton), Asbury and Mesopotamia (Gaffney) and Unity (Union). Wesley served the Lord with love and dedication and was loved and respected by all the congregations he served.

Other accomplishments and community involvement included Board of Evangelism, Board of Missions, Urban Work Committee, Preaching Missions to Natal, Brazil, and Seattle, Washington; Palmetto Council Protestant Relations, South Carolina Governor's Council on Alcoholism, Child Welfare Committee of the American Legion, Chairman of American Red Cross (Gaffney), Red Cross Service Award, Chairman of Boy Scouts (Gaffney), Silver Beaver Award, Arrowhead Award, Who's Who in the Methodist Church (1966), in 1947 he helped organize and was a Charter Member of Buffalo American Legion Post 87, and, after retiring, was Municipal Judge in the town of Whitmire.

A Service of Worship and Celebration of his Life was at Lyman United Methodist Church on January 29, 2009, led by the Reverend Dennis Lee and The Reverend Will Brown coordinated by the Reverend Jay Hatchell. Wesley is survived by his wife, two daughters and sons in law, five grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren all of whom will miss him lovingly and cherish the memories and legacy of strength and encouragement he leaves.

We rejoice in knowing he has been well received by his Heavenly Father for a life well lived for his Lord.

- Mildred Wilson Farr, wife

# JOHN LOUIS FOWKE

November 28, 1924 - September 11, 2008

The Reverend John Louis Fowke was born on November 28, 1924 in Augusta, Georgia, to Susan "Toula" Glover Fowke and Louis Linwood Fowke. He died peacefully at home with his family surrounding him on September 11, 2008.

Louis grew up in Grace Methodist Church in North Augusta, South Carolina. He graduated from North Augusta High School and attended Clemson College and Wofford College before serving in the Merchant Marines and the Navy during World War II. During his Navy years he conducted religious services for his fellow seamen aboard the USS Thomas Hyde. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1946 and married his high school sweetheart, Constance "Connie" Wilson, in August of that year. Louis graduated from Wofford College in 1948 and worked as a high school teacher and principal for two years.

After entering the ministry in 1950, Louis served the following churches: Warrenville UMC and Pentecost UMC (Warrenville), Lowell Street UMC (Greenwood), Mt. Hebron UMC (West Columbia), and St. Luke UMC (Walhalla). He was ordained deacon on October 23, 1954 and elder on August 17, 1957.



He completed the Conference Course of Study at Emory University. Louis was an entertaining and effective worship leader and preacher of the Word. In all of his pastorates, he devoted a great deal of his time to visitation and to helping to meet the needs of those in the community who called on him, whether church members or strangers. He had a special talent for preaching to children. His talents in photography, storytelling, printing, singing hymns with his strong voice, and doing magic tricks were all utilized in his church ministry. At two of his pastorates he led the planning and completion of new buildings - a new educational building at Warrenville UMC and a new sanctuary at Mt. Hebron UMC. At St. Luke UMC, Louis had the honor of being the minister to the Reverend Jake Walker who had taken Louis into the church as a child in North Augusta.

Louis' career took a different turn when he decided to follow a lifelong dream of working with children in need. He took a year off from the South Carolina Methodist Conference to serve as the Director of Student Affairs and Chaplain at Tamassee DAR School in Tamassee, South Carolina. He returned to Columbia to serve on the Conference Program Council the following year and was minister at Windsor UMC for a year after the sudden death of that church's minister. In 1970 he became Minister and Director of Child Care at Epworth Children's Home, where he had served as a trustee for a number of years. He lived on campus

and devoted long hours and great energy to the well being of the children and staff. He was both respected and well-loved by them. A very special relationship developed between Louis and Ken Nelson (now the Reverend Ken Nelson) who was then a child at Epworth.

Louis had a stroke following carotid artery surgery in 1987 when he was 62. The stroke left him with aphasia and necessitated his retirement from Epworth and the Conference. He lived his remaining years in North Augusta and in Columbia. His patience during his long years of disability was a continuing witness to his goodness and his faith in God. In his final years he attended Rehoboth UMC in Columbia where he was named Pastor Emeritus. He had previously been named Pastor Emeritus at Warrenville UMC. Although he was no longer able to participate in leading worship, he cherished these honors. His memorial service was conducted at Rehoboth UMC on September 14, 2008, by the Reverends Jim Davis, Ken Nelson, and Tom Williams. Graveside service followed in North Augusta on Monday, September 15, 2008.

Louis and Connie had been married 62 years at the time of his death. They have two daughters, Patricia Fowke Wood of Columbia and Susan Fowke Lemmon of Charlotte. Four grandchildren survive him including Andrea Wood Derrick and David Wood of Columbia, Scott Lemmon of Boston, and Nick Lemmon of Charlotte. Also surviving are 5 great-grandchildren.

Louis' family rejoices in his life and legacy.

- Connie Fowke, Pat Wood, Susan Lemmon

# BUSTER THORNWELL HUGGINS October 29, 1922 – June 18, 2008



Rev. Buster Thornwell Huggins died Wednesday, June 18, 2008, at his home. Rev. Huggins was born October 29, 1922, in Nichols, South Carolina. He was the son of the late George C. and Libby Dew Huggins. He was a graduate of Floyds High School and graduated from Spartanburg Junior College in 1950. He completed his studies at Emory University, Atlanta, GA.

He retired as a clerk from the Barnwell ASCS Office, a division of the USDA. He became a minister with the United Methodist Conference of South Carolina and served the Hendersonville, South Carolina, Williams, Andrews Chapel, Rowesville and Pleasant Hill charges. When he retired he returned to his home in Blackville.

Funeral services were held at Salem United Methodist Church with Rev. Herbert Thomas, Rev. Jack Poole and Rev. Edward Stiltz officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Masonic rites accorded.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 66 years, Elva Morris Huggins of Blackville; three daughters, Peggy (David) Gunnells of Blackville, Bonnie (O.W.) Whetstone of Norway, LaWanda (George Allen)

Delk of Denmark; two sisters, Rhucile Strickland and Joan (Carl) Elliott of Nichols; three brothers, Larry Huggins of Smyrna, Georgia, Stoney Huggins of Simpsonville, and J.E. (Carol) Huggins of Pensacola, Florida. He also leaves eleven grandchildren to cherish his memory.

# HENRY SAMUEL JOHNSON May 1, 1941 – April 6, 2009



Henry Samuel Johnson, affectionately known as "Sam" to many, was born in Charleston, South Carolina on May 1, 1941, and received his secondary education in the public schools of Charleston County. He graduated from Claflin College in 1965 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and earned a Masters of Divinity degree from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

Rev. Johnson's career spans forty years in the ministry as pastor of the Bethel-St. Andrews Charge (1969), Greer Circuit (1970), York-St. James Charge (1972), and Cumberland United Methodist Church (1984). He served as the Associate Director of the South Carolina Conference Council on Ministries (1977) and for eight years as the Superintendent of the Charleston District (1989). He was the first Superintendent in the South Carolina Conference to have his tenure extended. This was done because of the extensive work Rev. Johnson did to help rebuild areas in the lowcountry that were devastated by Hurricane Hugo.

Rev. Johnson led the congregation of Hibben UMC in the construction of a \$1.7 million Christian Life and Learning Center that was completed in September 2000. He pastored at Hibben UMC from 1997

until his retirement in 2007. Rev. Johnson served in numerous capacities while working for the conference. He was chairman of the Charleston District Committee of Ordained Ministry for several years, chairman of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration (2004-2008), a member of the Board of Directors at Epworth Children's Home, and the vice president of the Board of Visitors at Claflin University.

Upon retirement, Rev. Johnson maintained his commitment to proclaim the Good News and accepted the appointment as pastor of New Light UMC in Saint Stephen, South Carolina. He faithfully served this appointment until his death on April 6, 2009. Rev. Johnson was truly a gift to all who knew and loved him and was always a faithful witness for Jesus Christ. His favorite hymn was "My Hope is Built", and he truly lived as the song proclaims, "On Christ the Solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand. All other ground is sinking sand."

Rev. Johnson leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife of forty-one years and nine months, the former Josephine Williams of Camden; two daughters, Samara Yvette and Samone René; two sons, Willie Samuel and Patrick Samuel (Ayesha); three grandchildren, Jasmine Imam, Mekhi Jamar, and MaLia Janai; two brothers, Clyde Johnson (Vivian) of Summerville, South Carolina, and Rev. Charles L. Johnson (Deloris) of Greenville, South Carolina; one sister, Annabelle Brown of New York; five

sisters-in-law, Evelyn W. Gibson (George) of Camden, South Carolina; Loretta W. Drakeford (Joseph) of Camden, South Carolina; Connie D. Williams of Camden, South Carolina; Mary Johnson of Charleston, South Carolina; and Dr. Rowena Stewart-Johnson of Jacksonville, Florida; one godson, Anthony Brevard (Angelia), of Atlanta, Georgia, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends

#### MARK REAGAN LONG

## August 24, 1943 - March 4, 2009

The Reverend Mark Reagan Long was born on August 24, 1943, in Asheville, North Carolina, a son of Clyde Stevens Long and Estelle Kyle Long.

He attended Asheville City Schools. He was a graduate of Western Carolina University (1976) and Candler School of Theology (1982). He received the degree of Doctor of Ministry from Erskine Theological Seminary (1991).

In 1978, Mark married Margaret Griffin Tate of Travelers Rest, South Carolina. After marriage, he became not only a husband but also a parent to Eric and Shanie. Mark's family was always a source of great joy for him, especially grandchildren Joshua Tate, Justin and Morgan Vafiadis.

His appointments in the South Carolina Conference were: Mountain View, Aldersgate (Inman), Whitney-Saxon (Spartanburg), Pelzer, Lynwood (Lancaster), Buffalo, Latta - Mt. Andrew, Cornerstone-Epworth (Rock Hill) and St. Andrew (Easley).

During his almost 30 years of ministry, Mark served on district committees, was a leader in the early Conference drug education program "Born Free-Stay Free" and was a Mentor/Supervising Pastor. In the local communities in which he served he was active in various clubs and agencies such as The Human

Rights Committee (Union County), Rotary Club, and National Historic Society. He was a charter member of MADD (Lancaster County) and while serving in Latta, Mark enjoyed being a Docent at the county museums which suited his love of history.

Mark retired from active service on December 31, 2007, because of liver/kidney disease. In 2008, his name was placed on an organ transplant registry at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. Mark received his new liver on November 19, 2008 and his new kidney a few hours later. He survived the surgery but passed away on March 4, 2009. He is survived by a sister, brother, his mother, wife, two children, and three grandchildren.

All of his adult life Mark collected and read books on a wide range of topics. He just seemed to be on a quest for knowledge. Mark was a humble man with a wonderful smile and a gentle spirit. This seemed to help him wherever his charge took him. He was later known as a "peacemaker." Mark's favorite reply to anyone who asked a question that could be answered unequivocally was "Yes, indeed." He was sure of his calling to serve God and the Church. "Yes, indeed!"

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Matthew 5:9

- The Family

### **WILLIAM MONROE MAJOR**

## September 13, 1915 - August 25, 2008

The Reverend William Monroe Major, the son of the late Waymon Perry and Etta Fleming Major, was born in Piedmont, South Carolina, September 13, 1915. He went home to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on August 25, 2008, at the age of 92. William married Lula Mae Spearman on August 9, 1944. They had five children: Ruth Mason, Nancy Seals, Mary Lou Carroll, William Major and Lee Major, as well as six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The oldest of 11 children, William graduated from Piedmont High School in 1932, after which he received his undergraduate degree from Indiana Wesleyan University, served four years in the Army Air Force, and then received his M.Div. from Emory University in 1950. He was ordained in the United Methodist Church and, after ten years of serving as a local pastor, he continued as chaplain to the South Carolina. State Hospital, serving as Chief Chaplain at Crafts Farrow Hospital. William received his training for mental health work at South Carolina State Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina at Bellevue in New York City, and St. Elizabeth Hospital in Washington, DC.

Although he retired January 30, 1997 at the age of 82, William continued to minister to others.

Throughout his life he served on many boards and committees in the Midlands area of South Carolina, among them the Columbia Urban League, the South Carolina Mental Health Association, the Multiple Sclerosis Society Board, the South Carolina Social Welfare Forum, the Mid-Carolina Council on Alcoholism, the South Carolina Commission on Aging, the Friendship Center Board, the Alston-Wilkes Society and the Central Midlands Regional Planning Council on Aging. Chaplain Major was also instrumental in developing the Meals on Wheels and hospice programs in the Midlands area of South Carolina.

William's love for others knew no boundaries. While William's faith and leadership touched many lives, he believed that his greatest calling was to minister to the mentally ill. William believed that God wanted him to let the mentally ill know that they were loved. His family continues to honor him and to rejoice in his life and his legacy. William and Lou's faith and commitment to Christ and to each other lives on in the lives of their children and in the lives of everyone they touched in the ministry together.

- The Family of William M. Major

## THOMAS FRANCIS MATTHEWS

## January 31, 1933 - August 13, 2008



Rev. Thomas Francis Matthews of Manning, 75, husband of Annette McNeely Matthews, died August 13, 2008 at his home. A funeral was Friday, August 15 in St. Paul United Methodist Church in Coward conducted by the Rev. John Altman assisted by the Rev. Nick Lylery and DuValle Elliott. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

He was predeceased by siblings, Monetta Matthews, Owen Matthews, and Randolph J. Matthews, Ashton B. Matthews, Alda Matthews Coward, Cleola Matthews Moody, and his twin brother Theodore Kenneth Matthews.

Born January 31, 1933, Rev. Matthews was a son of the late Casper A. and Alice Cockfield Matthews. He was retired from the South Carolina United Methodist Church. He received his B.A. degree from Wofford College and his B.D. Degree from Emory University. He was a United Methodist active minister from 1960 to 1994. He served on the Conference Board of Evangelism and the conference committee on worship. He served churches in Spartanburg, Gravely Memorial, Liberty UMC, McCormick UMC, Hanahan, Wesley Memorial UMC in Columbia, St. George UMC, Trinity UMC in Charleston,

Francis Asbury UMC in Greenville, and Summerton UMC where he retired. He was a member of St. Paul UMC in Coward. He was a mason and a shriner of Hejaz temple.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years; a son, Thomas Francis Matthews, Jr. (Joy) of Manning; a daughter, Ruth Andrea Matthews Jersey (Scott) of Louisville, Georgia; a brother, William Gilbert Matthews (Jenny) of Florence; four grandchildren, Thomas Andrew Matthews, Rebecca Sue Schultz (Nathan) of Valdosta, Georgia;, Robert Craig Jersey and Cynthia Alison Jersey of Louisville, Georgia; two great grandchildren, Hunter Thomas Schultz and Tyler Alan Schultz; three nieces, Rosemary Moody of Columbia, Pam Matthews Campbell (Scottie) of Lake City and Susan Matthews Uquhart of Florence; six nephews, Randolph Jackson Matthews, Howard Moody, Steve Matthews, Michael Matthews, Gary and Ron Coward; and two sisters-in-law, Christine S. Matthews of Manning, and Foye R. Matthews of Florence.

# **ROBERT LEE MCCRAW**

## April 23, 1902 - January 8, 2009



The Reverend Robert Lee McCraw, 106, formerly of Drayton, died Thursday, January 8, 2009, at Magnolia Place. Born April 23, 1902, in Cherokee County, South Carolina, he was the son of the late Gabriel Benson McCraw and Arrie Bridges McCraw and the husband of the late Etta Sprouse McCraw.

He was a member of Drayton United Methodist Church until 1948 when at the age of 46 he began his career as a Methodist minister, first serving in St. Stephen, South Carolina at the Rehobeth and Santee Methodist Churches. He also served Unity United Methodist and Sardis United Methodist churches in Union for four years and Beaumont United Methodist Church in Spartanburg for four years. He then served at Andrew's Chapel and Woodford United Methodist Churches in Orangeburg for four years. His last charge was Cross Anchor, Yarborough Chapel and Trinity United Methodist Churches where he served for four years before making his decision to retire. He was a member of Skylyn United Methodist Church in Spartanburg where he served as Pastor Emeritus.

Survivors include three sons, Danny McCraw and his wife Todd, Ted McCraw and his wife Betty, all of Spartanburg, and Kenneth McCraw and his wife Minnie of Union; a granddaughter, Robin Smith of

Spartanburg; three grandsons, Rodney McCraw and Teddie McCraw, Jr., both of Spartanburg, and Robert Lee McCraw of Union; eight great-grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family and the oldest living male in the State of South Carolina.

He was a people person, having never met a stranger. He was humble and cheerful and loved by everyone. He especially loved his family and always enjoyed doing anything with his boys. He was dedicated to his calling and lived it everyday. He was greatly loved and will be missed by all.





Christopher Lee Poole, son of Arthur and Christa Bell Poole, was born October 21, 1940, in Aiken County. He was married 47 years to his high school sweetheart, Barbara J. Johnson. They had three children, Chris Jr., Lona and Chad as well as six granddaughters. Chad died at the young age of 18.

God called Chris to the ministry at 15. He was a country boy who preached often as a young man while he worked in a local grocery store and shirt factory. By the time he graduated from high school he had saved enough to begin his ministry education. He was a member of Clinton United Methodist Church of the Wagener Charge.

From an early age, Chris realized education was important, and he wanted to be fully prepared. Upon graduation from Spartanburg Methodist College, he was sent to his first student appointment, Folly Beach UMC, and served there while attending the College of Charleston for the next three years. He left with a college degree, a wife, and a baby boy and headed upstate to Marlboro Circuit to serve that charge as he began his Duke Divinity education. He also served at the Tatum-Hebron Charge.

Chris received his Masters of Divinity from Duke and was appointed to Lake View Charge for four years. Afterwards, he served the Norway Charge and later the Hickory Grove Charge. He then decided to become a licensed counselor and therapist and was proud to be a member of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. He continued his ministry at Mount Holly UMC in Rock Hill, and then went on to Trinity UMC in Bamberg. After 41 years of serving the church, he retired from Boone Hill UMC in Summerville.

After retiring, Chris moved to Edisto Beach and was called to serve as an interim at Pinopolis UMC. In his retirement, he also enjoyed hosting at the Coastal Sewee Retreat Center. Chris came full circle in life after a long battle with illness, and moved home to attend Wagener UMC.

Throughout his ministry, Chris volunteered at the South Carolina Methodist Camp every year and often took church members and families. It was his love for people, his earthliness, and caring compassion for others that made him memorable to his family, friends, and associates. He was a confidant and mentor, and his value for the simplicity of life made him accessible to all. He was unique in his perspective of ministry, and could offer guidance from the pulpit, the home, a restaurant, and even a boat.

He loved life, his family, and his Lord. His experiences yielded in him a great ability for story telling which he used to entertain, guide, and inspire.

He had a passion for the church and often said that it was the Methodist Church that saved him. We are reminded of his affinity for the church in his saying, "I'm Methodist. I'm Methodist to the bone. I'll stay Methodist until I'm dead, and if you're smart, you will too."

## **CLAYTON ZENO PRICE**

## May 10, 1923 - February 9, 2009

The Reverend Clayton Zeno Price, the son of the late Zeno A. and Gertrude B. Price, was born in Seven Springs, North Carolina, May 10, 1923. He died on Monday, February 9, 2009. His life spanned over eighty-five years with the last thirty-four years as a minister in both the North Carolina and the South Caroling Conference. Clayton married Angelia Powell on December 18, 1982. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Gorgi Anna Lipsey and husband David; a grandson, Jordan and several nieces and nephews.

In the North Carolina Conference, Clayton served from 1975 until 1981 serving the Bethel-Lebanon Charge in Columbus County and the Oleander Charge in Wilmington. During his years in South Carolina he served Boganville and in retirement served Cross Anchor, Fairmont, Asbury, Unity and Fingerville, all in the Spartanburg District.

Clayton was a World War II veteran having served in the United States Navy and Naval Reserve from 1941 though 1952. He was past president of the USS North Carolina Battleship Association and past chaplain of the American Legion Post 129, Jonesville.

During his years working for Christ, he touched the lives of those he came in contact with by his genuine love and his warm expression. His concern for people brightened their lives. Clayton was always there to bring a little sunshine and a sense of God's presence where needed. He always made a point to speak.

Clayton's favorite saying was "Don't tell me good-by. Say I'll see you later". We will see him later when we are embraced by God as he was at 5:45 a.m. on Monday, February 9, 2009.

"See You Later!"



# January 23, 1925 - October 23, 2008

"My command is this. Love each other as I have loved you. " John 15:12

Eben Taylor was a local pastor and social justice pioneer who followed in the footsteps of his father, Eben Taylor, Senior and two uncles, Raymond Taylor and George Taylor, all of whom served in the S.C. Conference of the Methodist Church.

Son of the late Eben and Elsie S. Taylor, Eben was born in McClellanville, S.C. on January 23, 1925. He graduated from Wofford College and Duke University Divinity School. He received honorary doctorates from Wofford College and Claflin College.

Eben served in the U.S. Army as an infantryman in Europe during World War II. Throughout his days, friends and family were used to Eben lending his "good ear" in conversations. Eben lost the hearing in his other ear during the war.

Eben was admitted to the S. C. Conference of the Methodist Church in 1953 and served congregations in Durham, N.C., North Charleston, Cayce, Columbia, Charleston Heights, Anderson, Greenville, Bennettsville, Laurens and Sandy Springs. He was elected to the General Conference of the Methodist and United Methodist Church five terms and the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference eight terms. He served two terms on the national General Commission on Religion and Race.



Eben was a founding member of the S.C. Therapeutic Society which later became the Alston Wilkes Society; member, Board of Trustees of Columbia College and Claflin College; co-founder, Crisis Ministries in Anderson; and supporter of many social justice organizations.

Eben was predeceased by his beloved wife of 56 years, Martha, and son, Eben Taylor, III. Surviving are children Mark Taylor (Suzanne) of Lexington, Charles Taylor (Florence) of Greenville and Stephen Taylor of Greenville. Also surviving are two sisters,

Mamie Clara Baker of Charlotte, N.C. and Ann Taylor of Charleston; four grandchildren, Sarah, Ben, Mallary, and Wesley; and fourteen nieces and nephews.

One of Eben's proudest moments was serving as a member of the Merger Committee that brought together the two S.C. conferences of the United Methodist Church in 1972. It has been written: "Genuinely prophetic in his pulpit ministry, Eben Taylor was among the first, most persistent and unyielding Methodist clergy in S. C. to summon the church to a spirit of reconciliation and racial inclusiveness." Eben took many tough stands, from supporting collective bargaining in the workplace to opposing the death penalty. Eben was eulogized as "the social conscience of South Carolina Methodism."

As impressive as his formal achievements may have been, Eben will be remembered mostly for acts that are not the stuff of public record, but rather for small, quiet acts of giving that knew no bounds (Eben was one of those people who, in the words of Southern theologian Will Campbell, "won't put anyone outside the fence"):

Driving across the state to hold hands with someone in the hospital for 15 minutes. Showing up at public protests to show support for beleagured activists. Hobbling around a retirement center on Christmas Eve sliding gold dollar coins under residents' doors with a walking cane. Standing with people who found themselves in serious trouble and utterly alone. Sending visitors home with even more gifts than they had brought to him. Always answering the phone. Mentoring countless women and men as they entered the ministry, including an immigrant seminarian who was to spend his life ministering to prisoners. Strengthening our spines and calling us to do things differently and better. Imploring us to do what he did with every fiber of his being: "Trust love! Trust love! Trust love! Trust love!"

- Mark, Charles, and Stephen Taylor

# JOSEPH ELMO TYSINGER, SR. January 30, 1928 – July 20, 2008



Reverend Joseph Elmo Tysinger, Sr. was born in Charlotte, NC on January 30, 1928. He was the adopted son of Howard and Wilma Tysinger.

Joe grew up on a farm and lived in a one-room house with his parents. Seven years later his brother, Jack, was born. Joe would often share interesting stories about that time in his life. Once, when he was riding on a wagon attached to a mule, the mule fell in the creek, and Joe had to hold the mule's head out of the water until help arrived. Another time, Joe wanted to quickly complete his task of planting seeds, so he dropped all of the seeds into one hole. Everything was fine until the seeds sprouted, and Joe's "secret" was revealed!

When Joe was 17 he married Mary Ellen Neal of Rock Hill, South Carolina. They had three sons: Joe, Jr. also a Methodist minister, Terry, an original member of The Sweet Spirit Quartet, and their youngest son, Roger. Joe, Jr., later died in an automobile accident. Joe, Jr.'s family live in the Anderson area, Terry and his family reside in the Greenville area, and Roger and his family live in the Columbia area. Joe often quipped that he left a son in each town where he served.

Joe served in the U.S. Army during World War II. After he returned home, he worked in a cotton mill and later for the Celanese Corporation near Fort Mill, South Carolina.

At age 27, Joe was called into the ministry and was given an appointment at Zoar UMC in Charlotte, NC. In 1956, Joe served three churches in the Summerville, South Carolina area: Knightsville, Boone Hill, and Stallsville. During this time Joe was continuing his education and graduated from Columbia College when he was 40 years old. Other United Methodist churches in South Carolina that Rev. Tysinger served during his 50+ years of ministry included Brandon in Greenville, Grace and Patterson Chapel in Woodruff, Stevenson Memorial in Taylors, Lebanon and McLeod in Eastover, St. James in Spartanburg, Rehoboth in Columbia, Pisgah in Columbia, and Pendleton in Pendleton. Under the leadership of Rev. Tysinger, four of the churches built new sanctuaries, two churches built new parsonages, one church became "station", and all of the churches experienced increased membership growth. After officially retiring in 1994, Rev. Tysinger continued serving as pastor for McKissick UMC in Easley and Good Samaritan in Lake Wylie.

Joe's beloved wife, Mary Ellen, passed away unexpectedly in the fall of 1994. Mary Ellen had been his life partner for 49 years. Together, Joe and Mary Ellen worked with Sunday School, youth groups, Bible Studies and senior citizens. They often visited church members together. Joe always said he would not have been so successful had it not been for Mary Ellen's support. In 1995, Joe married Betty McQuay, who remained by his side and supported him in many ways during the remainder of his ministry. Rev. Tysinger passed away July 20, 2008 in Pineville, North Carolina.

Rev. Tysinger served God through the United Methodist Church and always expressed his appreciation of the churches he served and the opportunity he was given to serve. He especially enjoyed playing golf and going to Conference every year. Rev. Tysinger was a great motivator of people and would work just as hard on projects as he asked others to do. At the time of his death he was serving as Associate Pastor and Pastor Emeritus at St. John's UMC in Fort Mill, South Carolina.

# **BILLY JULIAN WEISNER, SR.**

## November 12, 1940 - December 30, 2008

The Reverend Billy Julian Weisner, Sr., son of the late Jesse Harold and Adice Smith Weisner was born in Piedmont, South Carolina, November 12, 1940. He died peacefully in his home at 201 Patrick Ave., Easley, South Carolina, on December 30, 2008, with his wife and children at his bedside. Julian married Martha Ann Coker on September 1, 1962. They have two sons: Billy Julian, Jr. (Jody), who was born September 8, 1965, and lives in Greenville with his son, Vincent Alexander; and Ashley Coker, who was born December 13, 1972, and lives with his wife Angela Taylor and their children, Trevor Nicholas, Lucas Taylor (Luke), and Lily Leanna in Easley.

Julian was preceded in death by brothers James Curtis, Francis Hoyt, Harold Ray, and a sister, Mary Ann Weisner. He is survived by brothers Charles Jerry and Douglas Rhett, and sisters Margaret Weisner Ellison, and Judy Weisner McAbee.

He was a retired United Methodist Minister, serving for more than 30 years throughout South Carolina and North Carolina (during his seminary studies). He was a 1968 graduate of Duke University with a Masters in Divinity. He began his ministry at the age of 18.

During his ministry, Julian served the following churches: Oak Hill-Pisgah (Pelzer), Bailey Memorial (Clinton), Tabernacle (Townsville, NC), Hillsborough (Hillsborough, NC), Bennettsville Circuit (McColl), Great Falls Charge (Great Falls), Saluda Circuit (Saluda), Chesnee Charge (Chesnee), Drayton (Spartanburg), Porter's Chapel - Mt. Bethel (Pickens), South Conway Charge (Conway), Tabernacle-Bethel (Lancaster), Christ (Greenville), Bethel-Arrington (Greenville). In the early 1980's, he worked as a Counselor with Pickens County Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse.

In January of 1985, at the age of only 44, he suffered a severe stroke that almost took his life. Although his doctors told him he would never work again, he worked diligently at his rehabilitation with

the belief that his gifts and passion for serving others would still be of value to the church. It took seven years, but by 1992, he received an assignment at Christ UMC in Greenville. He continued preaching until 1998, when he retired from his final appointments at Bethel UMC and Arrington UMC.

The last ten years of Julian's life were spent living in Easley, South Carolina with his wife Martha Ann. He was a loving grandfather and an avid antique collector. He lived a beautiful life and served God faithfully. Julian's own words summarize his Christian journey. "The Biblical philosophy is that life is not measured in the length of days. Some people live "longer" in 30 years than others do in 60. You might say their days cover more ground ... that their reach is greater ... that they have a larger capacity for life. At any rate, they put more into it and get more out of it." "...I am like the Psalmist. I don't know much about the future, but there is one thing I do know and I'm sure about it: GOD IS FOR ME. HE IS FOR YOU. HE IS ON OUR SIDE."

# **SPOUSES**

# MILDRED WILSON ABRAM January 19, 1946 – June 1, 2008

Mrs. Mildred Wilson Abram departed this life, June 1, 2008 at her church home in Allendale, South Carolina. She was a darling wife, loving mother and devoted friend. She was one of thirteen children of the late Colonel and Addie Moses Wilson in The Pee Dee County of Marion.

Mrs. Abram, a Registered Cosmetologist and owner-operator of Abbie's Full-Service Salon, received her training from beauty academies in Pleasantville and Atlantic Cities, New Jersey. She attended The Johnakin High School in Marion and served as Homecoming Queen.

She transferred from The AME Church after marriage and her return from New Jersey and has served faithfully in The United Methodist Church and Local Church. In the St. Phillips UMC, she has served in the following roles: Certified Lay Speaker, Chairperson of Nurture, PPRC, Choir, Lay Leader, UMW, a founding member of the noon-day prayer group, Church School teacher, and VBS Instructor, while supporting her husband as well. She was an active member of The Annual Conference Minister's Spouses, serving as Annual Retreat co-chair on one occasion. She has served as Associate Matron for The Eastern Star and as co-sponsor/hostess for The Africa University Black-Tie fundraiser.

She is sadly missed by her husband of forty-four years, The Rev. Joseph Abram, Jr., three sons; Joseph III, Milton Keith and Michael Dwayne and one daughter; Millicia Jo Abram-Bethea, ten grands, five sisters, one brother, several nieces, nephews and a host of sorrowing friends (including a special roommate, Mrs. Donna Hemingway.)

Rest now "My Sweet", your warfare is over, the victory is won, we'll join you there when our days are complete.

- Rev. Joseph Abram, Jr.

## **CAROL ELIZABETH JONES CALLAHAN**

December 23, 1939 - July 31, 2008

To all that knew her, she was a pillar of strength and endurance. Through everything God brought her way, she was known for her graciousness and kindness. Her willingness to strive in the face of adversity and never give up has been a testament to many who knew her. She was born in Charleston, South Carolina on December 23, 1939 and passed away on July 31, 2008 in Clinton South Carolina. Carol graduated North Charleston High School (1957), spent two years at Winthrop, graduated from St. Francis Xavier Hospital School of Nursing (Charleston, SC) in 1965, then spent three years at Medical University of South Carolina Hospital, one of them as Assistant Head Nurse in ophthalmology and otorhinolaryngology. Rev. John Callahan met Carol there and married her on July 20, 1968. Carol worked at several hospitals over the years before taking a disability retirement in 1981 due to multiple sclerosis. When Carol was 9 years old she underwent surgery at Shiners' Hospital in 1948 (hip rotation) that was only the second such procedure in the US, by Dr. Warren White, brother of President Eisenhower's heart specialist Dr Paul Dudley White. She also served as president of the Florence District Ministers' Wives. Survived by husband John, daughter Paula Callahan O'Neal, son-in-law Timothy O'Neal, and grandsons Mason O'Neal and Preston O'Neal, she was a truly exceptional human being and will be missed greatly by all who knew and loved her.

- Paula O'Neal

#### DOROTHY RUTH WATKINS DAVIDSON

## December 24, 1932 - November 17, 2008



Ruth was born December 24, 1932 in Lee County, South Carolina to Eddie Lee and Moise Pate Watkins. She died November 17, 2008 after a brief illness.

Ruth met Eddie Davidson in 1950 when he was serving his first charge in Bethune. They were married in February, 1953 and served their churches and communities together for nearly 56 years. Ruth was a dedicated minister's wife. Her empathy and compassion matched that of her husband, and together the "team" of Ed and Ruth Davidson brought solace to many in their communities during times of difficulty and sorrow. As a sister-in-law once said, she was born to be a minister's wife. Her homemade rolls, chocolate pies, and chicken casseroles as well as beautiful flower arrangements made with the flowers from her oft-tended flower beds were shared freely with those who were ill, grieving or going through some other difficult time. A member in one church said, "It's worth it to get sick to get Ruth's yeast rolls!"

Ruth was a proud and devoted mother to Ed Jr., Tom, Susan, and Marie. She expected much of her children, but she gave so much more to them. She dedicated her life to them and her husband. She was

"Granny" to Ellen, Neil, Thomas, Summer, Laney, Ruthie, Maggie, and her granddogs "Little One," and "Dixie." She reveled in being a grandmother. She assisted in the raising of Ellen, and was just a phone call away to baby-sit if Neil, Thomas or Summer got sick.

Ruth was a gracious and kind lady with a listening ear, warm smile, and gentle touch. Her quiet reassurance provided hope even when circumstances seemed hopeless, and though she was "the minister's wife" she herself ministered to many in the congregations they served. Ruth also had a wonderful sense of humor, often with a dry delivery that would have an entire room laughing out loud as she shared lively and humorous stories of her life as a minister's wife and mother of "the preacher's kids," or just sharing her view on things that were currently happening in daily life. Even though she is not with us anymore, there are times when we can still hear comments she would make at something we are viewing or experiencing, and we smile and are grateful for the many blessings we shared with her.

- Her Family

# INEZ GAMBRELL EVATT April 9, 1921 – August 20, 2008

Inez Gambrell Evatt, daughter of James Edward and Bettie Outz Gambrell, was born April 9, 1921, in Anderson County, South Carolina. She was a graduate of Pendleton High School and married the love of her life, Thomas F. Evatt, on December 12, 1940. They were the parents of four children: Mrs. Wade R. Crow (Elaine E.) of Bennettsville, Mrs. Henry Price (Donna E.) of Clemson, Mrs. Charles Goldman (Cynthia E.) of Columbia, and Thomas Mays Evatt, deceased; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

When "T.F.", as Inez called her husband, was called into the ministry in the early fifties, she supported him fully and became the ideal preacher's wife. Their appointments were in Princeton, Williamston, Greenville, North Charleston, Bennettsville and Chester. Her homes, always beautifully kept, were open to everyone – family, friends, and especially to church members. She was a great cook and loved sharing her special dishes.

With T.F., Inez provided a nurturing Christian home for her children, encouraging them and admonishing them to "do the right thing". She was very proud of her grandchildren and great grandchildren, encouraging them just as she had her children.

The Evatts moved to The Methodist Oaks in the mid-nineties. She loved life there and made wonderful friends. After her death on August 20, 2008, a dear friend wrote of her "deep faith, her ability to cope when bad things happen to good people, and her will to do things right." She was a devout Christian, and a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, who is remembered with love and affection.

# **DOLLY MAGDALENE GRIFFIN GILLIAM**

# April 6, 1927 - October 17, 2008



Dolly Magdalene Griffin Gilliam, 81 of 387 Barkley Street, Elloree, South Carolina passed with angels at her side on October 17, 2008. She was a loving and devoted wife to her husband: Rev. Thomas C. Gilliam who survives her.

Funeral services were held at Jerusalem United Methodist Church where she was a member. The service was conducted by Rev. Terry Fleming and Rev. Ron Pettit.

She was a devoted servant unto the Lord. She would often go out of her way to reach those who were in need. She had a lovely singing voice and enjoyed singing traditional hymns. She loved religious symbols and collected many beautiful angels that she displayed throughout her cherished home.

Dolly's dedication to her family was a great focus in her life. She took much joy in raising her three daughters with much love and care: Cassandra Jenkins, Debra Tarver and Darlene Heaton. She was a "lady" in every sense of the word. She will be truly missed.

#### MILDRED JUANITA HARRINGTON MACK

January 6, 1931 - March 30, 2009

Mrs. Mildred Juanita Harrington Mack, the daughter of the late Howard E. and Hattie Cole Harrington, transitioned on Monday, March 30, 2009. She was a devoted servant of God and supported the ministries and missions of the United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Mildred, as she was affectionately called, was born in Chesterfield County and later moved to Charleston, South Carolina where she completed her elementary and high school education. Matriculating at Claflin University, she graduated *Magma Cum Laude* with a B.S. Degree in Biology and General Science. She furthered her studies by earning a Masters Degree in Biology from Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia. These accomplishments enabled her to become an educator thus inspiring young men and women to reach for their goals.

Mrs. Mack was a faithful member of New Light United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society and the Beta Kappa Chi Honor Society; the Daughters of Isis; the National Teachers Association; the South Carolina Education Association; and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

She was married to the Reverend James Mack. They have one daughter, Muriel Jaye (Sinclair)

Hudson; five grandchildren: James (Ebony) Hudson, Carlton Hudson, Tiffany Cummings, Audrey (Brian) Greer, and Ray Hudson; one great grandson, Emanuel Hudson; two great granddaughters, Axielle and Raven Cummings. Left also to cherish her memories are: one sister, Gertrude Harrington of Atlanta, Georgia; two brothers-in-law, Oscar C. (Essie) Mack of Orangeburg, South Carolina and Jasper Jewell of Atlanta, Georgia; one sister-in-law, Catherine Adams of Orangeburg, South Carolina; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.



#### **GARY CLIFTON MCCAIN**

## October 27, 1937 - December 6, 2008

Gary McCain, aka, "Poppy," spouse of Rev. Patricia (Pat) McCain, was born in Charlotte, N.C. He was the son of the late Clifton Steele McCain and Doris Rogers McCain. He had one sister, Phyllis McCain Carter of Durham N.C. Pat and Gary were married 48 years and have two daughters, Joy M. Cleary and Cynthia M. Hamrick and a son, Curtis Clifton McCain who preceded Gary in death in 1999. There are six grandchildren, Brandon Hamrick, Adam Hamrick, Chase Hamrick, Ella Cleary and twins, Evan and Reeve Cleary.

Gary was an Eagle Scout and had been in the Coast Guard Reserve. He served as a Scout Master for 20 years and was an avid "Rock Hound." He loved exploring the woods, finding waterfalls and just enjoying nature. He panned for gold in the creeks, even in the coldest weather. He was a lapidarist and cut many gem stones for his family and friends. His final days were spent in his log home in the woods – his dream home. He retired from CEM in Stallings where he helped redesign and rebuild microwave ovens that were used to test fats and water content in foods.

When Pat entered the ministry, Gary was always there to be supportive and attentive at every service, no matter how many times she preached – at one time, at three churches. The people loved his quiet and unassuming nature and he acquired many friends. His friends at his home church, Pleasant Hill UMC (Ft. Mill) remember his strong faith and were impressed and delighted at his interpretation of scripture. Gary will be missed, but never forgotten.

In the words of his daughter, "He was the kindest most welcoming of people. He always made the simplest of things seem special....He was so patient with us. I am going to miss him so much especially his weekly Sunday night calls to check on us all and remind us how much he loved us. His descriptions of Heaven were magnificent so I am comforted knowing he is there."



March 31, 1922 - April 24, 2009

Leila Yarborough Attaway Riley Peurifoy, 87, wife of Rev. Harvey Peurifoy, passed away Friday, April 24, 2009. Born in Saluda, South Carolina, she was a daughter of the late Capers and Mattie McCarty Yarborough. She was a graduate of Saluda High School. She was the owner and operator of Miss Leila's Kiddie Korner in Greenwood, and she was a member of Matthews United Methodist Church.

Leila was born into a large, loving family of thirteen brothers and sisters. Her love of family continued to grow as she married and had two daughters of her own. Always known for her beautiful smile, fun personality, and infectious laugh, Leila created a life centered on her love of God, family and friends. She knew how to make everyone in her life feel special. She loved her family unconditionally, and she set the highest example of love, devotion, generosity and respect.

Leila is now in a better place without suffering. She lived a beautiful life on Earth, and her beauty must radiate even more in Heaven. She is loved dearly, and she will be sorely missed. Leila is survived in addition to her husband by two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth (Pat) Manley of Greenwood and Mrs. Tim (Libby) Russell of Spartanburg; three stepsons; five grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; three great-great

grandchildren; twelve step-grandchildren; and six step great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two husbands, Austin Attaway after 53 years of marriage and second to the late John Riley, and a grandson Trevor Manley.



- Leah Manley Blanton, loving granddaughter

"She was our queen. She taught all of us how to love and have fun."

- Rev. Harvey Peurifoy

# RUDOLPH HORACE (R.H.) SMITH May 7, 1915 – November 19, 2008

Rudolph Horace (R.H.) Smith was born in Pond Branch, South Carolina, the eighth of ten children of Jobe and Maggie Smith. He was raised on a farm, and took over the farming when his father died when R.H. was 15. In his early twenties, R.H. went into the lumber business and became the successful founder and owner of R.H. Smith Lumber Company in West Columbia. Through his business success and generosity, he was able to give much to the church and the community, and helped educate many young people.

Over his 93 years, R.H. was active at Pond Branch UMC, Brookland UMC and Washington Street UMC. In the 1950's and 60's, he traveled to Korea five times with the famous evangelist Harry Denman, giving money to churches, to Ewha University, and even building a church in Korea. Probably his greatest accomplishment, however, was that he and his former wife, Mrs. Lora Nell Smith, adopted two Korean orphans and raised them as their own. Their daughters, Annette Smith and Ruth Smith now live in Columbia and Lexington, respectively. He had one beloved granddaughter, Lora Smith, now 15.

R.H. served on the Board of Trustees of Columbia College and of the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School. West Columbia's R.H. Smith Library was named for him. He loved Lake Junaluska and owned homes there, giving one of his homes to the Assembly.

In 1982, he married The Reverend Toni White, and they had a loving marriage for 26 years. They were active at Washington Street UMC, and he supported her in her various ministry positions. R.H. was the consummate United Methodist layman, serving in many leadership positions at various levels of the church, and giving generously of time, talent, gifts and service.

- Toni White

# **BELVA ALEEN MORSE WILLIAMS**

September 17, 1929 - March 1, 2009



Belva Morse Williams was 79, when she died Sunday, March 1, 2009, in her home in Columbia, South Carolina. Born September 17, 1929, in Jacksonville, Florida, she moved to Winston Salem, NC and completed the eleven grades to graduate Reynolds High School. In 1946, she started Queens College where she was a member of the synchronized swim team (she supported her college career by working as a Red Cross Water Safety Instructor), the Quill staff, Alpha Kappa Gamma, the International Relations Club, the TCA Cabinet, the Student Legislature, the May Court, and Who's Who among students. She graduated with a BA in Bible and later earned a Masters degree in secondary English from what is now called Charleston Southern.

Her four children remember her as a High School guidance counselor and English teacher; but her first job was teaching Bible and residing as a house mother in the Westminster School in Atlanta, Georgia. While there, one Halloween, she opened her mail to find an engagement ring - no words - from a Davidson graduate who was in Korea, serving as a chaplain in the US Army. Red never asked, "Will you marry me?" He says, "We met on a blind date in college, dated, and separated for a while; but, we

always knew we were meant to be together." They married January 22, 1954, and moved to Georgetown, to begin a journey that led them on to Sumter, Mauldin, Summerville, Charleston, Spartanburg, and Irmo/Columbia.

Belva was the daughter of Georgia Bowden who worked as a bookkeeper for Talheimer's Department Store in Winston Salem, NC, and Richard F.B. Morse who was a traffic agent for the Burlington East Coast Railroad System. She is predeceased by her brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Irene Morse.

She is survived by her husband Rev. Clarence D. (Red) Williams of Irmo, her son Danny Williams of Columbia, her three daughters and their spouses: Sherry and Hal Fair of Wagener; Dawn and Wesley Gilliland of Waco, Texas; and Wendi and Tim Mundy of Tampa, Florida, She has seven grandchildren; Rainey (Brandon) Chadwell; Banks (Mardi) Fair, Joseph Gilliland, Adam Gilliland, Ashley Mundy, Sloan Mundy and David Mundy. And, she has nieces and nephews from coast to coast.

Belva loved her college, her mountain home at Lake Junaluska, NC, her cat named Trouble, her family and friends, the Lord, the book of *Mark*, and outings with her Birthday Bunch. She was a member of Union UMC where she faithfully served as a Sunday school teacher, *a Disciple* Bible Study teacher/instructor, and a Stephen Ministry leader. She was a member of the Aline Leitner Fellowship Sunday School Class and the Lillie Bouknight Davis Circle. She also has the honor of being the first recipient of Union's Edna Skipper Award.

Belva was a loving wife, devoted mother and grandmother, and master teacher who gave graciously, played hard, and entertained with finesse.

Well done, Pretty Lady. We Love You!

- Sherry Fair, daughter

#### **SURVIVING SPOUSES**

## MARGARET ELLEN DERRICK BAUKNIGHT

July 13, 1914 - March 11, 2009

Margaret Bauknight was born in Richland County, a daughter of the late Page and Katie Derrick. She was one of fourteen children, of which ten survive her.

She grew up as a member of Shady Grove Methodist church. She graduated from Chapin High school and also from Lander College in 1936.

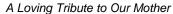
On June 26, 1937, she and Rev. H. Felder Bauknight were united in marriage in Shady Grove Church. From this union they had four sons, Felder Jr., now deceased, John, Dow, and David and six daughters, Willodene, Lenora, Marian, Arlene, Susannah and Naomi. She was blessed with twenty-two grandchildren, twenty-six great grandchildren and one great-great grandson at the time of her death. John and David are both United Methodist Ministers in the South Carolina Conference at this time.

She was a faithful wife and true servant of God, a loving mother and always had time for each of her children and their interests.

After the retirement of Rev. Bauknight, they returned to Shady Grove United Methodist Church where he passed away in 1984 and was buried there.

She remained very active in the Generations Senior group and the United Methodist Women. She was instrumental in the groundwork, building, and financing of the Family Life Center at Shady Grove and in 1990 on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, the building was dedicated and named in her honor as the Margaret D. Bauknight Family Life Center.

As she grew older she enjoyed quilting, gardening, flowers, and spending time with her family.



What is a virtuous woman? Her price is above rubies. Strength and honor are her clothing. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; her tongue is the law of kindness. Let her works praise her at the gates. Her children rise up and call her blessed. (taken from Proverbs 31)

- dedicated to Mother by her loving children

# MARY LOUISE HINSON BELL April 30, 1911 – February 16, 2009

Born Mary Louise Hinson on April 30, 1911, in Lancaster, South Carolina, Mrs. Bell graduated from Winthrop College. Louise married the Reverend Curtis O'Dell Bell in Lancaster on June 4, 1932, and they started their married life at Duke University Seminary. Louise and Curtis were married for 62 years. She was the mother of twin boys, Curtis and Cobb, the grandmother of five and the great grandmother of eleven.

Louise was a dedicated helpmate who assisted and supported Curtis in all of his pastoral assignments. She was, at various times, a Sunday school teacher, choir member, and circle leader. She was always active in the United Methodist Women. Both Louise and Reverend Bell were honored by churches he served and/or helped organize with classes and circles named for them.

Louise was a gifted educator and taught in many schools "from the mountains to the sea." She had high expectations of all of her students finding promise in each of them. She often commented that she would "do it all again and not change a thing." Louise earned a master's from Furman University in 1969. She was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa honorary teachers' sorority. Prior to her retirement she served as a reading supervisor for some of the Greenville County schools. "Teach me, my God and King, in all things Thee to see, and what I do in any thing to do it as for Thee."



- Ruth Bell and Linda Mathis

# HILDA COLLIER BERRY August 29, 1910 – February 12, 2009

Mrs. Hilda Collier Berry, widow of Rev. Roy Alton Berry, died Thursday, February 12, 2009 at The Oaks in Orangeburg, South Carolina. Funeral services were held at Providence United Methodist Church with Rev. Karen E. Starr officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Mrs. Berry was born in the Vance Township on August 29, 1910.

She grew up in the Providence Community of Orangeburg County. Mrs. Berry was the only daughter of Olin S. Collier, Sr. and Simmie Whetsell Collier. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three brothers and sisters-in-law; Dennis O. Collier (Kathleen E.), Herbert W. Collier (Elizabeth R.) and Olin S. Collier, Jr. (Margaret J.); and a grandson, Paul R. Weathers.

She was graduated from Providence High School in 1927 and from Lander College in 1931. She taught school for 20 years in various public schools in South Carolina, retiring from VonKolnitz Middle School in Charleston District in 1974. After her husband's retirement from the ministry of the United Methodist Church, they made their home in the Providence community. She lived there until she moved to Goose Creek in 2004.

She was a member of Providence United Methodist Church, the Faithful Workers Sunday School class, which she taught for a number of years, the United Methodist Women, and the Senior Citizens of Providence.

She is survived by two children: Ms. Virginia B. Dangerfield of Goose Creek, and Dr. Roy H. Berry and his wife Mary of Spartanburg; three grandchildren, Mrs. Virginia W. Harden (H.C., III) of Canton, Georgia, Dr. Jeff M. Berry of Dallas, Texas, and Miss Lindy S. Berry of Charleston; two great-grandchildren, Miss Cheney Harden and Mr. Wayne Weathers; and a number of nieces and nephews.

## **DOROTHY ROZIER COURSEY**

## June 27, 1929 - January 20, 2009



It's always hard to describe someone who played such an intricate part in your life. It's even harder to sum up so many years and fully grasp a person's life in such a limited space. Yet, there always seems to be a word or phrase that makes you pause and reflect what that life meant to you.

If there was a phrase to describe Dorothy Coursey, it would have to be "Don't ever forget to love." Spoken to me the day after my wedding, I remember her telling me softly that love was the most important thing of all, and if there ever came a difficult time in my marriage, to remember that love was what brought us together and love was what would keep us together. Like her love for my grandpa. Like her love for her children. Like her love for us grandchildren. But most importantly, her love for God.

Dorothy Rozier Coursey was born June 27, 1929, the youngest daughter to Albert and Ruth Rozier. In 1949, she married Edward Coursey, becoming a wife and soon after, a mother. From the start of their marriage, God was first. She had three children and taught them all the importance of God and the importance of love. She was a homemaker until her youngest child finished school, known lovingly among her children's friends as a "second mother".

She was active in her church, teaching the children's Sunday School class every week, helping with VBS each summer, and leading the children's choir at Christmas. It was "Ms. Dot" that taught children to be "fishers of men" and let them "fly" around the classroom - using their arms as butterfly wings of course. It was Ms. Dot the children flocked to every week, knowing that somewhere in that huge purse there would be a bag of goldfish for each. And it was Ms. Dot smiling under those big, colorful hats each Sunday at every child and adult that passed by.

In 2002, when her husband became sick, she was what she had always been - the wife that held his hand, slept by his bedside, and prayed with him daily. She was a true Southern lady; full of charm, full of grace, who loved completely and unconditionally. Even after her husband's death, she remained active in his church, teaching the children for as long as she was able.

Ms. Dot passed away January 20, 2009, leaving behind a legacy full of love. Her final request was that everyone sing "Jesus loves me" so we all would know that each of us is loved and is important. She spent her whole life making sure everyone around her knew that and I know all of us will miss that little lady in those big ol' hats.

"Jesus loves me this I know....for the Bible tells me so..."

- Heather Nicole Coursey Gunnells, granddaughter

# MARSHLEA COTTINGHAM DAWSEY October 30, 1916 – November 3, 2008



"Viver Para Servir" or "Live To Serve" is the motto of the "Women's Society" of the Brazilian United Methodist Church. Marshlea held a special place in her heart for working with Methodist women in both Brazil and here in the US. This motto was an important part of her approach to living a fulfilling life.

Marshlea Dawsey passed away on November 3, 2008, and she was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Cyrus B. Dawsey Jr. in 2005. She was born on October 30, 1916, in Madison, Florida, and grew up on a farm with her parents, James Cottingham and Cora Cowart, and three sisters.

Following her graduation with a bachelor of arts from Florida State University and a masters degree in Christian education from Scaritt College, she went to Brazil where she and her husband served as United Methodist missionaries for 27 years. Marshlea was a dedicated church leader, and she had the distinction of being the first female licensed to preach in the North Carolina conference. She saw her missionary role as that of an equal partner ready to infuse their work in Brazil with excitement and joy.

She directed various choirs but her favorites were the "Women's Choirs" which became instrumental in creating unity in the churches in which they served. Her passion for music was contagious and some

of her former choir members have continued the work that she started. Marshlea became an organizer and leader for Methodist Women Societies wherever she lived. She also loved the youth of the church and our lives on the mission field were spent in almost a constant celebration with play productions, youth retreats, workshops and genuine discussions of what it meant to be a Christian in the world in which we lived.

Marshlea was very tender hearted and a fighter for those impoverished, for Civil Rights and for oppressed people everywhere. In recent years she had been an active member and Sunday School teacher at the Auburn United Methodist Church in Auburn, Alabama. She loved the ladies in her Sunday School class. She loved her family and she loved her church. Marshlea is greatly missed by her three sons, her daughter, her eight grandchildren, and her five great-grandchildren.

# **GENE JUANITA DAUGHTRY HAMM**

November 20, 1923 - March 1, 2009

Born in Sylvania, Georgia on November 20, 1923, Gene was the widow of Cyril Hamm, former minister and member of the South Carolina Methodist Conference, who passed away in 1989. Gene served faithfully by his side until his retirement in 1986. In this day and age of eHarmony.com and other on-line dating services, it would amuse some to know that Gene and Cyril corresponded for three years during World War II while he served in the Pacific theater, he being from Massachusetts and she from Georgia. They met face-to-face only five days before they were wed in 1945! Ever displaying her sense of humor, upon

becoming the owners of their first "real" home when he retired, Gene promptly hung a sign on their mailbox that said "Another World." As she said, she could now paint the walls whatever color she wanted or hang whatever type of drapes she wanted without committee approval! I Peter 4:9 says, "Use hospitality one to another without grudging." Gene was the epitome of this scripture. Whether she was ironing a stack of clothes for family members, making a batch of cabbage relish, sewing a quilt for a grandchild, baking for the FCL craft show, counting and rolling coins for her grandchildren, preparing for the UMW meeting, or cleaning house for her 80+ year-old brother, Gene definitely exhibited hospitality without grudging. She loved doing for others, more often than not putting others before herself. She was the proud mother of 3, grandmother of 5, and great-grandmother of 16. "Her children arise up, and call her blessed...." We did call her blessed, but SHE blessed US more than words can describe.

- Patricia Heape, daughter

# MARY MOTTE ANDERSON HERBERT

November 5, 1910 - March 13, 2009

Mary Motte Anderson Herbert, widow of the Reverend Dr. R. Bryce Herbert, was born in Greenwood, South Carolina, on November 5, 1910. She grew up on the family farm near Ninety Six, South Carolina, one of six children of Tom and Nannie Anderson and a faithful member of Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church. She attended public schools in Ninety Six and graduated from Lander College in Greenwood. By her husband's account, the two first met at a water fountain in a hallway at Lander College, to which the young minister had been invited as a featured speaker. Bryce later reported that he was approached by "a dizzy blond" who introduced herself: "Hello, Rev. Herbert. I'm Perrin Anderson's sister." Apparently, each of them made an impression, as they began dating a short time later in Bishopville, South Carolina, and were married at Mt. Lebanon Church on October 10, 1936.

As the two served appointments throughout South Carolina, Mary Motte – who once quipped, "I never expected to marry a preacher" – distinguished herself as parish organizer, gracious hostess, loving homemaker, and staff of life to her husband. Throughout almost sixty years of marriage, this gracious and inseparable pair counseled and comforted children, grandchildren, and countless troubled souls in the churches they served so well.



A year after her husband's retirement in 1971 Mary Motte settled with Bryce in her native Greenwood, where she became active at Main Street United Methodist Church. In retirement, Mary Motte's role as grandmother – "Mama B" – expanded to include five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Ever young at heart, she became an enthusiastic fan of the Atlanta Braves.

After her husband's death in 1996, Mary Motte moved to Johns Island, South Carolina to live with her daughter, Frances Herbert LaRouche, where she died on March 17, 2009.

She is survived by her daughters Frances and Margie Herbert Lucas of St. Petersburg, Florida; her son, Rembert Bryce Herbert, Jr., of Hastings-on-Hudson, New York; and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

- Rembert Herbert

#### FLORENCE ELIZABETH NEWTON JOHNSTON

February 12, 1924 - November 17, 2008

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength." (Isaiah 26: 3-4, KJV)

These verses from the Book of Isaiah represent the cornerstone and foundation of the marriage and life of Florence and her husband, the late Rev. James W. Johnston, Sr. whom she called Jimmy. Florence and Jimmy were exemplary members of Tom Brokaw's *The Greatest Generation*. Florence, at the tender age of 17, married Jimmy one week after the attack on Pearl Harbor. When the war ended she had given birth to two children, a daughter, Rendy and a son, Jim Jr. Two years later, daughters Shirley and Sara completed the family.

In 1953, Jimmy answered God's call to the ministry and thus began a journey of challenge and sacrifice. The family left Jacksonville, Florida and moved to Columbia, South Carolina. Florence was called on to help out financially and secured her first employment as an Administrative Assistant to the Principal of Pelion High School, Pelion, South Carolina where her husband Jimmy was serving a charge of three churches. During this time she managed a household with four children, a cat and dog, and supported her husband in his quest to graduate from college and complete his seminary degree while at the same time performing the duties of a minister's wife. This continued to be her role in life as she unselfishly sought employment to support the needs of her family. Other positions of employment were: Administrative Assistant to the



Administrator of a Skilled Nursing Home for four years, Executive Secretary to the Executive Director of Epworth Children's Home for 18 years and her last place of employment was part-time in the Accounting Department of Pond Branch Telephone Company.

The attributes of strength, quiet resolve, determination, steadfastness, dependability and loyalty that Florence emulated as an employee were the very ones she role modeled for her family and friends. Florence was multi-tasking before that concept became popular. Not only was she an adept and conscientious employee, she was even more skilled in wearing the many hats required of her as a wife, mother, preacher's wife, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her mind was stayed on her Heavenly Father throughout the course of her life. She deserves the promise of perfect peace that only God grants to those who know how to love, trust and believe.

- Shirley Livingston, daughter

# ANNIE "BLONDELL" RUMPH MCKAY

## December 18, 1914 - June 17, 2008



Mrs. Annie "Blondell" Rumph McKay, of High Point, North Carolina, transitioned to heaven on June 17, 2008 at her home.

Mrs. McKay was born on December 18, 1914; she was the second of six children. Mrs. McKay received her education in the public school system of North, South Carolina. She also attended South Carolina State College now known as South Carolina State University.

She married her husband of fifty-five years, Rev. William Brooks McKay on May 20, 1933. From this union two children were born; Gracie Lee McKay and Willie Mae McKay.

Mrs. McKay, with her husband, faithfully traveled over the South Carolina Conference for forty-four years serving the people. After the death of Rev. McKay, Mrs. McKay moved to High Point, NC with her daughter and son-in-law, Willie Mae and John R. McClain. She attended Memorial UMC with her family until she became ill. She always welcomed friends and enjoyed talking about her experiences as a minister's wife, her love of the Lord, her family and her Church back home, Cannan United Methodist, now St. Mark United Methodist Church, North Charge, Orangeburg District.

#### **RUTH "DOT" MOULTRIE SINGLETON NELSON**

# August 7, 1922 - October 30, 2008



Mrs. Ruth Moultrie Singleton Nelson was born on August 7, 1922 in Charleston, South Carolina to the late Elizabeth Richardson Moultrie Brown and Joseph Rufus Moultrie.

She received her education in the Charleston County Public Schools.

Ruth was employed at the Charleston Naval Shipyard and retired in 1984. There she was trained as one of the first black women welders during World War II and also became the first black woman canteen operator. Another great event happened at the canteen; she stumbled upon the late Rev. W.L.J. Nelson. In the fullness of time, for over 30 years they were married until he preceded her in death.

She was previously married to Mr. Samuel Singleton and to this union one son was born, Samuel Singleton Jr.

Ruth served in her community and at Wesley United Methodist Church. She faithfully functioned on the following ministries: Usher Board, Chancel Floral Club, Adult Ministry, Class Leader, United Methodist Women, and the Altar Guild. She was a charter member of Eastern Light Chapter #360 O.E.S. Ruth, better known as "Dot", specialized in baking fruit cakes and pound cakes. She loved others

compassionately, yet spoke frankly. Ruth thanked God daily for a blessed life.

Those who cherish her loving memory are: one son, Samuel Singleton, daughter-in-law, Apostle Elizabeth Singleton, sister, Rosalee Grant, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and the community.

#### ALMARIE STRADFORD RICHARDSON

# November 2, 1931 - November 3, 2008



Mrs. Almarie Stradford Richardson, a loving wife and mother, was born November 2, 1932 in Lugoff, South Carolina. She departed this life on November 3, 2008 at the Palmetto Baptist Inter-Medical Hospital.

She attended the Kershaw County Public Schools and was a graduate of Jackson High. Mrs. Richardson attended Allen University and Benedict College. Membership was held in the Eastern Stars, United Methodist Women and the Willie Peay Singers. From her early youth she was a member of Ephesus United Methodist Church which merged with Smyrna UMC to form Unity United Methodist Church. It was there she worshiped until leaving to be with our Lord. Those preceding her in death included her husband, the Reverend James T. Richardson, Michael D. Richardson (son) and Myrtle F. Grant (daughter).

Recognized as an evangelist, Mrs. Richardson delighted in sharing the good news of the gospel. She worked hard in the promotion and advancement of God's kingdom on earth, making disciples of Jesus Christ.

A woman of industry, she had a successful career in textiles for many years. As a world traveler, she was a good conversationalist regarding people and cultures around the globe. Because of the love held for her local community, she was a noted activist that sought to improve environmental and social conditions in Lugoff, South Carolina. The Richardson Foundation has been established in honor of her legacy along with that of her late husband, the Reverend James T. Richardson.

Those who shared the joys of her life and live to cherish her memories include: three daughters, Shirley Stradford of Culver City, California; Evangelist, Dr. RauShanne (Nathaniel) Thompson of Columbia, South Carolina; Debra (Maurice) Neal of Lugoff; two sons, James T. Richardson, Jr. of Lugoff, South Carolina and Jerromye (LaTasha) Richardson of Columbia, South Carolina, one brother, Ronnie Stradford, Lugoff, South Carolina, two sister-in-laws, Louise Richardson and Millie Stradford, Lugoff, South Carolina, ten grandchildren and thirteen great-grands.

# LUCY LEE GRAVES SHULER May 12, 1916 – February 22, 2009

With a twinkle in her eyes and a smile on her face, Lucy Shuler lived her life well. An ever faithful wife, she was also a devoted mother, grandmother and great grandmother, creating wherever she lived a home filled with warmth and love and laughter. Those who found their way to her door were unfailingly received with kindness and hospitality. With a strong faith in God, and a deep love for the church, Lucy had an abiding devotion to family and friends. A woman of strong conviction, Lucy was "not always right, but never in doubt." Blessed with a keen sense of humor and a radiant spirit, she was an inspiration to all who knew her and a loving role model for her daughters, granddaughters and great granddaughters. She leaves a legacy of happy memories, an eternally grateful family, and many friends.



- Rebecca Shuler Moody, Lucy Shuler Cunningham, Emily Shuler Hazel and Betty Shuler Moses

# SARA LONG LUPO SMOAK - July 8, 2008

Sara Long Lupo Smoak, 93, widow of the Rev. Walter Jesse Smoak, died Tuesday, July 8, 2008, at Wesley Commons in Greenwood. Born in Anderson County, she was a daughter of the late Ezekiel William, Sr., and Mary Jane Reid Long.

She was twice married, first to the late John Robert Lupo, formerly worked as a receptionist at Greenville Memorial Hospital, and was a member of the Brandon United Methodist Church in Greenville.

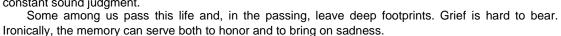
She is survived by stepson, Walter J. Smoak, Jr., of Columbia; and stepdaughter, Georgiana Smoak of Abbeville. She was predeceased by her sisters, Faye Lee and Katherine Greer. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family.

Graveside services were held at Graceland Cemetery. The family received friends following the service at the graveside.

# MARY SUE TEAL STACKHOUSE May 11, 1920 – October 24, 2008

It is indeed "a blinding glimpse of the obvious" that the success of a United Methodist minister often comes not only from personal commitment and talent but also from the rooted strength of a spouse. Mary Sue Teal Stackhouse died at her home on October 24, 2008, surrounded by her three daughters and photos everywhere of her beloved husband, Reverend William C. Stackhouse. This mode of passing was appropriate: Mary so loved her children and adored and under girded Bill in his (their) career of ministry and service.

Mary's life was testimony to many good things. She was a dedicated elementary and middle school educator. She maintained a lifelong interest in flowers and landscape work; in fact, her "green thumb" was legend. And she created a legacy of artistry in fabric through her sewing, cross-stitch, and crochet. Around it all was her aura of faith, spirit, friendship, and love. Those who knew her appreciated her Wesleyan approach to good deeds by means of her concern for others, her common sense, and her constant sound judgment.



In an assessment of Southern heritage, the novelist William Faulkner once said, "The past isn't dead. It's not even past." In so many ways, the life of Mary Sue Teal Stackhouse is not really past.



#### **CAROLYN SMITH TYLER**

# January 31, 1923 - September 10, 2008

Mrs. Carolyn S. Tyler, wife of the late Rev. Josie L. Tyler, Jr., died Wednesday, September 10, 2008. Born in Culverton, Georgia, she was the daughter of the late Marvin H. and Emmie Frank Smith.

A graduate of Georgia State College for Women, she received a master's degree in library science from Emory University. Retired from USC after thirty-five years as a librarian, she was a member of the South Carolina Library Association, the American Library Association and served on the President's Advisory Committee for the Handicapped, 1984-1995.

Mrs. Tyler was a member of Trenholm Road United Methodist Church and Friendship Sunday School Class. She enjoyed being with her grandchildren, spending time outdoors and reading.

Surviving are her son and daughter-in-law, Lee and Adriana Tyler of Columbia; brother, Marvin H. Smith of Atlanta, Georgia; and grandchildren, Hannah C. Tyler and Evan J. Tyler.

A memorial service for Carolyn S. Tyler was held at Trenholm Road United Methodist Church. The family received friends in the church parlor after the service.

The family expresses appreciation to the staff at White Oak Manor for their loving care during Mrs. Tyler's illness.

## **OTHERS**

# **ALICE HENDERSON BRAZILL JOHNSON**

April 30, 1934 - August 25, 2008



Mae Alice Henderson was born in Laurens County on April 30, 1934, the daughter of J.C. and Belle Stewart Henderson. Her mother raised her in a Christian home, along with her sister Edna Henderson Mattison and brothers John, Robert, Joe, Carl, Glenn, and Frank Henderson. At 23, Alice met a young seminary student, George Dewey Brazill, and they married in 1958. Dewey and Alice had two children, Lisa (married Steve Henderson) and Mark (married Gina Seigler) and two grandchildren, Matthew Henderson and Graham Brazill.

Dewey and Alice were in the ministry together for over 25 years serving Methodist charges in Newberry, Townville, Woodford, Greenwood, Hartsville, Blenheim and Enoree. At 55 years of age, Alice went back to school and earned her LPN degree. For many more years she helped people heal physically as well as spiritually.

After Dewey's death in 1996, Alice retired and married Milton Johnson Jr., and lived her remaining years on his farm in Kirksey, South Carolina. She loved every aspect of farm life. She had a passion for growing flowers, gardening and any outside activity. Alice joined Dewey in Heaven on August 25, 2008.

Less than a week later, we like to think she and Dewey celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary together in the presence of their Lord and many loved ones.

Alice was a fine example of a Christian and always had kind and encouraging words for others. She had a desire for all to know Jesus and encouraged many to accept him.

# JAMES (JIM) WILLIAM MCALISTER July 30, 1934 – October 22, 2008

Rev. James "Jim" William McAlister, 74, husband of Fran Brashier McAlister passed away Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at his home. Born in Anderson, South Carolina, he was a son of the late Montague "Snag" and Ruth McAlister. He was also twice married – first to the late Dot McAlister.

He was a graduate of Emory University Theological Seminary. He was a United States Air Force veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was currently serving the Gilgal United Methodist and Shiloh United Methodist Churches. He also served many other charges during his career. He was a member of the United Methodist Conference of North Georgia.

Rev. McAlister will be remembered as a loving husband, father, step-father and grandfather to his family and will be sorely missed by his many friends.

Survivors are his beloved wife Fran Brashier McAlister of the home; three daughters Suzie Wheeler, Carla Boyd and Donna Gibson; two step-sons Jimmy Brashier and Eddie Brashier; four step-daughters Debbie Powell, Pam Lee, Sheri Akridge and Angie Hollingsworth; 19 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted Saturday October 25, 2008 at Gilgal United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bill Childs and Dr. Billy Manning officiating.





Sara K. Fridy Murray Purser was born July 19, 1922 in Spartanburg, South Carolina to Julia Hardin Fridy and Wofford Carlisle Fridy. She died in hospice care in Decatur, Georgia on September 29, 2008.

She graduated from Spartanburg High School in 1939 and Columbia College in 1943. She married the Rev. John V. Murray August 30, 1947, and they shared their love for one another until his death on Jan. 9, 1993. She married David Ingram Purser on June 10, 1995 and he survives her. Her children are Vince (son) and Donna Murray of Augusta, Georgia; Peter (son) and Mary Cathryn Murray of Fayetteville, North Carolina; and, Julie (daughter) and Thomas Rice of Decatur, Georgia. Her two grandchildren are Nathaniel and Adam Murray and her two step-children are David Purser IV and Sally Goodman. Her surviving siblings are Marinelle Peery and James (Buddy) Fridy. Her brother Carlisle Fridy predeceased her.

She was a long-time member of Bethel United Methodist Church in Spartanburg, and since moving three years ago to Decatur has been a member of Oak Grove United Methodist Church. She taught school for many years at Woodland Heights Elementary School. She was a warm, generous, nurturing

wife, mother, sister, and friend, and avidly grew roses. Even in her declining years, she touched people's lives.

A memorial service was held at Bethel United Methodist Church in Spartanburg, South Carolina on Saturday, October 4, 2008 with Rev. David E. Nichols officiating and Rev. DeArmond Canaday speaking as a witness to Sara's life and influence.

# ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF DECEASED MINISTERIAL MEMBERS

### **South Carolina Annual Conference**

# United Methodist Church Organized 1972

Frank Leon Abercrombie September 14, 1937 – September 3, 2005

James Marion Aiken May 31, 1926 – January 23, 2002

Robert Leon Alexander November 21, 1921 – January 2, 2001

Clyde William Allen July 10, 1905 – March 26, 1984

John Alsbrooks, Jr. February 24, 1923 – January 18, 2003

Merle Sylvester Amspacher March 13, 1923 – June 21, 1978

Leonard Porter Anderson September 5, 1888 – September 27, 1976

Lloyd Ray Anderson, Jr. May 25, 1948 – March 21, 2004

Martha Anne Hills Andrews December 6, 1956 – December 6, 1984

Warren G. Ariail April 16, 1894 – December 12, 1977

James Larry Ashley June 22, 1913 – March 26, 1978

Ralph Wylie Atkinson November 19, 1915 – July 8, 1989

Samuel Marvin Atkinson December 9, 1907 – September 26, 1992

Arthur W. Ayers September 5, 1890 – March 4, 1990

Joseph David Bailey October 7, 1933 – June 26, 1997

George Alexander Baker August 11, 1903 – February 19, 1994

Wyman Wayne Ballentine March 16, 1925 – October 2, 1995

Cleveland Carolina Barr June 4, 1900 – July 26, 1980

James McLean Barrington August 9, 1900 – February 16, 1993

Luke Newton Barton January 4, 1902 – March 1, 2001

Ralph Otis Bates September 7, 1916 – July 2, 1990

Heber Felder Bauknight, Sr. November 17, 1913 – June 13, 1984

Fritz C. Beach January 30, 1890 – May 2, 1981

Talmadge Davis Belding, Jr. August 10, 1943 – June 9, 2008

Curtis O'Dell Bell August 18, 1905 – June 17, 1994

Ernest Perry Bell, Sr. June 22, 1916 – October 30, 1986

Jacob Bennekin August 22, 1917 – November 22, 1987

Marvin E. Bennett, Sr. September 24, 1934 – November 1, 2003

Sarah Edith Bennett June 16, 1910 – December 23, 1992

David Forrest Best July 29, 1952 – August 10, 2006

Roy Alton Berry

Benjamin Byran Black November 1, 1898 – March 11, 1978

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Lucius Benjamin Blocker, Jr. November 29, 1922 – November 16, 1992

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William Reuben Bouknight, Jr. April 12, 1907 – January 16, 1983

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Boone Moss Bowen
John Berry Bowman
Jack Marion Bozard
Angus McKay Brabham, Jr.
John Risher Brabham

Edward Randolph Bradham, Jr.

James Durant Brady
Ted William Brazil, Sr.
George Dewey Brazill
James Edward Breedlove
Robert James Bringman
Raymond Walter Brock

Charles Wilbur Brockwell, Sr.

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Giles Calvin Brown
Robert Allen Brown
John Earle Bryant
Horace Earle Bullington

Roy Deforest Butler
Marion Gibson Caldwell
Allen Manley Campbell
Julius Franklin Campbell
Robert Benjamin Campbell
George Russell Cannon

Ralph Alston Cannon
Thaddeus Carlisle Cannon

Ira John Carey

Joel Earle Cannon

George Bryan Carroll
Clifford LeRoy Carter

Percy Calvin Carter, Sr. William Ralph Carter Lucius C. Cave

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Richard Sheffield Covington March 29, 1927 – July 19, 1990

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Sidney Randolph Crumpton October 25, 1908 – July 14, 2005

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Francis Thornton Cunningham

John Wesley Curry, Sr. January 10, 1908 – August 6, 1995

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Charles Hayes Davis August 14, 1927 – November 7, 1990

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Cyrus Bassett Dawsey, Jr. March 4, 1921 – October 2, 2005

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Frederick Grover Cleveland DuBois Clarence Franklin DuBose, Jr. Robert Newsome DuBose

George Summers Duffie, Sr.

Ernest Dugan, Jr. Ernest Dugan, Sr. Fulton Edwards, Sr. J. S. Edwards

William Leonard Edwards, Jr.

William Lewis Elkin
Robert Flem Ellenberg
Percival Frank Elliott
Charles Mack Elrod
Rufus Christopher Emory
Joseph Claude Evans
Thomas Foster Evatt, Jr.
Eugene Lawson Farmer
Reuben Thomas Farmer
Wesley Darlington Farr
Enoch Sidney Finklea, Jr.

Henry Franklin Flowers Carlisle Sessions Floyd Duncan Leroy Floyd William Harvey Floyd, Jr.

Melvin Fludd

John Grady Forrester Donald Albert Foster John Louis Fowke

Stanban Van Fawler

Stephen Van Fowler Edgar Allan Fowler, Jr.

Lawrence Obbie Foxworth, Jr.

Fredrick Lawson Frazier
John Thurman Frazier
William Wallace Fridy
Richard O'Dell Frierson

Morton Littell Funkhauser, Jr.

Michael Blake Fryga

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Joe Woodrow Giles

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 Jonas S. Green
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 Levi Green, Sr.
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Robert Carl Griffith

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Arthur Lovelace Gunter

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Robert E. Hall

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Lawrence DeKalb Hamer

July 9, 1897 – March 8, 1975

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Louie Fay Hartley

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Oliver H. Hatchett

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Donald Harold Hawkins

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George Heyward Hodges Harmon Leslie Hoffman

James Frank McLeod Hoffmeyer

James Carlton Holden David Wilton Holder Adlai Cornwell Holler, Sr.

George R. Hollimon James Rufus Holt Ray Price Hook William Arnold Horne James Cecil Houston

Robert Joseph Howell, Sr. Michael Benjamin Hudnall Buster Thornwell Huggins Russell Achie Hughes Bertie Snow Hughes

James Belton Hurt, Jr.

T. A. Inabinet

Larry Humphrey

James Carsey Inabinet
John Henry Inman, Jr.
Marvin Levelle Iseman

Sammie Edward Jackson Walker Jackson

Feltham Syreen James Edward Emmanuel Jenkins Warren Marion Jenkins

Clyde James Johnson Elbert Lee Johnson Harold Roland Johnson

Andrew Luther Johnson

Henry Samuel Johnson James Gilliam Johnson

James Ross Johnson Richard Hilton Johnson James Willard Johnston, Sr.

Alvin Adelbert Jones

Arthur Caldwell Jones
Clifton Eugene Jones
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Charles Edward Kaylor
Washington Charlie Kearns

Willie Keels

Thomas Washington Kemmerlin Thomas Stephen Kimrey James Ernest Kinard Robert Benjamin King Henry Lester Kingman

Charles Kirkley

John Henry Kohler Kenneth Joel Kovas

Denver Steedley Lee Michael Boyd Lee Willie Aaron Lee John William Lewis

Thomas Earnest Liles, Jr.
James Benjamin Linder
James Hazzard Lindsay
Raymond Peter Litts
John Victor Livingston

Benjamin Eugene Locklair, Jr.

Mark Regan Long William Barton Love, III

Ralph Thomas Lowrimore James Foster Lupo Hawley Barnwell Lynn

Robert Mack

William Monroe Major

Hubert Vernon Manning
Jesse Frank Manning
Rex Vanlyn Martin
John Wesley Matthews
Thomas Francis Matthews

Harry Roy Mays

Eugene Marion McCants

Marion Cooper McClary

James Osgood McClellan, Jr.

Robert Lee McCraw

Matthew Douglas McCollom

Walter Edwin McDaniel, Jr.

Jewell Wesley McElrath

James William McGill, Sr.

Russie Vance McGuire

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Edgar Paul McWhirter
James Adelbert Merchant
George Don Meredith
William Edgar Mewborn
Leroy Middleton
Irving Roscoe Miller

James Thomas Miller, III
William Prestley Milligan
Pete Julian Millwood
Dwight Hill Mims
Harold Oscar Mims, Sr.
Ralph Thomas Mirse
James Guyburn Mishoe

Daniel Hugh Montgomery
Harvey McConnell Montgomery
Clarence LeGrande Moody, Jr.
Charles Lee Moore, Jr.
Collie Leonard Moore

Robert Winston Morgan Daniel Angus Morrison, Jr. Benjamin Moses

Isaiah Moses
Mark Lee Mullins

John Vincent Murray, Jr. Otis Jerome Nelson, Sr.

William Lawrence Joseph Nelson

William Rutledge Nelson Charles Burns Nesbitt Charles Franklin Nesbitt

S. D. Newell

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**Dottie Alexander Purvis** October 19, 1901 - March 21, 1993 Moses P. Pyatt, Sr. February 2, 1900 - March 16, 1980 Jerry E. Queen January 9, 1936 - January 11, 1992 Norman Ransom August 23, 1923 - March 7, 1998 March 13, 1897 - February 4, 1993 John Marvin Rast David Whitehead Reese, Jr. August 16, 1911 - January 20, 1990

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Howard Timothy Risher
Hezakiah Cotesworth Ritter
Buford Hayes Robertson
Mark Freeman Robinson
Robert Hance Robinson, Sr.
John Wood Robison
Edward Hipps Rodgers
Amos Nathaniel Rogers
Edwin William Rogers
Henry Levy Rogers, Jr.
James Edwin Rogers. Sr.

James Edwin Rogers, Sr.
Theus Wesley Rogers
William Fletcher Rogers, Jr.
John Peter Roquemore
William Thomas Rosemond
Thomas Henry Ross
Victor Miller Ross

Bishop Claude Rouse Rufus Matthew Rowe Ervin Robert Rowell, Jr.

Russell Webb Sammeth John Lewis Sandlin George Sterlyn Sawyer

Paul Craig Scott
Jacob Allen Session
Henry Bradford Shaw, II
Clarence Burton Sheffield

Walter James Shelton Lewis Ramey Sherard

Rutledge Dantzler Sheridan, Jr.

John Monroe Shingler Claude Martin Shuler Thomas Carlisle Shuler

Ralph Baxter Shumaker Brice Washington Shumpert

Johnnie M. Singletary Peter Emanuel Singletary Woodrow W. Singletary

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Laurie White Smith

Paul Edward Smith, Sr.

Rupert Phillips Smith

Thornton Beckham Smith

William Glenn Smith, Jr.

William Harold Smith

Walter Alvin Smith, Sr.

James Russell Smoak Walter Jesse Smoak Joseph Huey Sowell Johnnie Elijah Spears

Herbert Lee Spell
David Burris Spivey
Henry Alvin Spradley
James Franklin Squires

Joe Melton Stabler

William Charles Stackhouse Isaac Norman Stewart

Hoke Zeneymon Stokes, Jr.

Peter Stokes

William McKinley Stokes

Joseph Buck Stretch

James Gideon Stroud
Eric Danner Stroman
Henry Shedron Suggs
James Garness Sullivan
James Luther Summers, Sr.
Alfred Pelzer Sumter

Lewis Augustus Sweat Darwin Ariail Tallon

Eben Taylor

James William Taylor Voight Otway Taylor Zoel Garland Taylor

Theodore Brandon Thomas Charles Crawford Thompson

Henry Mann Thomson, Jr.
Jesse Wise Tomlinson
James Fletcher Trammell
Robert Marvin Tucker
Clarence Eugene Turner

Perry Watson Turner, Jr. Robert Patrick Turner

Josie Lee Tyler Royce Burnan Tyler March 1, 1902 - March 20, 1994

February 10, 1908 – June 30, 1989

December 22, 1921 – March 13, 1990

November 1, 1908 – October 26, 1974 September 14, 1908 – October 14, 1999

December 3, 1924 - May 24, 2006

March 4, 1918 – May 22, 1994

April 16, 1909 – December 19, 1994

September 21, 1944 - September 1, 2006

February 9, 1915 – June 19, 2003 May 6, 1925 – October 17, 2005 June 9, 1921 – June 17, 1977

March 6, 1909 – December 18, 2003 October 4, 1933 – October 26, 2000 July 21, 1918 – November 22, 1993

June 5, 1942 – July 19, 1998

October 19, 1933 – January 5, 1997 August 2, 1918 – October 9, 1999

November 22, 1921 - February 16, 1976

July 2, 1929 - April 2, 1979

January 23, 1901 – February 5, 1974 October 16, 1916 – July 24, 1983

September 2, 1911 – September 8, 1993 March 4, 1913 – December 25, 1977 March 3, 1922 – June 3, 2004 August 11, 1930 – April 15, 1994

August 10, 1921 – May 10, 2005 May 18, 1918 – November 9, 1982 July 9, 1893 – October 15, 1990 June 17, 1921 – August 11, 1991 July 27, 1916 – July 18, 1979

January 23, 1925 – October 23, 2008 March 4, 1892 – July 22, 1990 June 19, 1909 – October 24, 1984

November 15, 1915 - December 2, 2006

March 28, 1889 - July 20, 1980

November 9, 1905 – December 19, 1980

September 8, 1927 – April 8, 1987 July 10, 1906 – October 23, 1985 October 8, 1906 – May 22, 1996 February 9, 1887 – December 1, 19

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May 20, 1920 – February 9, 2000

December 9, 1920 – December 30, 1999

Joseph Elmo Tysinger Joseph Elmo Tysinger, Jr. James Epting Varnadore Robert David Vehorn Thurman Horace Vickery John Edward Voorhees

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Wilbert Tyndall Waters

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Robert Daniel Way, Jr.
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Billy Julian Weisner
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Jennings Francis Williamson

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George Boozer Wilson
Joseph Alva Wilson, Sr.
Larry Franklin Wilson
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November 3, 1923 – July 2, 1990 November 30, 1932 – October 25, 2004 May 29, 1939 – February 12, 2007

November 12, 1940 - December 30, 2008

May 10, 1929 – April 16, 1994 July 8, 1915 – November 3, 2004

February 26, 1879 – September 11, 1972

February 22, 1916 – July 8, 1982

September 23, 1907 - November 30, 1976

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