SECTION VIII
RECORD OF REMEMBRANCE

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Fredericka Whaley Phipps  
Norman Keith Polk Jr.  
Earnest James Reece Jr.  
David Eugene Reed  
Conrad Allen Senn  
David T. Templeton  
Leon Edwin Thompson  
Robert Thompson  
Mark Anthony Williams

Spouses

Shirley G. Bines  
Mary Grace L. Brown  
Angela M. Bruce  
Harriet C. Cox  
James Russell Erwin Sr.  
LaSandra S. Grimsley

Joyce White Ivey  
Eleanor Adams Jenkins  
Helen Gribble Short  
Michael A. Stephens  
Alice Faye Wicker

Surviving Spouses

Martha B. Ballentine  
Gladys Lefft Boone  
Lois M. Bradham  
Ruth B. Brock  
Betty Strom Carey  
Kechia M. Dicks  
Jewel S. Floyd  
Peggy Jean Granger Floyd  
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Linda G. Heape  
Margaret Lewis Hendricks  
Sharon Arnette Hughes  
Ada Belle LeMaster  
Hattie B. Polk  
Cornelia Quarles  
Dorothy E. Sprayberry  
Ramona J. Potter Waddell

Others

James Jeffrey Merck  
Marvin R. Moore
I am learning that the life of a minister is not an office, it is a lifestyle devoted to Christ. It is also doing the work of growing a person’s faith and holiness to the glory of God. As ministers we think we need to save a life in order to do ministry but, what we are really called to do is lose our life for the sake of Christ.

Anyone who takes this pastoral ministry seriously feels the weight of the responsibility and accountability for the lives and souls entrusted to them. After all, someone needs to be the circuit rider. These things can’t be done in a normal forty-hour work week. The needs are too great. The laborers are few. The pastor feels the myriad responsibilities of their church, their community and especially their family.

I truly believe it is your family who gets the least amount of your time and energy in our ministry. The wives, husbands and the children have to shoulder so many burdens alone. It’s not about being busy; it’s about being called to a specific and holy work. Pastors are often caring for other people’s needs and pouring out their time and energy to help their congregation. Sometimes, God calls individuals to a life where their family will be the sacrifice.

The cost of following Christ comes with a price. It’s a life of self-denial, dying to self, sacrificing for the kingdom, adversity in life, trouble for your faith, rejection from friends and parishioners, persecution from the world and separation from family. It happens to us all in this gospel ministry. It happened to these men in this Lukan text. Here are Simon, the sons of Zebedee, James and John on the lake. After promising their spouses some fresh fish they could prepare for supper, these men caught nothing! The disciples were not successful. As they were cleaning their nets ready to call it quit, something profound happens; something life changing and altering happens. They meet a man named Jesus.

Jesus gets in Simon’s boat and begins teaching. I would love to know just what he said. Maybe it was a lesson on fishing. Even though Jesus wasn’t a fisherman, he was the Master of the sea! Maybe he gave them a lesson on what it means to answer your life’s calling. Whatever he said Jesus knew he had to show them better than he could tell them. Jesus commands Simon to move out into the deep and let down his nets. Even though Simon was reluctant, even though he was tired and discouraged, he begrudgingly let down the nets. When he let down their nets, the men caught more fish than they could prepare for supper, these men caught nothing! The disciples were not successful. As they were cleaning their nets ready to call it quit, something profound happens; something life changing and altering happens. They meet a man named Jesus.

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These pastors: Revs. Bailey, Barnes, Blocker, Cox, Crooks, Hood, Jackson, Jenkins, Rev. Charles Johnson, Jones, LeMaster, Newton, Padgett, Parrot, Phipps, Polk, Reece, Reed, Senn, Templeton, Thompson, Williams, Merck, and Moore, they left everything and followed Jesus. They walked away!!! They even walked away from the fish! What happened to bringing fish home to their families for supper? What happened to making a killing in their income by selling all those fish at the fish market? Maybe because that really was not the end of the story but the beginning!

These early disciples and the clergy after them, would take up the call to leave the life they knew before; and dedicate themselves to God’s work. They left everything and followed him on an unpredictable way and into what would prove to be a costly allegiance. Jesus says, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters yes, even their own life – cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:26) Jesus is saying in the strongest possible terms that following him must come before every responsibility we have even those we hold sacred. OH, my friends this Christian journey has not been without its share of ups and downs.

Believe me I wish the hazards of ministry came with a WARNING LABEL: Warning:
- You will disappoint others. You will feel inadequate
- You will make choices that someone won’t agree with.
- You will question your call when adversity comes
You will have to love sheep and goats
Someone will think that you should be at the hospital instead of going on a date night with your spouse.
People will love you but won’t think much of your family.

**YOU WILL BE LATE FOR DINNER...OFTEN!!**
How many times have you gotten a call from the one you love serving in this gospel ministry saying, “Honey, I’ll be late for dinner.” How many times have you gotten that phone call or text, “I’m running late” or “Babe, Sweetheart, please keep my plate warm because I will be late to dinner.” Salvation is free but receiving it costs everything!

These now departed saints who have joined the Church triumphant were called and gifted in ministry. They and their spouses who we remember today did not avoid the pursuit of their call. Which is why they said time and time again “I’ll be late for dinner!” They made a vow to God and to the Church. They vowed to visit from house to house, to preach the Gospel without hindrance and serve diligently. They vowed to serve the sacraments, bury the dead, teach the scriptures, rejoice with those who rejoiced and mourn with those who mourned.

They were late so that no one would be **LOST!** They were late so the blind could see. They were late so those who were hurting could be healed. They were late so that someone could see the face of God! They were late for dinner because they knew that if they were faithful, they would receive a crown of righteousness.

Family, as you mourn your husband, your wife, your mother, your father, your grandfather, and grandmother, your brother, your sister, your in-law, your cousin, your mentor, your colleague, your friend please know that in this life we all will have some great burdens, but we will also have some **great blessings!** Thank you, family, for taking this journey of ministry with our colleagues and friends.

These bearers of the Gospel; these harbingers of justice, these committed followers of Christ, they labored hard. Even the spouses who labored beside them, Sis. Bines, Brown, Bruce, Cox, Erwin, Grimsley, Ivey, Jenkins, Short, Stephens, Wicker, Ballentine, Boone, Bradham, Brock, Carey, Dicks, Floyd, Gowey, Heap, Hendricks, Hughes, LeMaster, Polk, Quarles, Sprayberry, and Waddell. They were faithful. Their labor was not in vain. The greatest hope we have in this life is that we follow a God who brings life from death. Without that promise our worse fears come true.

So, on that day when the call went out:

to give up time for eternity, to join the great company of saints, the church triumphant,
to sit in the seat of the ancestors, to find rest from their long employ,
When the call went out: to shed no more tears, to put on their long white robe and their starry crown, to live in a parsonage... a house not made by hands, to see their mother and father

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to hear the words, “thou good and faithful servant” and never be late again but to share in the GREAT BANQUET the Lord declared the food was ready and only the guests were lacking; the banquet where everyone from every nation on earth is invited to attend; the banquet where the Lord God is the **CHEF** and the **HOST**. When the call went out....Once again, they left everything....everything to follow Him. Amen.

~ Rev. Dr. Robin Dease, Senior Pastor
St. Andrews By-the-Sea UMC
Hilton Head, SC
RETIRED MINISTERS

TOMMY RICHARD BAILEY
September 12, 1953 – November 16, 2021

Tommy was a man who loved God, his family and the congregations he served. Tommy surrendered to God’s call and started Spartanburg Methodist College as a 40 year old freshman in 1993. His fear that he wouldn’t fit in with the rest of the students quickly dissipated when he made a point to learn every student’s name on campus.

He was student body vice president his sophomore year and became the first president of the newly formed Kappa Sigma Alpha service fraternity. His greatest honor came a few years later when the fraternity decided to present an award to the sophomore with the most service hours. They named the award the Rev. Thomas R. Bailey Service Award.

After SMC he went to Wofford and received his bachelor’s degree in Religion in 1997. Tommy started Erskine Theological Seminary and started serving his first two churches that same year. He graduated with His Master of Divinity in 2000 and was ordained an Elder in The United Methodist Church in 2003.


He will be remembered by his beloved wife, children, grandchildren and friends for his sense of humor, his beautiful tenor voice and his pastor’s heart.

LARRY ALLEN BARNES
January 11, 1939 – February 21, 2022

Larry Allen Barnes, age 83, of Ocala, Florida passed away on Monday, February 21, 2022. Larry was born in Fairmont, North Carolina on January 11, 1939.

He graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1962 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He continued his education at Emory University and received his Master of Divinity in 1970.

Larry served several churches across the South Carolina Annual Conference before retiring in 1989. He retired to sunny Ocala, Florida. He leaves behind one son, John Marc Barnes, of Newburgh, New York.

R. RICHARD BLOCKER
May 10, 1932 – June 16, 2021

R. Richard Blocker grew up as a charter member of John Wesley UMC in Charleston. His grandmother suggested the name of the church and several Blocker relatives participated in its construction. He went on to attend Wofford College and Duke Divinity School where he met his beloved wife of 62 years, Missy.

His first church assignment was a three point circuit, while living in Sharon, SC. As an itinerant Methodist minister he served many churches all over South Carolina. Although
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He went to Scarritt College for Christian Workers in Nashville, Tennessee. He attended graduate school of The Candler School of Theology at Emory University. While at Emory he did clinical training with The State Hospital in Columbia, S.C. and was the assistant pastor to Forest Parks UMC, Georgia.

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Central UMC - Marion, S.C.  
Antioch UMC - Bennettsville, S.C.  
Smyrna UMC - Bennettsville, S.C.  
Boykin UMC - Bennettsville, S.C.  
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Retired after 60+ years in the Ministry

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GEORGE W. FARRELL COX
October 7, 1931 – December 7, 2021

The Rev. George Walton “Farrell” Cox passed away on December 7, 2021 at the age of 90.

Farrell was born October 7th, 1931 in Hemingway, S.C. the son of T.W. and Gladys Cox. He graduated from Hemingway High School where he played football, basketball, and baseball. He was captain of the football and basketball teams.

Graduated from Wofford in 1954. He was in Who’s Who and Blue Key Honor Society. He was President of Ministerial Reunion.

He was the head of The Gas Bottom Project for underprivileged children. He worked at Bethlehem Center Social Services for 2 years.

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Spoken by: The Rev. Farrell Cox  
Written by: His wife Harriet Cox  
Conveyed by: His son David Cox
MARION B. CROOKS, JR.
January 13, 1946 – December 6, 2021

Marion was an Elder in The United Methodist Church where he served numerous pastorates across the state. He was active in the conference and served on numerous boards and committees including the Boards of Columbia College, Southern Methodist College, and Hinton Rural Life Center. He founded the Pastoral Counseling Center at Buncombe Street United Methodist Church in 1989 as a ministry to church and community. In 2005 he founded Canterbury Counseling Center at Christ Church Episcopal from which he retired in 2011. He continued to provide counseling in private practice until 2019. As a fellow in the American Association of Pastor Counselors, he provided leadership and consultation for pastoral counselors across the southeast.

Marion was blesses with a quick mind, a kind heart, an inimitable sense of humor, and a giving spirit. He loved and was loved by many.

He had a great love of music and used his talents as drum major in both high school and college. His great joy in retirement was to offer his melllow bass voice to the First Baptist Greenville Sanctuary choir. He was a great student of history and served his country as a distinguished graduate of Army ROTC during which time he earned his pilot’s license and always had a fascination with airplanes.

Marion spent lots of time at his family farm in Newberry County where he raised cattle and grew pine trees for timber. The farm was the setting for many family gatherings, and he spent many hours riding his John Deere Tractor over the land. He and Mary Ann recently bought a mountain house in 2018 where he hoped to build a model train display while gazing at the gorgeous mountain views. He spent many hours watching sunsets over the Blue Ridge. He and Mary Ann enjoyed annual trips to Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, Vermont and over the years he was able to pose for a picture at most of the 91 covered bridges in Vermont. He was an avid Clemson football and Atlanta Braves fan, stamp collector, and animal lover.

His gifts were many and he gave them unselfishly. He fought hard through his days at MD Anderson hoping to make a contribution to others by his participation in a clinical trial even if he could not survive. He died at peace with Mary Ann by his side.

In addition to his wife of 30 years, survivors include son, Marion Brabham Crooks III of Greenwood; daughter, Heather Margaret Crooks of Central; grandchildren, Samuel Brabham Crooks and Hannah Simpson Crooks of Greenwood; sister, Jacqueline Crooks Mount and her husband Gerald Mount of Pomaria. He cherished his family and especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, nieces, and nephews, and five great nephews, Parker Burton, Joshua Lawrenz, Henry Lawrenz, Nils Lawrenz, and James Lawrenz, who consider him their third grandfather.

The funeral service was held Saturday, December 11, 2021, in the sanctuary at First Baptist Church Greenville with The Reverend Kyle Matthews and The Reverend James Ellis Griffeth officiating. A graveside service was held on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at Rosemont Cemetery, in Newberry. Masks and social distancing were requested at all services.

We celebrate his life!

JAMES FRANKLIN HOOD
June 11, 1933 – July 16, 2021

Rev. James Franklin Hood was born June 11, 1933 to E.C. and Birdie Hood of Rockwood, TN. James and Ralphte May married November 18, 1955, and had two children, Craig Hood of Simpsonville, SC, and Julie Hood, deceased in 2017.

James served two years in the U.S. Army, honorably discharged in 1955. He began studies at Spartanburg Methodist College 1956-58 and graduated Wofford College in 1960.
with a B.A. degree. He earned the Bachelor of Divinity at Emory University in 1962. James was ordained as a Full Elder in the SC Methodist Conference, 1962.

He served the following churches: Bethel, Valley Falls as a student pastor, Smoaks Charge (4), Bogansville, Liberty Spartanburg Charge (2), Pamplico Charge (2), Moncks Corner Charge (2), Easley, Latta Charge (2), Fort Mill, Surfside and Bishopville.

James retired in full connection in 1997 faithfully completing 40 years of serving God’s people. At his celebration, he was asked to say something about his ministry and he replied, “It was a privilege to serve the Methodist Church.

James believed and embodied the Word in his daily faith walk. He was called home to be with his Lord and Savior on July 16, 2021, where he is able to worship and glorify God for all eternity. James will be missed as he was loved by family and friends, and his legacy as a good and faithful servant will long be remembered.

JERRY D. JACKSON
December 7, 1933 – May 4, 2022

Jerry was born December 7, 1933, in Tucapau, SC, to Samuel and Woodrow Nina Caldwell Jackson. Jerry Dean Jackson, 88, of Spartanburg, died peacefully May 4, 2022.

An Eagle Scout, he proudly served in the U.S. Air Force prior to graduating from University of SC School of Pharmacy. Jerry practiced pharmacy in Spartanburg and the Upstate for more than 60 years. He retired from the SC National Guard 251st Evac Hospital after serving in Operation Desert Storm.

Jerry completed seminary classes through Duke University and became an ordained Methodist pastor, shepherding several churches in the Upstate. However, his spiritual home was St. Paul Methodist Church in Spartanburg, where he served in many capacities.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Margaret Ann Davis Jackson; his three children, Robin Jackson Adams (Mark), Charna Jackson Nicholson (John Jr.), and Jerold Andrew Davis Jackson; four grandchildren, Ann Dawson Nicholson Tumbleston (Michael), Susan Ellis Nicholson, Captain Henry Reynolds Adams (USAF), and William Jackson Adams; and two great-grandchildren, Charlotte Ann Tumbleston and John Brooks Tumbleston.

Jerry loved his Lord, his family, his community, and his country, and he will be greatly missed. A private service celebrating his life will be held.

LARRY ALFRED JENKINS
March 12, 1939 – October 14, 2021

For many who grew up in Clover, SC, in the 1940s and 50s, theirs was an idyllic childhood in a rural farm and cotton mill town. Such was the case for the Reverend Larry Jenkins.

Larry became a standout athlete on Clover High’s football team. It was there that he met his future wife, Eleanor Adams. It was a love story that continued for 63 years.

After high school, Larry and Eleanor were married, and they moved to Tennessee, where Larry attended Carson Newman University. He later continued his ministerial studies at Emory University.

Larry realized his dream of becoming a minister when he accepted a parish with the United Methodist Church (UMC). This put him and Eleanor on a rewarding journey that took them to churches throughout South Carolina.
From his first church in Great Falls to his last in Greenwood, Larry and Eleanor were beloved by their parishes for 44 years. After his retirement, they finally came home again to Lake Wylie, near Clover. Larry passed away on October 14, 2021, just ten days after Eleanor’s passing.

In retirement, Larry finished a book started years earlier, with the hopes of having it published one day. That book, The Rise and Triumph of Methodism, will be published in 2022.

The Larry Alfred and Eleanor Adams Jenkins Ministerial Education Foundation was created from their estate to provide scholarships for future ministers of the UMC. Their wish was to assure the ministry of the church continues to thrive for future generations.

CHARLES LUTHER JOHNSON SR.
February 20, 1944 – February 24, 2022

Rev. Dr. Charles Luther Johnson, Sr. was a man whose life was its own definition of a legacy. Born on February 20, 1944, to the late Andrew Luther and Anna Kitt Johnson. He graduated from Bonds-Wilson High School, Charleston County. He earned his Bachelor of Arts from Claflin University in 1966. He attended the Interdenominational Theological Center and Boston University School of Theology earning a Master of Divinity and Master of Sacred Theology respectively. In 1993, Claflin University bestowed an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree upon him.

Rev. Johnson served 44 years within the United Methodist Church, pastoring in Greer, Clover, Kingstree and Clemson. He served appointments in the South Carolina United Methodist Conference: Claflin University staff and Director of Conference Council of Ministries. He served as the District Superintendent of the Rock Hill and Greenville Districts. Charles regularly attended Annual and World Conferences, serving as a delegate on multiple occasions. He served on the following committees: Greenville District Committee on Ordained Ministry, the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, and Black Methodist for Church Renewal.

Charles preached and lived the gospel; leading by example and practicing what he preached. His real superpower was his family. Charles finished the Christian race on February 24, 2022. Left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife of 51 years, Deloris Williams Johnson; three children, Charlene (Jermaine) Jones, Chaundolyn Johnson, and Charles L. (Megan) Johnson, Jr.; four grandchildren, Jaden, Javis, Lilly, and Andrew; bonus daughter, Litasha Dennis, sister Annabell Brown and brother Clyde Johnson.

PHIL MACE JONES
January 16, 1930 – April 3, 2022

My name is Philip Jones and I am the oldest son of Phil Mace Jones.

Had I been given the opportunity to speak at my father’s funeral, this is the message I would have passed on.

As far back as I can remember, our family always went to Myrtle Beach every year on vacation. My dad was always working out with weights when I was a young boy and was really cute and a good looking guy. He thought he looked as good as any lifeguard that ever sat on the tall white lifeguard stand on Myrtle Beach. He loved hanging out with the lifeguards and shooting the breeze. Here is where the story gets interesting.
I was around 8 years old on the beach one day and my dad was around 32. After spending time with a lifeguard, he returned to our towels with a puzzled look on his face and I asked what they talked about. He told me that the lifeguard had been drunk and beat 2 guys up at a bar in North Myrtle Beach the night before. I asked, "What did you say to him"? He replied "I told him what Jesus Christ could do for him if he would let him into his life".

As I now think back on that day, that guy was hungover and the last thing he wanted to hear was a story about a man called Jesus. GUESS WHAT, Phil Jones didn't care. For he was never ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. He knew it well and loved to tell the story. He would go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.

~ Philip M. Jones

JAMES ERNEST LEMASTER JR.
June 19, 1936 – October 8, 2021

James Ernest LeMaster, Jr., was born in Kenova, West Virginia, on June 19, 1936, to James and Virginia LeMaster. He was one of six children. He married Ada Belle Akers on December 2, 1955, and they were the parents of four children.

After graduating from Ceredo-Kenova High School, he attended Marshall University for one year before transferring to the University of Cincinnati, College of Pharmacy. After graduation, he was employed at Griffith and Feil Drug in Kenova before moving to Flatwoods, Kentucky, to work at Scott’s Drug. He later purchased McDonald’s Pharmacy in South Shore, Kentucky.

In 1969, Jim responded to God’s call to ministry and enrolled in Asbury Theological Seminary. Following graduation from Asbury, Jim served in several pulpits throughout central and eastern Kentucky. He was later appointed Chaplain at Pikeville Methodist Hospital where he served for fourteen years. Jim and Ada moved to South Carolina in 1991, and they were blessed to be in ministry until retiring in 2001.

After retirement, Jim and Ada moved to Spartanburg. Jim enjoyed using his handyman skills to assist neighbors with home projects, and he loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jim was called home to eternal life on October 8, 2021. To God be the glory.

JOHN LEON NEWTON
November 16, 1932 – February 3, 2022

Rev. J. Leon Newton passed away Thursday, February 3, 2022 at McLeod Hospice House in Florence, SC. He was 89 years old.

Rev. Newton was born on November 16, 1932 in Newtonville, SC, to the late P.L. Newton and Susie Lee Newton. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Bennettsville, SC. He served as a Methodist minister in the South Carolina Conference for 43 years. His ministry included stops in Darlington, Pamplico, Georgetown, Chesterfield, Gaffney, Mullins and Conway. He also served as president of the South Carolina Mental Health Association. Upon retirement in 1999, he and his wife,
Betty Newton, resided at the family farm for 21 years before moving into the Methodist Manor in Florence two years ago.

Rev. Newton leaves behind to cherish his loving memory, a son, David Hunter Newton; a daughter, Susan Newton Graebe and husband Chris; four grandchildren, Robin Hunter Newton and wife Paige, Bradley Carter Newton and wife Kari, Caroline Graebe, and William Graebe; and three great-grandchildren, Kaleigh Grace Newton, Blakeland Christopher Newton, and Fiona Newton.

A service of celebration was held on Saturday, February 12, 2022 at First United Methodist Church in Bennettsville, SC, to honor the memory of Rev. J. Leon Newton.

ANNE R. PARROTT
March 24, 1944 – April 27, 2022

The Reverend Anne Richardson Parrott, 78, of Simpsonville, SC, passed away peacefully at her daughter’s home in Greenwood, SC, on Tuesday, April 27, 2022, surrounded by her family after an extended illness.

She was the daughter of Joseph R. Richardson and Frances Salley Richardson of Greenwood, SC. She graduated from Hartsville High School and attended Winthrop College, graduating with a degree in French in 1966.

Anne worked as a social worker at South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) in Greenville, SC, from 1982 until 1995, working in investigations and foster care. When she left DSS, she spent a few years volunteering in homeless ministry through Triune Methodist Church in Greenville before answering God’s call to fulfill full-time ministry.

She attended seminary at Erskine and was ordained by the Methodist Church in 2008. She served as the pastor of St. John’s UMC and Sardis UMC in Blacksburg during her first assignment and then at Kings Mountain Chapel UMC in York, SC, and St. Paul’s UMC in Clover, SC, before retiring in 2013.
Anne loved to work in her garden and share her prolific harvest with friends and neighbors. She always saw the best in everyone, sought opportunities to help others, and was grateful when God gave her the chance to do so. She loved thrift shopping and the joy of getting a good bargain. Her faithful rat terrier Beau loved to walk or take car rides with her, and he was always game for a quick trip through the Hardee’s drive-through to get hamburgers on their way home.

She is survived by her brother, Richard Richardson of Columbia, her two children, Rob Parrott and Salley Hyatt Cathcart (Richard), and four grandchildren, Alexa, Sam, George, and Anna, all of whom knew her lovingly as their Gaga.

A funeral service celebrating her life and interment service in the church’s columbarium was held Saturday, May 7, 2022, at The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection.

FREDERICKA WHALEY PHIPPS
December 4, 1948 – January 3, 2022

Pastor Fredericka “Ricki” Whaley Phipps, 73, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, January 3, 2022, at MUSC Health-Lancaster Medical Center.

She was born December 4, 1948, in Lancaster, the daughter of the late Bill Whaley and Crete Robinson Whaley, and was the wife of Donald C. Phipps.

Ricki graduated from Kings College with an associate degree in accounting. She was currently the pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Lancaster. Ricki was an avid Gamecock fan and enjoyed college football and NASCAR. She loved to sing and going to Pigeon Forge, Tenn., on vacation. Ricki was a people person who never met a stranger. She loved her church family and was a devoted servant of Jesus Christ.

Ricki is survived by her husband of 52 years, Don Phipps. She leaves behind many wonderful friends who are more like family.

Ricki was preceded in death by her daughter, Angela Phipps; and her parents.

The celebration of life memorial service for Ricki was held on Saturday, January 8, at Hopewell United Methodist Church, officiated by the Rev. Candice Sloan.

NORMAN KEITH POLK JR.
August 20, 1936 – January 31, 2022

Rev. Dr. N. Keith Polk, Jr, 85, resident of Royal Oak Drive, husband of Rebecca Kelly Polk, joined the Church Triumphant on January 31, 2022, at his home.

Born in Union, SC on August 20, 1936, he was the son of the late Rev. Norman Keith Polk, Sr. and the late Rosalie Trail Polk.

Dr. Polk received a BS from the College of Charleston, a M.Div. and M.Th. from Duke University, and a D.Min. from Vanderbilt University. A retired United Methodist Minister, Dr. Polk served the following churches during his tenure: the Dillon Circuit; St. Luke, Spartanburg; Pisgah, Florence; Tranquil; Associate Pastor, Main Street, Greenwood; Plum Branch Charge; Galloway-Ebenezer; Aldersgate, Greenwood; Johnston-Harmony; Troy; Harris; and Mathews.

In addition to serving local churches, Dr. Polk also served the SC Conference and Districts as Dean of Pastors School; Chairperson of the Committee on Continuing Ministerial Education; Dean and Registrar of Local Pastors License School; Conference Board of Ordained Ministry; Founder and Director of Lander College Wesley Foundation, and Originator of Edgefield County Salkehatchie Summer Service. Dr. Polk also taught part time at both Lander College and Limestone College.
Dr. Polk is survived by his wife Rebecca Kelly Polk; his sons Dr. Christopher K. Polk, his wife Aurora Virkkunen, and Jonathan C. Polk; his sons' mother Dr. Mary Lynn C. Polk; his grandchildren Romulus Knox Polk and Athena Aurora Polk; and his special cousin Jayne Polk Siegel.

His wisdom and gentle concern will be missed by friends, relatives and colleagues alike. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 19th, at Main Street United Methodist Church with Rev. James McCoy-Bruce, Rev. Barrett Alewine, and Rev. Dr. Stephen Love officiating. Private burial followed in Greenwood Memorial Gardens.

EARNEST JAMES REECE JR.
May 17, 1947 – November 8, 2021

The Rev. Earnest James Reece Jr., resident of McDonough, Georgia, and a retired elder of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, entered into rest on November 8, 2021.

Prior to his retirement in 2010, Rev. Reece served charges in the Pacific Northwest Conference and in South Carolina at the St. Michael, Good Hope Wesley Chapel, Pendleton Charge, Orange Grove, New Life and Cheraw Parish charges.

DAVID EUGENE REED
March 20, 1948 – September 21, 2021

Rev. David Eugene Reed was a member and Associate Pastor at Covenant United Methodist Church in Dothan, Alabama and was a former pastor for 17 years at both Smyrna and Shiloh United Methodist Churches in Bennettsville, SC.

He lived a life of love and service for his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and was never timid about sharing the truth of God’s love for us all.

Affectionately known in the community as Mr. David or “Preacher” and by his grandchildren as Pappy, David always enjoyed fellowship with others everywhere he went.

After accepting the Lord as a young boy, David continually sought ways to be the hands and feet of Jesus. He loved to serve God in his Community and churches as well as on the mission field alongside his wife of 47 years, Susan Goodwin Reed. In all aspects of his life, his three goals were To know Christ, To Be Like Christ, and To Be with Christ.

David was a humble man who never wanted anything to be about him and he had a special way of making people feel heard and seen. His love of family was undeniable as he quietly lived as a Godly example of what a spiritual leader, husband, father and grandfather should be. He has been described by many friends as the most genuine of our Lord’s servants and will always be remembered for his sweet spirit, kind heart and soft spoken words of encouragement and love by his family.

~ Tammy Morrell, daughter
CONRAD ALLEN SENN
June 10, 1931 – January 18, 2022

Rev. C. Allen Senn, 90, passed away on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. He was born on June 10, 1931 in Spartanburg, a son of the late George Crawford Senn and Mabun Lizzie Riddle Senn.

Rev. Senn was a veteran of the US Air Force serving during the Korean War. He was a 1948 graduate of Spartanburg High School, a 1959 graduate of Wofford College, and 1967 graduate of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He retired in 1994 as a United Methodist minister after serving for over 29 years in the ministry. Rev. Senn was also a member of the Lions Club.

Rev. Senn served Main Street Church (Bamberg), Homeland Park-Jon Wesley (Anderson), Trinity (Newberry, Galloway Memorial (Greenwood), St. Luke (Spartanburg), Bethel (Union), and Trinity (Spartanburg). A longtime member of the SC United Methodist Conference, he served on the Conference Ordained Board of Ministry and the Conference Board of Education, Missions, and Summer Investment Programs.

Also surviving are his son, Conrad "Rad" A. Senn II (Christy); his daughter, Carolyn Senn Brown (Richie); his grandsons, Blake Senn (Melissa), Alex Senn (Haylie), Tyler Senn and Sean Allen Brown; a great grandson, Landon Senn. Senn was predeceased by his brother, George E. Senn and a sister, Minnie Lee Pruitt.

Rev. Senn loved God and his family. His calling was to shepherd his flock. His proudest accomplishment in the SC Conference was his work to build and establish New Beginnings (Boiling Springs) UMC. But he would say his greatest accomplishment was his family.

DAVID T. TEMPLETON
May 5, 1928 – June 26, 2021

David Theodore Templeton, 93, resident of the Abbeville Nursing Home, former resident of East Epworth Camp Road, Ninety Six, SC, widow of Hazel Marie Abercrombie Templeton, died on Saturday, June 26, 2021, at Abbeville Nursing Home.

Born in Laurens County on May 10, 1928, he was the son of the late Charles Matthew and Hattie Mae Patton Templeton. After graduation from Ford High School in 1945, he enlisted and served in the Navy as a Fireman First Class aboard the USS Princeton during World War II. In 1949, he and Hazel married, started their family, and in 1956 began their ministry in the United Methodist Church. David graduated from Newberry College and Emory Seminary. He faithfully served as a full-time Methodist minister for 42 years, followed by 10 years in various temporary appointments.

When preparing for his retirement, David composed the following as his "Retirement Statement":
- 42 years in full-time ministry, followed by 10 years of temporary appointments
- 13 appointments in South Carolina
- 26 churches which have molded my ministry
- 7177 sermons preached in The Spirit
- 125 revivals in 4 states

"In the midst of adversities from within and without, I've learned to TRUST IN HIS WORD."

And, to paraphrase what Paul said, "I have fought a good fight, I have KEPT THE FAITH, and am determined to make it the rest of the way, even on the rough side of the mountain, to the PRIZE OF THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD."
LEON EDWIN THOMPSON  
March 28, 1935 – January 15, 2022

Leon Thompson moved peacefully from the arms of the love of his life and wife of 66 years, Patricia Foster Thompson, to the welcoming arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on January 15, 2022. He was born in Timmonsville SC on March 28, 1935 where he attended high school and graduated as Valedictorian. He loved scouting and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Leon graduated from Wofford College with membership in Phi Beta Kappa and in 1960 received his Master of Divinity degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University where he was a member of Theta Phi. In 1987 he returned to Emory and earned his Doctor of Ministry degree. Dr. Thompson's ministerial appointments span 45 years. They include Prospect in Georgia; Christ Church, Valley Falls; Centenary Circuit (Centenary, Central Soule Chapel, and Shiloh); Ridge Spring Circuit (Ridge Spring, Nazareth, and Spann); Trinity, West Columbia; Cambridge, Ninety Six; Midland Park, North Charleston; Bethlehem, Bishopville; First United, Clover; and John Wesley, Charleston in South Carolina. He will always be remembered for his gift of storytelling, but more importantly, for his desire that ‘none should perish but all should come to repentance.’

In addition to his wife, Leon is survived by his children John and Susan Thompson; son in law Russell Fox; Leon (Chip) Thompson Jr; Jack and Jane Harmon; sister, Maxine Armstrong; son, Richard and Margie Reddick; special thank you to Raymond Mack and Michael T. law Russell Fox. 

In addition to his wife, Leon is survived by his children John and Susan Thompson; Robin Fox; Leon (Chip) Thompson Jr; Jack and Jane Harmon; sister, Maxine Armstrong; sister-in-law, Joyce Thompson, and 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, Sammie Thompson, and more importantly, for his desire that ‘none should perish but all should come to repentance.’

In addition to his wife, Leon is survived by his children John and Susan Thompson; Robin Fox; Leon (Chip) Thompson Jr; Jack and Jane Harmon; sister, Maxine Armstrong; sister-in-law, Joyce Thompson, and 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, Sammie Thompson, and son-in-law Russell Fox.

ROBERT THOMPSON  
January 2, 1928 – December 4, 2021

Robert Thompson Jr., 93, the son of the late Robert Thompson, Sr. and Susan Singleton Thompson, was born in Sumter County on January 2, 1928. He departed this life on December 4, 2021.

He attended the public schools of Sumter County and Morris College and completed the Duke Divinity School Course of Study in Durham, North Carolina.

He was employed for several years and was the first black supply supervisor at Georgia Pacific Company in Sumter. He also served as pastor for 12 years at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Bethune. He later served for one year in 2006 at Mt. Zion, Shepherd, and Antioch United Methodist Churches in Sumter. He was married for 60 years to the late Eartha R. Thompson and to the union six children were born: Rev. Gwendolyn (Johnnie) White of Sumter, Robert A. (Latonya) Thompson of Fayetteville, NC, Deacon Wayne (Mary) Thompson of Stone Mountain, Georgia, Sheron (Anthony) Deas of Sumter, Apostle Charles (Evangelist Lillian) Thompson of Sumter, Susan (John) Pringle of Sumter; eighteen grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; bonus children, Richard and Margie Reddick; special thank you to Raymond Mack and Michael T. Heriot; four sisters-in-Law, Rosalie Wilson of New York, Annette Council of Ashburn, Virginia, Sarah Robinson of Columbia, Gardenia Robinson of Ashburn, Virginia; one brother-in-law, Willie Council of Ashburn, Virginia, and many other relatives and friends.

Rev. Thompson was very active in the community: organizer and member of Starlight Gospel Singers, leader for Boy Scout Troop 232 for many years where many young men were positively influenced by him through this group. He also was one of the builders of the first Salterstown Community Center for the young people in the community. He began a Senior Bible Study Class at Salterstown Community Center. He received the American
Defense Services Medal and World War II Victory WD Cir 326/45. He has been a mentor and a father figure for many in the community and the people who knew him.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 11, 2021, at St. Mark United Methodist Church, Sumter, with the Reverend Charlie Thomas, Pastor. Burial will follow in the Evergreen Memorial Park, Sumter.

MARK ANTHONY WILLIAMS
June 27, 1954 – January 22, 2022

Rev. Mark Anthony Williams, Sr. of Moncks Corner, SC entered into eternal rest on January 22, 2022.

The Home Going Service for Rev. Williams took place on Friday, January 28, 2022, at Wesley United Methodist Church, Ladson, SC. He will be laid to rest in Cherry Hill Cemetery, Ladson, SC.

Left to cherish his memory: his son, Mark A Williams II (Rosemary) of Charleston, SC; former wife, Geraldine D Williams of Ladson, SC; stepdaughter: Minda Bell of Goose Creek, SC; five sisters: Miriam Ragland of Maryland, Genice Stewart and Delores Stewart of North Charleston, SC, Beverly Stewart Mack of Charleston, SC, and Clara Freeman of Goose Creek, SC; three brothers: Caesar Lawrence (Johnnie Mae) of North Charleston, SC, Hezekiah David Stewart, Sr. (Diane) of Little Rock, AR, and Mark Stewart (Sonia) of Cambridge, Cambridgeshire; grandsons: Joseph L Bell IV and Jordan L. Bell of Goose Creek, SC; three sisters-in-law: G Barbara Williams of Patterson, NJ, Apostle Rosa Lee Williams of Augusta, GA, and Virginia (Kitty) Williams of North Charleston, SC.

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SHIRLEY G. BINES
March 20, 1947 – July 7, 2021

Mrs. Shirley G. Bines, 74, passed away on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at Piedmont Medical Center.

A native of Beaufort, SC, Mrs. Bines graduated as the valedictorian from Bonds-Wilson High School-Class of 1965. She taught Chemistry and Biology at Hoke Smith High School, Atlanta, GA, Camden Middle School, Camden, SC, Mountain View Middle School, Mendham, NJ, Northwestern High School, Rock Hill, SC, Kingstree Senior High School, Kingstree, SC, Hillcrest High School, Sumter, SC, Summerville High School, Summerville, SC, and Timberland High School, St. Stephen, SC.

Survivors are her husband, Rev. Dr. Lee C. Bines, Rock Hill, SC; her daughter, Alia S. Bines, Rock Hill, SC, and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was held Friday at Robinson Funeral Home Chapel of Remembrance. Burial followed at Grandview Memorial Park-Hollis Lake.

MARY GRACE L. BROWN
September 4, 1949 – March 29, 2022

Mary Grace Lancaster Brown, 72, wife of Reverend Dr. David A. Brown for 30 years, passed away on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at her home.

Born September 4, 1949 in Spartanburg, SC, she was a daughter of the late Robert and Corrie Eleanor Pettit Lancaster. She was a faithful minister’s wife, commuting back and forth from parsonages in the upstate to Converse College where she was the registrar for 27 years.
Mary is survived by a daughter, Eleanor E. Pomona and her husband, Randall, of Branchville, SC. They served as her chief caretakers in her last days in the hospice program in the residence. She is also survived by a brother, Robert M. Lancaster, III, of Pauline, SC.

She is also survived by granddaughters, Sarah Gonzalez and her husband, Blaine, of Jonesville, SC, Courtney Beckham and her husband, Sam, of Spartanburg, SC, and Allison Reinhardt of Spartanburg, SC; many great grandchildren; step sons, Christopher Brown of Marshall, NC, Mark Brown of E. Calis, VT, and Stephen Brown of St. Augustine, FL, and their families.

Mary had many other family members and friends that she deeply cherished and was committed too. She loved to help people and spend time with them and stood by family and friends in almost every situation possible. Mary had a wonderful sense of humor and was committed to her faith, United Methodist and other groups. She loved her dog, Daisy, like family. Mary will be deeply missed by everyone who had the pleasure of her company and concern. The world will be less without Mary Grace to comfort others, be a needed friend and fix things, but, heaven will be richer a great saint.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 2, at Dunbar Funeral Home. Committal prayers and interment were held in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens following.

Fr. Bart Leon, pastor of St. Rafka Maronite Catholic Church in Greer and the Catholic Chaplain of Greenville Memorial Hospital, who ministered to her in her final days, and Reverend Douglas Gilliland, longtime friend and retired UMC pastor officiated.

ANGELA M. BRUCE
January 29, 1953 – June 9, 2021

Angela McDuffie Bruce, 68, of Charleston, SC, wife of Reverend Michael Bruce, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, June 9, 2021.

Angela was born January 29, 1953 in Bennettsville, SC, daughter of Ansel Leon McDuffie and Alice Goodwin McDuffie. She was a thoughtful, kind, and generous person who lived her life with a quiet dignity and grace. She was an encouraging friend and a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, affectionately known by her beloved grandson as “GiGi.”

After graduating from Bennettsville High School class of 1971, Angela earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at MUSC School of Nursing, was certified as an OB/GYN nurse practitioner, and served as a public health nurse at SC DHEC for 20 years. As a pastor’s wife, Angela and her family lived throughout many areas in the state of SC. She faithfully served each church, finding her niche and putting her gifts and talents to their best use.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughter, Shannon B. Browne (Douglas) of Charleston, SC; son, Kevin M. Bruce (Meredith) of Johns Island, SC; grandson, Jack C. Browne; sister, Jeanie M. Feaster (Ron) of Chapin, SC; nephew, Scott Feaster (Kelly) of Columbia, SC; and niece, Courtney F. Pritchard of Chapin, SC.

Due to renovations at John Wesley United Methodist Church, her memorial service was held on Monday, June 14, at Hibben United Methodist Church. Arrangements by J. Henry Stuhr, Inc. West Ashley Chapel.

HARRIET C. COX
May 9, 1946 – August 30, 2021

Harriet Coleman Cox, affectionately known as “Way-Way” by her family, was an amazing mother, wonderful wife, and meant so much to the many people in her life. She was a devoted Christian and fell into the role as a preacher’s wife with grace, grit and a passion for spreading God’s love.
One of her many passions was children! She loved teaching and coaching and showing young lives her love of Jesus. She coached basketball and tennis at HPH. After retiring, Harriet continued to reach the children of her community through her kids’ summer tennis camps. She was an amazing coach, mentor and friend to so many people, and her love of winning and positivity was contagious. On September 3, 2021, she was inducted into Hannah-Pamplico’s Hall of Fame for her dedication to coaching and teaching and her countless contributions to her students and school.

In addition to teaching and coaching, Harriet’s other passion was being a lifelong member of Pamplico United Methodist Church where she made donations, taught Sunday school, volunteered her time and was a faithful servant of God. Her unwavering faith and love of Christ was always shown in every aspect of her life.

Harriet loved all sports, especially football, and there wasn’t a Friday night or Saturday you couldn’t find her cheering on the HPH Raiders or her Gamecocks. She was usually the loudest too! She was an avid tennis player and her teammates and partners can attest that winning was her favorite and she always gave 100% at everything she did while displaying her love of Christ. She enjoyed hunting and fishing and spent countless days at her farm sharing her love of God’s beautiful outdoors with her friends, children, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren.

JAMES RUSSELL ERWIN SR.
March 25, 1959 – September 14, 2021

James Russell Erwin Sr. 62, of Gilbert SC passed away on Tuesday, September 14, 2021. James was born on March 25, 1959 in Akron, Ohio to the late Francis and Glenna Taylor of Baltimore.

“As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I finished the race, I kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which is the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.” 2 Timothy 4:6-8

James worked as a truck driver all his life and his passions were riding his Harley, cruising the lake on his boat, spending time at his beach house, and restoring classic cars, but what he loved and cherished more than any of that was his family and friends. His love for his family was like no other. He worked hard to provide for his family in hopes that his influence and strong family values would be passed down to his kids, and they were. He touched so many people in so many ways and he was truly an inspiration to all that knew him. He will be forever missed but never forgotten.

James will be forever remembered by his wife, Angie; sisters, Doris and Laura of Baltimore, and Debby of Florida; brothers, Karl of Delaware, David of Georgia, and Wayne of Florida; sons, Christopher Huth of Dillon, Bryan Erwin Ricklin of Dillon, James Erwin Jr. of Mayesville, and Jamie Erwin of Bishopville; step children, Nicholas of N. Augusta, Tiffany of Graniteville, and Wesley of N. Augusta; grandchildren Jayden, Katelynn, Faith, Jaiden, Rebekah, Trent, Jayla, Weston, Zoe, Little James, Baylee, Kirby, Tyler, Brittany, Michelle, Heather, Casey, and Gabriella.

James was predeceased by his sisters Donna and Linda.

The family received friends on Friday, September 17, 2021 at Barr-Price Funeral Home and Crematorium, Lexington Chapel. A memorial service for family and friends was held on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at their home.
LaSANDRA S. GRIMSMLEY
February 12, 1955 – August 23, 2021

LaSandra Strickland Grimsley, 66, of Florence, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, August 23, 2021.

Mrs. Grimsley was born a daughter of Gerata Grainger Strickland and the late William Dailey Strickland. She was a member of Wannamaker Baptist Church and an accomplished organist and pianist. Mrs. Grimsley earned two Masters Degrees and worked in education for over 30 years. She was awarded Teacher of the Year in Florence County and in Chesterfield County.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, Reverend Preston Grimsley; brothers, William Franklin Strickland and Alvie Dailey Strickland (Kelly); sister, Angelia Mae Strickland Williamson (Shane); brother-in-law, Phil Grimsley (Sandra); nieces and nephews, George Strickland, Scott Strickland, Daniel Strickland, Brice Williamson, Maggie Vollrath, Shayna Fitzgerald, Ryann Grace Williamson, Jessie Grimsley, Phillip Grimsley, April Cockfield, Jennifer Stone, and John Arnold; and special friend, Marty Neal.

The Funeral service was held on Friday, August 27, 2021, at the Stoudenmire-Dowling Funeral Home Chapel. Committal service was held on Friday at Riverside Cemetery in Nichols, SC.

JOYCE WHITE IVEY
December 29, 1939 – September 30, 2021

Mrs. Joyce White Ivey, age 81, wife of Rev. Dr. James W. Ivey of 1808 S. Jonesville Hwy., Jonesville, passed away Thursday, September 30, 2021 at her home.

Mrs. Ivey was born in Union, December 29, 1939, a daughter of the late Paul and Lizzie Pruitt White. She was a 1958 graduate of Union High School and retired from United Merchants, Buffalo Plant. Mrs. Ivey was a member of New Hope United Methodist Church.

Surviving in addition to her husband are a son, Jim Ivey and wife Nicki of Jonesville; a brother, Steve White and wife Linda of Richland, VA; two sisters-in-law, Tommie White of Rutherfordton, NC and Jeanette Moss of Union; three grandsons: Jamie Ivey, Nickolas Ivey and Tyler Rector, and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Ivey was predeceased by two sisters, Betty Austin and Karen Jones, and three brothers, James White, Ricky White and Timmy White.

The family wishes to say a special Thank You to Compassus Hospice and Bruce Cook and his team for their care of Mrs. Ivey during her illness. Also, a heartfelt thank you to Nicki for her love and care that was freely given to help make it possible for Joyce to stay home surround by her family.

Graveside services were held Saturday, October 2, 2021, at New Hope United Methodist Church Cemetery conducted by a dear family friend, Rev. Nelson Stokes.

The family received friends at the graveside immediately following the service.

ELEANOR ADAMS JENKINS
September 2, 1939 – October 4, 2021

There was a man missing in Eleanor Adams’s life the day she was born in Clover, SC. Later, in high school, she found the man who stayed by her side for the rest of her life. His name was Larry Jenkins.
Eleanor’s father drowned just three months before she was born. He left behind her mother and four children. The family survived the hard times that came with a widowed mother raising a family in the 1940s and 50s.

When she and Larry began dating, he was a football player, and she was his homecoming sponsor. They were married after high school and moved to Tennessee and Georgia, where he continued his education in theology. Meanwhile, she went to cosmetology school and began her career as a hairdresser.

When Larry accepted his first parish with the United Methodist Church (UMC), they embarked on a journey that would last 44 years. Eleanor took on the role of minister’s wife and embraced it at churches they served throughout the state.

When Larry retired from his last church in Greenwood, they eventually moved back home again to Lake Wylie, near Clover. Eleanor died on October 4, 2021, and Larry died just 10 days later. They were married for 63 years.

They left their estate to the Larry Alfred and Eleanor Adams Jenkins Ministerial Foundation, which provides scholarships to aspiring ministers of the UMC. It was their vision that those who wished to enter the ministry should have that opportunity, regardless of their circumstances.

HELEN GRIBBLE SHORT
May 27, 1949 – January 11, 2022

Mrs. Helen Gribble Short, 72, of McBee, SC went home to be with her Savior on Tuesday morning, January 11th, 2022.

She and her twin brother were the last of eight children born to Mary Rogers Gribble and Harden Ammons Gribble of Franklin, NC on May 27th, 1949. She has always loved reading books and enjoyed the beauty of the mountains.

Helen went to college after high school at Western Carolina University; this is where she met the love of her life, a boy from the Sandhills of South Carolina, Charlie “Nick” Short. They were married on August 16th, 1969, at Union United Methodist Church in Franklin, NC. After graduating from college, they moved to Fort Lawn, SC to teach and coach. Both earned master’s degrees in Education from Winthrop University. Charlie felt called to be a minister, and Helen was very supportive of this change in their lives. They moved to Seneca, SC with two little girls, had two churches, and Charlie attended Emory University during the week.

They moved to McBee, SC in 1983, and Charlie began his career at Union United Methodist Church. McBee became part of the Short’s family and they did not leave until 1997. Helen devoted these years to helping so many children and families as a guidance counselor.

In 1997, Helen and Charlie moved to Laurens, SC, and Charlie began preaching at St. James United Methodist Church. Helen worked as a guidance counselor for a few years, but she felt led to help with adult education at that time. She helped so many adults obtain their GED’s; it was here that Helen’s family began to grow so much more.

Charlie retired in 2014 and they moved back to McBee. By this time, Helen had 6 grandchildren of her own to spoil and many more adopted grandchildren.

Nana Short loved her McBee Panther Softball girls, and especially the girls in 2020 who helped her get through the COVID season.

She leaves behind her loving husband of more than 52 years, Reverend Charlie A. Short of the home; her daughters, Mary Evelyn (Issac) Shipman and Nicole Short Teal; grandchildren: Jacob Shipman, Campbell Shipman, Cassi Shipman, Savannah Teal, Jenna Teal, Charlie Teal, and Noel Heustess; 3 wonderful sisters: Carol Pollack, Lana Haires, and Betty Accord; also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews.

Nana Short was so excited to be seeing her brothers who preceded her in passing,
Robert “Bob” Gribble and Junior Gribble. Also, her sisters, Mary Ann Gribble and Doris Owens Gribble. Most of all, her beautiful niece and nephews, Celeste Atkinson, Mike Shuler, Larry Owen, and Jeremiah Gribble.

The family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to Agape Hospice for their loving and tender care of Mrs. Short during her time of declining health.

A service celebrating her life was held on Thursday afternoon, January 13th, 2022, from Union United Methodist Church of McBee. Reverend Paige Wheeler and Reverend Dale McCluney officiated with burial following in McBee Cemetery.

MICHAEL A. STEPHENS
November 19, 1949 – November 9, 2021

Michael “Mike” Arthur Stephens of Lexington, SC, was received into the loving arms of Jesus Christ on November 9, 2021. He was 72 years old. He was born January 19, 1949 in San Antonio, TX to the late Arnett and Elsie Maxine Stephens.

Mike graduated from A.C. Flora High School in 1967. He graduated from Louisiana Tech University in 1975, with a degree in Computer Science. Mike served in the United States Air Force as well as the SC Air National Guard, attached to McEntire Air Force Base. He served in Desert Storm. Mike utilized his degree in computer science for a career in data processing.

He loved his church, Mt. Horeb UMC in Lexington, SC. He enjoyed playing his tuba in the church orchestra. He also served his community. Mike was a mentor in Lexington School District One and at DJJ, Columbia, SC. He loved his family deeply. His grandchildren were his greatest joy and blessing.

Mike is survived by his wife of 52 years, Faye Jones Stephens; his daughter, Angie Seshun and son-in-law, Steven Seshun; daughter-in-law, Jennifer Stephens; his brothers, Van Higgins Stephens, James Arnett Stephens; sisters-in-law, Betty Jo Jones, Shirley Harmon; his brother-in-law, Randy Jones; his grandchildren, Annika Seshun, Harper Stephens, Finley Stephens; and his nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son, Tyler Michael Stephens.

The family received friends on November 18, 2021 at Mt. Horeb UMC. A Memorial Service followed.

ALICE FAYE WICKER
July 24, 1948 – September 10, 2021

Alice Faye Cohoon Wicker, 73, born in Wallace, SC. She was a daughter of the late Quinton Leroy and Annie Louise McLendon Cohoon. She was a member of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Wallace, SC. She loved her grandkids and enjoyed cooking, camping and shopping.

Surviving is her husband, Reverend William Wicker of the home, daughters, Beth (Ronnie) Crowley of Cheraw, SC, Angela (Chris) Jackson of Rock Hill, SC, Pam (William) Hardy of Wallace, SC, grandchildren, Tiffany Crowley, Justin Crowley, Sara English, Hailey Jackson, Madeleine Jackson, Anna Jackson, Emma Jackson, great grandchildren, Aiden Crowley, Marley Baumgardner, a brother, Melvin (Alene) Cohoon of Wallace, SC, sisters, Jean Chalfinch of Wallace and Pat Thompson of Cordova, NC.

She was preceded in death by her parents listed above and a grandchild, Austin Baumgardner.

A funeral service was held Monday, September 13, 2021 at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Wallace, SC. Burial was held in the church cemetery.
SURVIVING SPOUSES

MARTHA B. BALLENTINE
March 26, 1929 – December 18, 2021

Martha B. Ballentine of Blythewood, S. C. passed away on December 18, 2021. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 37 years Chaplain W. Wayne Ballentine. A lifelong member of the UMC, she was the daughter of the late Jesse and Floy Burnette of Greer, S.C. She attended Greer High School and Columbia College.

While Martha was employed at Woodland UMC in Rock Hill, a dashing minister came visiting to look at Dr. Moody’s IBM. After taking her to lunch that day, they were married in March of 1958. The wedding was officiated by their lifelong friend, Rev. Leon Newton.

Martha was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. After Wayne returned to the Army, she was the anchor of the family as they accompanied Wayne around the world. Martha was an accomplished organist, pianist, and alto vocalist. Wherever they were, Martha was a vital part of the church, often performing the duties suiting her musical talents. She coordinated her children’s activities and never missed an athletic event or performance.

In 1977 they returned to the SCUMC and served at churches in Charleston, Rock Hill, Eastover, and St. George until Wayne’s retirement in 1992. Martha continued her love of music at each church and in retirement as she sang in the choir and substituted on the keys at Trinity UMC in Blythewood, S.C.

Martha was an avid gardener, loved spending time with family, and cherished gatherings preparing lavish meals. She is survived by four children, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

GLADYS LEFFT BOONE
July 24, 1930 – September 17, 2021

Gladys Lefft Boone was born on July 24, 1930 to the late Joseph E. Lefft and Emily C. Lefft. She was born in St. Stephen, South Carolina. Preceding her in death were her brothers, Joseph D. Lefft and Oscar N. Lefft; brothers-in-law, Samuel Cooper, Jr. and John Addison; and her sisters, Betty L. Davis and Joyce B. Addison.

Gladys was educated in the primary schools of St. Stephen, SC where she was born and raised. She continued her education at Claflin College (now University) where she obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1955. While attending Claflin, she became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and Gamma Nu Chapter.

She (“Bee Bee”) was united in Holy Matrimony to the love of her life, the late Reverend John D. Boone, Jr., who preceded her in death. They were wed on March 4, 1956. She could not believe they would end up sharing a life together after meeting on the back of a cousin’s pickup truck. Hence the irony, a “pickup” truck. Gladys was a faithful and devoted wife. She would continue to support John as a pastor’s wife for some 43 years of their union. Our family would move from the low country to the upper state of South Carolina to support dad in ministry and in doing so, Gladys would make every house we ever lived in a home.

Gladys was a sweet spirit with a pure servant’s heart. Being a pastor’s wife was no easy feat, but she did it with grace, love, service and true purpose knowing it was for the Lord. Gladys would attend Bible study and Sunday school at each of the churches where John pastored. She often attended the United Methodist Women’s Retreats held at Lake Junaluska.
Upon graduating from college, entering into marriage and starting a family, Gladys began her teaching career. Throughout her career, mom taught mostly Social Studies, History and Home Economics. As children, when we were asked what our mom taught in school, we would respond “English”. The joke: mom corrected our use of the English language so much, we thought she was an English teacher. While working, caring for her family and supporting her husband, in 1985 Gladys earned her Master’s degree in Education from South Carolina State University. She taught school throughout South Carolina in the following counties: Anderson, Orangeburg, Dorchester and Berkeley. After 31 years of teaching and service to the community, Gladys retired.

A woman of God, Gladys enjoyed music, especially hymn singing. She joined her college choir while in undergrad, various choirs at churches where dad pastored, and was a member of the Boone Singers. If mom was not listening to music, she was humming along while she baked or cooked. She was a devoted wife and loving mother, not only to her five children, but she was also a mother figure to our cousins and our friends. She loved to bake and read through cookbooks for new ideas and recipes to try. Out of all the goodies she baked, hands down her children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews loved her famous “Chewy Bread” or “Chewies”. Everything she baked and cooked was made with love. There was always enough food left over to share with anyone who stopped by whether unexpected or expected. She loved her husband and she loved her family. She always made sure to stay in contact with loved ones and friends through a phone call, handwritten letter or a greeting. She understood what it meant to be in a relationship with people, especially those she loved.

Gladys leaves to cherish her memories: four sons, John D. Boone III (Carla) of Ladson, SC, Reginald K. Boone of Summerville, SC, Gregory R. Boone, Summerville, SC, and Roger S. Boone (Ronnye) of Concord, NC; a daughter, Marcelle D. Kee (Wilkins) of Waxhaw, NC; grandchildren, Matthew D. Boone of Summerville, SC, Sydney E. Boone of Atlanta, GA, Carter B. Boone of Eugene, OR, Ashley N. Boone of Macon, GA, Christian L. Kee of Waxhaw, NC and Peyton A. Kee of Waxhaw, NC; one sister, Leila L. Cooper of Marion, IL; two sisters-in-law, Winifred Leffit of Orangeburg, SC and Shirley Coleman of Blythewood, SC; and a multitude of loving nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A Graveside Service was held Saturday, September 25, 2021, at Mack-Zion Cemetery, Beulah Tabernacle Drive, St. Stephen, SC.

**LOIS M. BRADHAM**

**November 26, 1924 – August 31, 2021**

Lois McKenzie Bradham, 96, passed away on August 31, 2021. After her father died during the Great Depression her mother became a housemother at Connie Maxwell Children’s Home in order to stay with her four children. Lois enjoyed a childhood filled with adventure with her siblings and her best friend, Ruth.

Lois married Edward Randolph Bradham, Jr. and supported him in his calling to become a Methodist minister. Their faith was resolute and they led their lives with Christ as the foundation of their marriage. They had three daughters. As a minister’s wife, she participated in various ministries of the churches that Edward served.

When their daughters were older she worked as a secretary. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was an artist and a member of the Charleston Artist’s Guild and the Mount Pleasant Artist’s Guild. Lois was proud that she supported theater as a season member of the Village Playhouse. She was a published poet and writer. She loved reading and was always surrounded by books.

She had lots of friends and she started a Breakfast Club in Mt. Pleasant for people to meet each other and share hobbies and stories. Lois enjoyed life and was always a bright spirit. She was always positive and encouraging and ready to do something fun on the spur of the moment. She was a very special person and will be sadly missed by all who knew her.
RUTH B. BROCK
October 7, 1929 – August 29, 2021

Ruth Botts Brock, 91, of Troy, wife of the late Rev. Raymond W. Brock, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Sunday, August 29, 2021 at home encircled by her loving family. She was born in Abbeville County, to the late William Capers and Ella Frances Cochran Botts.

A 1947 graduate of Abbeville High School, Mrs. Brock attended Lander College. While not in school during the summer, she was employed with Little River Electric Coop where she met her husband. Mrs. Brock was associated with DHEC in the bookkeeping and billing area of the Welfare Department, and with the Department of Health in Decatur, GA. She retired from Clemson University in 1991 as a secretary. A member of Main Street United Methodist Church, Abbeville, she was actively involved with the Lovely Lane Circle and Sunday school as long as her health permitted. The epitome of southern grace and hospitality, Mrs. Brock will be remembered as a lady who loved her Lord, her church and her family.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, William Mark Brock and a brother, Guy Botts.

Mrs. Brock is survived by her son, John Raymond Brock (Holly); daughter-in-law, Toni Brock all of Troy; two grandchildren, Baileigh Brock Rushton (Daniel) of Greenwood and Luke Brock; and one great-grandson, Matthew James Rushton.

The family received friends Thursday, September 2, 2021 in Main Street United Methodist Church. Funeral services followed in the church sanctuary with Rev. Randy Taylor and Rev. Brandon Fulmer officiating. Burial followed in Buffalo Baptist Church cemetery.

BETTY STROM CAREY
January 28, 1927 – March 29, 2022

Betty Strom Carey 95, wife of the late pastor Ira John Carey entered into rest on March 29, 2022. Betty Strom Carey was born on the 28th day of January 1927 in Edgefield, South Carolina to Thaddeus Edd Strom and Bettie Quarles Strom.

She was one of twelve (12) red-headed children: Brooker, Sallie, Helen, Lee, Heyward, Henry, Betty, Red, Roy, Harold, Peggy and Naomi. It was a loving family filled with laughter and home-cooked meals. The home at 404 Church Street often hosted many relatives, friends and travelers who were welcomed warmly. The annual Christmas Eve celebration with family and friends of the town, which almost always included Senator Strom Thurmond in attendance, were most cherished by Betty and the family.

Betty graduated from Edgefield High School in 1944, where she was a prolific basketball player, cheerleader, and active in student organizations. She was a member of the first Baptist Church of Edgefield where she was engaged in worship, youth activities, Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, and all church activities. She then graduated Greenwood College of Commerce and immediately took a job at the bank in Edgefield.

Throughout her life she was devoted to religious education and moved to Charleston, South Carolina to become the Director of Religious Education at Rutledge Avenue Baptist Church. It was in Charleston and other church fields that she met many treasured friends that she would keep for the remainder of her life.

She is survived by her son, Dr. John E. Carey, wife Dr. Jennifer J. Adams, grandchildren Olivia, Victoria and Joseph of Sidney, Montana; and son, Dr. Robert I. Carey, grandchildren Maximillian, Helen, Elizabeth, and Lewellyn of Sarasota, Florida and wife Dr.
Mount Olivet, New Orleans, LA. Due to ongoing risks associated with COVID

Dunnaway (Darlene), of Texas; Ricky Crump (Sylvia); Noel Crump (Theva) of New Orleans; one in attendance was required to wear a face mask and practice social distancing. preceded in death by her husbands, Kelvin McSwain, Sr. and Reverend Willie Dicks, her

uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and dedicated friends. Kechia was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother (Granny), daughter, sister, friend and so much more to so many. Kechia will be forever remembered by those she loved and those that loved her.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: one daughter, Keshana Crump (Ryan) of New Orleans; two sons, Kelvin McSwain, Jr. (Jade) of Hawaii, and Kemon (Franki) of Alaska; eight grandchildren, Kristen (Krissy), Kendrick (Fat), and Reign of New Orleans, LA; Kimani, Kelvin III (man-man), Ryleigh, Karsyn (mini-me), and Kyran of Hawaii. Two sisters, Denise Crump and Giselle Larkin of New Orleans, LA, four brothers, Kevin Dunnaway (Darlene), of Texas; Ricky Crump (Sylvia); Noel Crump (Theva) of New Orleans; Frank Crump (Antoinette) of California, and Brent Crump of New Orleans; two goddaughters, Gernell Cunningham and Rainey Foley, a godson Tyron Parker, and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and dedicated friends. Kechia was preceded in death by her husbands, Kelvin McSwain, Sr. and Reverend Willie Dicks, her parents Ethel Crump and Frank Narcisse, and her grandparents, Olga and Frank Crump. Relatives and friends of the family were invited to attend a Funeral Mass of Christian Burial at St. Maria Goretti, New Orleans, LA, on Tuesday, August 3, 2021. Interment at Mount Olivet, New Orleans, LA. Due to ongoing risks associated with COVID-19, everyone in attendance was required to wear a face mask and practice social distancing.

KECHIA M. DICKS
August 2, 1965 – July 28, 2021

On Wednesday, July 28, 2021, Kechia Crump McSwain Dicks peacefully slipped into the arms of Our Lord and Savior and entered eternal rest. Kechia was born August 2, 1965 in New Orleans, Louisiana to the parentage of the late Ethel Crump and late Frank Narcisse. At a very early age Kechia accepted Christ as her personal Lord and Savior. She received all her catholic sacraments. Kechia loved many things but most of all, she loved loving her children, grandchildren, her family, and her friends. She also loved a good purse.

Kechia received her educational foundation in the New Orleans Public School System. She attended Charles E. Gayarre Elementary School, Charles J. Colton Middle School, and she received her High School Diploma from Joseph S. Clark Sr. High School. Kechia later continued her education at Southern University at New Orleans where she received her Bachelor’s degree in General Studies. Kechia was a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, Epsilon Chi chapter since Spring 2001.

On June 11, 1988, Kechia married her best friend, the late Kelvin McSwain, Sr. and from their union, a daughter and two sons were born. Years after Kelvin’s death, Kechia met and married Reverend Willie Dicks. Kechia and Willie lived in South Carolina until Willie’s death. Kechia returned to her roots, New Orleans, Louisiana until her transition. Kechia was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother (Granny), daughter, sister, friend and so much more to so many. Kechia will be forever remembered by those she loved and those that loved her.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: one daughter, Keshana Crump (Ryan) of New Orleans; two sons, Kelvin McSwain, Jr. (Jade) of Hawaii, and Kemon (Franki) of Alaska; eight grandchildren, Kristen (Krissy), Kendrick (Fat), and Reign of New Orleans, LA; Kimani, Kelvin III (man-man), Ryleigh, Karsyn (mini-me), and Kyran of Hawaii. Two sisters, Denise Crump and Giselle Larkin of New Orleans, LA, four brothers, Kevin Dunnaway (Darlene), of Texas; Ricky Crump (Sylvia); Noel Crump (Theva) of New Orleans; Frank Crump (Antoinette) of California, and Brent Crump of New Orleans; two goddaughters, Gernell Cunningham and Rainey Foley, a godson Tyron Parker, and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and dedicated friends. Kechia was preceded in death by her husbands, Kelvin McSwain, Sr. and Reverend Willie Dicks, her parents Ethel Crump and Frank Narcisse, and her grandparents, Olga and Frank Crump. Relatives and friends of the family were invited to attend a Funeral Mass of Christian Burial at St. Maria Goretti, New Orleans, LA, on Tuesday, August 3, 2021. Interment at Mount Olivet, New Orleans, LA. Due to ongoing risks associated with COVID-19, everyone in attendance was required to wear a face mask and practice social distancing.

JEWEL S. FLOYD
September 30, 1943 – December 8, 2021

Marjorie Jewel Smith Floyd, 75, widow of Donaldson Thomas “Tommy” Richardson and Rev. Merritt Floyd, died Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at Commander Nursing Center. Born September 30, 1946, in Florence, she was a daughter of the late Richard Smith and the late Marjorie Lee Driggers Smith. She was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Coward; a 1964 graduate of J.C. Lynch High School and a graduate of Carolina College of Commerce with an Associate of Arts Degree.
She was a dedicated grandmother and she loved all things Clemson. Two passions in Jewel's life were being a minister's wife and The Citizens Bank, where she was a valuable and trusted employee for 34 years. Jewel was known as "Nan" to many folks, especially Chandler and Zachary Coward, her Disney buddies.

She is survived by one son, H. Legrande Richardson (Amy) of Coward; two grandsons, Thomas "Whit" Richardson and Matthew Richardson both of Coward; one brother, Thomas Quincy Smith (Alice) of Scranton; a sister-in-law, Nancy Driggers of Scranton; a niece, Amy Shockley (Joe) of Scranton; and a nephew Bryan Smith (Tara) of Raleigh; a great niece, Suzannah Nutt (Landon); a great nephew, J.T. Shockley; a special friend, Mack Elmore; and her adopted family, Joey and Cricket Coward.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Kelvin McSwain, Sr. and Rev. Willie Dicks. Kechia was much more to so many. Kechia will be forever remembered by those she loved and those that loved her.

PEGGY JEAN GRANGER FLOYD

November 17, 1944 – February 28, 2022

Peggy Jean Granger Floyd, 77, wife of the late Rev. Duncan Floyd, of Greenville, died Monday, February 28, 2022 at her home. Born in Greenville, she was the daughter of the late Wilford and Varina Whittfield Granger.

Mrs. Floyd was a member of Dunean United Methodist Church. Peggy was a medical transcriptionist for several doctors’ offices, Greenville Memorial Hospital, and St. Francis Hospital. She loved country music and used to play the guitar.

She is survived by a brother, Richard Granger and his wife, Ramona; nieces, Jan Ford, Jackie Cooper, and Amy Granger; nephews, Eddie Phillips and Jack Granger, Jr.; and special caregiver, Shirley Cantrell.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by siblings, Patsy Watson, Junior Granger, Jack Granger, Harold Granger, Louise Granger, and Nellie Phillips.

The funeral service was held on Monday, March 7, 2022 at Thomas McAfee Funeral Home, Downtown. Burial was in Woodlawn Memorial Park.

ELIZABETH WIMBERLY GOEWHEY

July 6, 1920 – May 26, 2021

Betty Goewey, 100, of Fountain Inn, widow of Rev. Harry M. Goewey, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, May 26, 2021. Born in Fountain Inn, she was a daughter of the late William West and Mattie Wimberly Kellett Sr.

Mrs. Goewey is survived by one son, West Goewey, and his wife, Theresa, of Fountain Inn; three grandsons, James (Lindsey) Goewey of Hickory, NC, Spencer (Candice) Goewey of Greer, and Tyler Goewey of Fountain Inn; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Wim Goewey; two brothers, William West Kellett Jr. and Edward Wimberly Kellett; and one sister, Rebekah Kellett Jones.

A Funeral Service was held on Friday, May 28, 2021 at Trinity UMC with Rev. Murray Snow officiating. Interment followed in Cannon-Byrd Memorial Park.
LINDA G. HEAPE  
August 22, 1944 – January 25, 2022  
Linda Elene Heape, 77, of Goose Creek, South Carolina, widow of Rev. Ernest M. Heape entered into eternal rest Tuesday, January 25, 2022. Her graveside service was held Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at Riverview Memorial Park. Arrangements by J. Henry Stuhr, Inc. Northwoods Chapel.

Linda was born August 22, 1944 in Charleston, South Carolina, daughter of the late John Gladden, Sr. and Wilma Grooms. She was the owner/operator of a hair salon in North Charleston, and also worked at Hamrick’s. She was also a follower of Christ, and a member of Goose Creek United Methodist Church.

MARGARET LEWIS HENDRICKS  
September 8, 1932 – April 15, 2022  
Mrs. Hendricks of Angier, NC, was born in Hamlet, NC, to Herbert and Pauline Lewis. She is survived by daughter Nancy Brody (Rees) of Mooresville, NC; daughter Kim Truesdale (Kent) of Angier, NC; daughter Polly Perret of Angier, NC; daughter Paula Brown of Lexington, SC; and son Artie Hendricks (Valene) of Raleigh, NC. She was preceded in death by her husband the Reverend John Kirkwood (Kirk) Hendricks, Sr., and son John Kirkwood Hendricks, Jr. Mrs. Hendricks is survived by 12 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and her brother, Sinclair Lewis of Anderson, SC. She was preceded in death by her sister Mildred McDonald and her brothers Herbert Lewis, Jr. and Leslie Lewis.

As an integral part of her husband Kirk’s ministry, Mrs. Hendricks was the consummate pastor’s wife. Alongside Kirk, she served the Sampit Methodist Charge in Georgetown, SC, from 1961-62; Folly Beach United Methodist Church, 1964-70; Red Bank United Methodist Church in Lexington, SC, 1970-74; Harris United Methodist Church in Greenwood, SC, 1974-76; Trinity United Methodist Church in Newberry, SC, 1976-80; Ware Shoals/Hodges United Methodist Charge in Greenwood County, SC, 1980 -86; St. Paul United Methodist Church in Ninety Six, SC, 1986-94. In retirement, they served Lakeview United Methodist Church in Lakeview, SC, in 1996, and Hardeeville United Methodist Church in Hardeeville, SC, 2000-01.

Mrs. Hendricks served many years as a high school cafeteria manager in Greenwood, SC, before retiring. In addition to her work as a cafeteria manager, Mrs. Hendricks was a successful caterer. Her expertise was catering large events with a personal touch. Among Mrs. Hendricks’s many specialties were her homemade cinnamon rolls. She was a person of great faith who deeply loved her family and friends.

A private graveside service was held prior to the service at Olive Branch Cemetery in Kipling. A memorial service was held on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at Kipling United Methodist Church with Rev. Justin Jamis officiating.

SHARON ARNETTE HUGHES  
September 9, 1950 – July 6, 2021  
Sharon Johnson “Sheri” Hughes passed away peacefully on Tuesday July 6, 2021 at her home. Sheri was born in Kingstree, SC, and served as a schoolteacher for many years at Andrews Elementary, Williamsburg Academy, and other schools. Until 2007, when her husband Rev. Steve Hughes retired from the ministry, Sheri’s unofficial second job was being a preacher’s wife and attending church events and social gatherings. Sheri
loverd the churches Steve ministered to and the numerous friend-
ships she had in the congregations. Sheri “never met a
stranger,” as she formed long-lasting friendships with people
from all across the globe traveling to Australia, Italy, Brazil, New
York, Texas, California, Las Vegas, Colorado, the Caribbean
islands, and many other places. She enjoyed Broadway musi-
cals, whether in New York or in a local theater. She was truly a
People’s Person, and she would strike up a conversation with
people in a restaurant or a young family at the playground.
Sheri loved to play games with her family and friends. She
enjoyed Uno, Canasta, Gin Rummy, Hand and Foot, and Bridge.
Sheri was excellent at crossword puzzles, and she played
Scrabble long before Words with Friends was a thing. The beach
was her favorite place in the world, and she was quick to get
down and play in the sand with her children and her grandchil-
dren. There was never silence with Sheri; if it got quiet, she
would hum whatever tune was in her head. Her family misses her smile and her caring
nature.

ADA BELLE LEMASTER
July 14, 1934 – November 10, 2021

Ada Belle Akers LeMaster age 87 of Spartanburg, South Carolina
died Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at the Spartanburg Regional
Hospice Home after a brief illness.
She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, the Reverend
James E. LeMaster, Jr. on October 8, 2021 and by an infant daughter, Jean
Ann LeMaster.
Surviving are two daughters, Glenna and Robert Traina of The
Villages, Florida, and Anita and James Manning of Gonzales, Louisiana:
son, James E. LeMaster III of Garden City, Georgia; five grandchildren
and six great-grandchildren.

HATTIE BEST POLK
June 12, 1926 – April 25, 2022

Spanning almost 96 years, the remarkable life journey of
Hattie Best Polk has ended. Growing up on a farm in Galivants
Ferry, South Carolina with no running water, electricity, or
indoor plumbing, she worked in the cotton and tobacco fields.
As a public-school teacher in South Carolina and North Carolina
for over 50 years, Hattie mentored many students and teachers.
Her spiritual life began at Sandy Plain United Methodist
Church (UMC) where she learned about God’s love for children,
a lesson forging her path thereafter. As a teen youth leader, she
met her new pastor Reverend Charles Polk. In 1945, she
became her preacher’s wife, a very demanding job at which she
excelled. Together they served nine churches in South Carolina
and many others as superintendent of the UMC Marion District.
During the height of the Civil Rights struggle, she stood up and
spoke out at much personal risk to insist that the church
welcome our African American siblings. By taking this stand,
she learned the hard work of loving those who had different perspectives and the importance
of peace.
She often asked recently why God had allowed her to live so long. When told her
answer was in the Bible, she quickly quoted Esther: “And who knows whether you have
not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” Our unsettled times have certainly needed the lessons she had learned.

Hattie Polk has been an exemplar for many. She has been an advocate for God’s justice all her adult life. With her faith, she turned every obstacle into an opportunity, every pain into an important lesson, every mistake into a chance to reconcile. It was no surprise that in 1955 she became the first married student to graduate from Columbia College, Columbia, South Carolina when she marched into President Wright Spears’ office asking why a Methodist minister’s wife could not graduate from a Methodist school. Years later that same relationship grew stronger. Both living at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, they began many missions of peace together.

Several important missions for Hattie remain. For God’s work is never done. While Covid has paused critical decisions in the UMC, no one doubts that we will soon see progress in the New UMC that will celebrate and welcome fully ALL of God’s children, made in His image. It will translate into reality our UMC motto: “Open minds, open hearts, open doors.”

As she enters her new life, she will see glorious flowers like those at Lake Junaluska’s Inspiration Point, a spot she has left as a legacy for all. Her parting words are these: “My prayer is that my life has made a difference.” One visitor noted: “I’m sure I speak for countless others as you have touched my soul with your presence.”

“Well done, thou good and faithful servant.”

Hattie was a resident of Lake Junaluska, North Carolina for almost 40 years. She was the daughter of Laura May Wingard and Jamie M. Best and is survived by daughter Donna Fisher (Tom) of Lilburn, Georgia; son, Charles Polk (Lessie), of Lexington, South Carolina; grandchildren, Derek Fisher (Jess), Blake Fisher, Jason Fisher, Hannah Polk (Liz); eight great-grandchildren, and many devoted nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband of 55 years Reverend Charles Polk, a daughter, Patricia Gayle Polk, siblings, Edna Earle Lewis, Fred G. Best, Jamie M. (Jinks) Best, Miriam Altman, Pressley Best, and Barbara Shelley.

A funeral service was held Sunday, May 8, 2022, at Waynesville First United Methodist Church. A visitation was held in the narthex following the service. The graveside interment was held at Sandy Plain UMC, Galivants Ferry, South Carolina on Monday, May 9, 2022.

CORNELIA QUARLES
January 6, 1932 – January 30, 2022


She is survived by her daughters, Cathy Quarles, Helen Vehee, Rachel (Rufus) Rice, Hattie Gaines, and Anne (Larry) Merriweather; twelve grandchildren, twenty-three great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren; and a host of relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Calvin Quarles; parents, Thomas and Gertrude Norris Cunningham; and four sisters, Birdie Mae Rutledge, Janie L. Williams, Celestine Jones, and Ethel Kemp; and seven brothers, Tommie Cunningham, Jr., George Cunningham, Harry Cunningham, Bishop B.T. Cunningham, John Cunningham, Samuel Cunningham, and Robert Cunningham.

The funeral service was held on. Friday, February 4, 2022 in the Ollie Robinson Brown Memorial Chapel of Marcus D. Brown Funeral Home. The interment was held at a later date at M.J. “Dolly” Cooper Veterans Cemetery.
DOROTHY E. SPRAYBERRY
February 3, 1937 – December 22, 2021

Dorothy Estes Sprayberry, born February 3, 1937, moved into her eternal home (Jesus's house) on Wednesday, December 22, 2021.

She was a lifelong lover of music; having played piano or organ at her church for the majority of her life. Most of her working career was spent with the U.S. Postal Service, from which she retired in Hogansville, GA.

She was preceded in death by her father, mother, two brothers, and her spouse (Rance). She is survived by three children, grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Disciples United Methodist Church, Greenville, SC, on Saturday, February 12th, 2022.

A joint memorial service for both Dorothy and Rance will be conducted Saturday, March 26, 2022, at Hogansville First United Methodist, Hogansville, followed by a graveside interment at Shadowlawn Cemetery in LaGrange, also at a time to be announced later.

RAMONA J. POTTER WADDELL
September 8, 1934 – October 5, 2021

Ramona “Mona” Potter Waddell, 87, of Greenwood and widow of Rev. Bobby Gene Waddell, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

Born in Winder, Georgia, on September 8, 1934, she was a devoted daughter of the late John David and Willie Elizabeth Lay Potter. Ramona was a graduate of Piedmont Nursing School in Atlanta, Georgia. It was in Atlanta that she met and married Bobby Waddell. Ramona lived life that mattered, always putting others needs before her own. She held many titles: godly woman, minister's wife, mother, grandmother, nurse, sister and friend to name a few.

She had four children, Cindy Waddell of Greenwood, Susan Bynum of Seneca, Bryan Waddell of Taylors, and Anita Brown of Seneca; one sister, Kay Dowdle of Hartwell, Georgia, and five grandchildren, which she considered to be her greatest accomplishment, Jesse Davis of Easley, Josh Gallman of Seneca, Brittany Bynum of Clemson, Emily Waddell of Charleston and Kate Waddell of Columbia.

Ramona was predeceased by a sister, Sue Kesler.

A graveside service was held on Saturday, October 16, 2021, at Wood Memorial Park, Duncan, South Carolina, officiated by Pastor Valarie Mireb.

The family wishes to thank Wesley Commons Assisted Living, Ellen Rhodes of Internal Medicine of The Piedmont and Hospice House in Greenwood for the wonderful care she received during her final days.
JAMES JEFFREY MERCK
October 25, 1958 – November 1, 2021

James Jeffrey (Jeff) Merck was born on October 25, 1958, in Columbia, SC, to Gerri and Jim Merck, the Saturday after Gerri represented Jim for the Gamecocks on the field at Big Thursday.

Jeff was graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, then a Master of Divinity degree from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, in 1994. During his graduate school years, he served as a local pastor at Pleasant Valley UMC in Sachse, TX, and later as the Director of Youth with Spring Valley UMC in Richardson, TX. After graduation, he returned to SC and served both Livingston UMC and Pine Hill UMC in Orangeburg County. Jeff’s last appointment was as the Associate Minister at Shandon UMC in Columbia, SC, from 1997-1999. His ministry passion was in service to youth development and marginalized communities.

In 2003, Jeff trained to be a Luthier and then opened his stringed instrument repair business, Strings Attached, on Main Street in Columbia.

Jeff was known to many as the classic “Renaissance Man” who had a talent for music, poetry, philosophy, art, building, landscaping, cooking, sailing, camping and hiking, and fostering friendships. Jeff was easily recognized for his brilliance, charm, sense of humor, penchant for puns, compassion, big heart, and desire to help others. Jeff’s greatest love was for that of his daughters, Caitlin and Bexx, with whom he shared his gift of music, adventure, nature, food, and beauty.

MARVIN R. MOORE
January 10, 1944 – January 30, 2022

Reverend Marvin Moore, 78, of Bluffton, South Carolina, was called to heaven on January 30, 2022. He was born in Columbia, Missouri, on January 10, 1944. He enjoyed growing up on a farm; served as deputy clerk and worked in agriculture; but, his true calling was spreading the Gospel of Christ, presenting his first sermon at age 15 and singing at church events.

In 1985, he was appointed Lay Pastor. He recorded an album of Christian Gospel, “Gentle Shepherd.” In 1989, he graduated from University of Missouri; and SMU in Dallas, in 1993, with a Masters of Divinity. He was ordained Deacon in the Central Texas Conference in 1992; Elder in 1994; and the first designated as Certified Rural Chaplain in Texas.

While in Texas, Marvin met and married his beloved wife, Leigh. She treasures joy-filled days of marriage, and working in ministry with Marvin. Marvin is also survived by children Justin, Kimberly and Don; brother; three sisters; grand-children; nieces and nephews.

Marvin served in Missouri, Ohio, Texas, Tennessee, and, South Carolina. He served Hardeeville UMC from 2016 until his passing. His ministry in word was relatable to all and his beautiful singing showed the hope and love of God pointing hearts to Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.

Marvin enjoyed woodworking. He loved this country. He always had a song in his heart and a smile on his face. We are comforted and encouraged knowing that Marvin is full of joy and singing praises, sheltered in the arms of God!

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Frank Leon Abercrombie
Gary Bruce Adams
Louis Mason Adams
James Marion Aiken
Howard Edward Albert
Donald Eugene Alexander, Jr.
Robert Leon Alexander
Clyde William Allen
John Alsbrooks, Jr.
Merle Sylvester Amspacher
Leonard Porter Anderson
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John Henry Wofford  
Robert Morris Wofford  
Cellis Leecester Woodard  
Lewe Scott Woodham  
Harry Eugene Wright  

Joseph Elmo Tysinger, Jr.  
February 5, 1948 – February 21, 1979  
James Epting Varnadore  
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Robert David Vehorn  
August 4, 1942 – July 15, 2005  
Thurman Horace Vickery  
August 21, 1918 – January 19, 1997  
William Joseph Vines  
October 11, 1931 – October 12, 2015  
John Edward Voorhees  
October 23, 1922 – February 9, 1986  
Bobby Gene Waddell  
January 6, 1935 – December 13, 2018  
Charles Bret Waller  
August 20, 1966 – January 8, 2011  
Woodrow Ward  
November 21, 1896 – May 17, 1982  
James Malachi Waring  
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Calvin Burdell Washington  
August 10, 1967 – April 22, 2015  
Jack Christopher Washington  
February 12, 1946 – September 28, 2019  
James A. Washington  
December 27, 1905 – October 29, 1984  
Paul Allen Washington  
February 2, 1910 – February 26, 1979  
Wilbert Tyndall Waters  
August 25, 1933 – February 16, 2021  
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James Watson  
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Jack Daniel Watts  
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November 30, 1932 – October 25, 2004  
Robert Daniel Way, Jr.  
May 29, 1939 – February 12, 2007  
Benjamin Franklin Webb  
November 12, 1940 – December 30, 2008  
Billy Julian Weisner  
May 10, 1929 – April 16, 1994  
Billy Amon Wells  
July 8, 1915 – November 3, 2004  
Robert Newton Wells  
March 12, 1955 – August 20, 2009  
Anthony Whay  
June 24, 1921 – June 6, 2012  
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February 26, 1879 – September 11, 1972  
Lemuel Edgar Wiggins, Sr.  
February 22, 1916 – July 8, 1982  
Edward Moses Wiley  
September 23, 1907 – November 30, 1976  
Thomas Byars Wilkes  
May 5, 1930 – March 7, 2011  
Bill Bragg Williams  
December 9, 1925 – September 21, 2010  
Clarence Daniel Williams  
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Edgar Warren Williams  
May 25, 1949 – February 14, 2016  
Edwina Juliette Williams  
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John David Williams  
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Mark Anthony Williams  
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Seth W. Williams  
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Wilton Duff Williams  
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SECTION IX
STANDING RULES AND RESOLUTIONS
THE SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Structure of the Annual Conference
The following is a listing of all councils, boards, commissions, committees and boards of
trust of the South Carolina Annual Conference together with the paragraph references to the
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Conference as amended and revised and in accordance with Paragraph 604.1 of
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