

Baker, Robert

Rev. Robert Baker was born May 24, 1910, in Nashville, TN to Walter and Mary Baker. In June 1939, he married Waneda Bowman. They had six children: Linda Hawkins, Jeanetta Moore, JoAnn Crain, Judy Thomas, Elder Albert Baker and Bishop Robert Baker.

He died on November 26, 2009, and the memorial service was held at Barnes UMC with burial in Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis. Rev Baker's sermons were spiritually inspiring and helpful to others in their daily life. The life Rev Robert Baker lived exemplified his walk with Christ.

Berry, John

Rev. John M. Berry Jr., of Central City, IN, formerly of Evansville, IN died Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at his residence. He was born July 10, 1919, in Central City, graduated from CCHS, the University of Evansville, attended Boston University's School of Theology, and graduated with a Masters of Divinity from the Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, IN. He was a veteran of World War II. He is survived by his wife, June; son, Jeffrey of Evansville; 14 grandchildren and many great and great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sons: Eddie, Don, Roger and Dr. John Berry.

Services were held on March 19, at Tucker Funeral Home in Central City with Dr. Kevin Brown officiating and burial at Walnut Hills Cemetery.



Bill, Lester



Lester Henry Bill died peacefully at home at Wesley Manor in Frankfort, Indiana, on July 9, 2009, in his ninety-ninth year. His beloved wife of 68 years, Jane Elizabeth (Barber) Bill, preceded him in death at Wesley Manor four months earlier, on March 13, 2009. He leaves four children who will miss him dearly: Carolyn (Bob Bullock), Ottawa, Canada; Anita Jane Shekinah, West Des Moines, IA; Eileen, Santa Rosa, CA; and Doug (Risë), Honesdale, PA.

Lester was born in Wilton Junction, Iowa, and grew up on a small farm in Muscatine County, the oldest of seven children. After teaching in rural schools for five years, he attended Iowa Wesleyan College, graduating in 1937. Following his calling to the ministry, he went on to the Boston University School of Theology, where he graduated in 1940, and became an ordained Methodist minister.

Through a happy coincidence of teaching a Sunday School class at two dollars a week in Brookline, Massachusetts, and being invited to a young adults' meeting at that church, he met a lovely young Bostonian, Jane Barber, who captured his heart. They were married in 1940, and set out for a new life in Iowa, returning to Lester's Midwestern roots. It was thanks to a kindly bishop in Boston, who provided bus fare, that the newlyweds were able to make the journey together to their new home in Crawfordsville, Iowa.

Lester and Jane loved traveling, and the whole family always looked forward to their annual summer camping trips throughout the U.S. and into Canada. After their family was grown, Lester and Jane traveled greater distances from home to learn more about the world and promote peace. Their journeys took them to Ghana, Israel, and Greece, and around the world (Egypt, Thailand, India, Hong Kong, China and Japan) with AARP, the American Association for Retired Persons. They were in Asia again in 1985, with the Asia Mission Study Tour in Korea, Japan and China. They traveled three times to the former Soviet Union, including a trip across Siberia, twice to Nicaragua (Interfaith Task Force in Central America, Witness for Peace program), twice to Cuba (Pastors for Peace; Promoting Enduring Peace) and twice to Mexico (once with Christian Based Communities among the poor.) They joined peace cruises on three of the world's great rivers: the Mississippi, the Volga and the Dnieper. They were also able to pursue their passion for new horizons by participating in seven Elderhostel programs in the United States, and two more in Switzerland and England/Scotland.

Those who knew Lester loved him for his sincerity and humility, and admired him for his passionate world view and fearless willingness to live his convictions. His deep faith and bedrock integrity were fundamental to his life and work. He will be sadly missed and greatly honored by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

A memorial service was held in the Amanda Reid Memorial Chapel at Wesley Manor on Saturday, September 12, 2009, at 2 p.m., followed by a reception. Wesley Manor Chaplain Ronald Mann led the service, with tributes offered by Lester's lifelong friends and colleagues from Indianapolis days, Rev. Dr. James Armstrong and Rev. Dr. William Valentine.

Blessing, William

Rev. William Blessing was born in Pittsboro, Ind., on April 17, 1923, to Arthur and Bertha Blessing. In 1943, he completed his BA degree at DePauw University and then attended Boston University in Boston, MA where he got his Baccalaureate of Sacred Theology in 1949.

He married Barbara Harris of Arlington, MA on August 31, 1947. They had 4 children: Donna, Marcia, John and Linda.

Rev. Blessing died on August 29, 2009 at Wesley Manor. A memorial service was held on September 1, 2009, and burial was in Lizton, IN. Survivors include: wife, Barbara; two daughters, Donna Brennan and Linda Soukup; and one son, John Blessing; three grandsons; and two granddaughters. He was one of the founders of the Indiana United Methodist Federal Credit Union.



Chrispell, Richard

Rev. Richard Chrispell was born September 15, 1934, in Allegan, Mich., to James and Bertha Chrispell. He attended Marion College, Asbury Theological Seminary and McCormick Theological Seminary.

On August 9, 1957, he married Patricia Hansen and they had 3 children: David, Craig, and Jill.

A memorial service was held at the Shiloh United Methodist Church in Jasper, IN on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. He served churches in Miami Parish, Kokomo, Leo, Oxford, Merrillville and Anderson. He also served as chaplain at Gary Methodist Hospital from 1985, until his retirement in 2001.

Custer, Rex E.

Rev. Rex Custer was born in Ohio City, Ohio on March 30, 1913 to Lucy and Hubert Custer. He attended Olivet Nazarene College, Adrian College and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. He married Thelma Elizabeth Prichard of Ohio City, Ohio on January 23, 1938.

He died on October 3, 2009, in the Golden Years Nursing Home, Fort Wayne, Indiana. A memorial service was held at New Haven UMC on October 6, 2009. Burial is in Woodlawn Cemetery in Ohio City, Ohio. Survivors are daughters, Wilma Elaine (Custer) Collins and Vonda Lee Custer, 3 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Rex was a very humble, caring man who loved the Lord and served him in many great ways. He was as Christ-Like as any human being could ever hope to be. He grew up in a family of 3 boys and 1 girl. His parents were loving and supportive of each of their children and grandchildren. Living through the Great Depression they felt it was a difficult time for Dad to leave for college and Seminary, but soon realized that he was right where the Lord had called him to be. The choices Rex made for his life had great effects on his family as well as the many people he was blessed to serve in the 40 years of his ministry. Upon retirement, he continued to minister to those he came in contact with on a daily basis. Roommates, care-givers, aids, and friends were all aware of the blessings he had to share. One of his roommates said, "If I wake up at night and can't sleep, I just listen to Rex preach." He never lost his desire to share God's Love.



Enlow, John

Rev. John Enlow was born in Evansville, IN on October 16, 1943, to John and Bernice (Oestreicher) Enlow. He attended Southern Illinois University, Webster University, and Perkins School of Theology. On July 29, 1972, he married Nina Lee Deiss of Evansville, IN.

John died on March 19, 2010, in Evansville, Ind. A memorial service was held on March 24, 2010 with burial in Park Lawn Cemetery. Survivors include: his wife, Nina; two sons, Paul W. Enlow of Whitestown, Ind., and John Enlow of Glyndon, Minn.; daughter, Marcie Rudolph of Bryon, Ga.; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He retired as a Master Sergeant with the U.S. Air Force after 21 years of service. His father was killed in action during World War II in 1945.



Game, Sheldon

Sheldon Grame died Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2010, in Indianapolis. A memorial service was held on January 29 at Amanda Reid Memorial Chapel at Wesley Manor with the Rev. Chet Mahan and Chaplain Ron Mann officiating. Survivors include: wife, Pamela Parker Turner of Indianapolis, father, Benjamin Franklin Grame, Sr. of San Diego, Calif.; sons, Aaron Turner of Lafayette, Stephen Grame of Hopkinsville, Ky. and Travis Turner of Indianapolis; daughters, Robin Ashley of San Pierre, Heidi Mullins of Clarksville, Tenn., Katrina Creitz of Lafayette and Hope Grame of Mishawaka; and three grandchildren.

Sheldon was born on November 24, 1944, to Benjamin and Hattie Grame in San Diego, CA. He attended North Central College and Evangelical Theological Seminary. In March 1984, he married Pam Parker Turner. He was "The Ole' Theologian" with a gift of word and speech who added a liberal twist. He was able to finish a book for his family and friends with antidotes and bits of wisdom. Before he became ill, he overcame his fear of horses to enjoy riding with his family. He loved the beauty of nature and the solitude of the trails.



Hamilton, Lucinda

Lucinda E. Hamilton died Saturday, March 13, 2010, at Beech Grove. A memorial service was held on March 19 at Stout and Son Funeral home with the Rev. Steven Fritchman officiating.

Lucinda was born on September 24, 1949, to Joseph and Elizabeth Lamb in Kokomo, IN. On May 24, 1985, she married Ronald Hamilton and they had 4 children. She attended Tri-State University and Garret Seminary COS.

Hayden, Ernest

Ernest Hayden was born on December 11, 1911, in Sullivan County to Ural and Lura (Harris) Hayden. In 1936, he married Berneice Boes of Sullivan County. They had 3 children: Gerald, John, and Judy.

Ernest died on January 2, 2010, in Greencastle, Ind. Survivors include his 3 children and 1 sister. He held the Golden Cane until his death which was then returned to Rev. P.T. Wilson at Gobin UMC in Greencastle, IN.



Hendrix, Cecil

Cecil Hendrix was born February 14, 1919, to Floyd and Labelle Hendrix in Benton Harbor, MI. In August of 1936, he married Lucille Campbell of Benton Harbor, MI. They had 5 children: Cecille, Dennis, David, Linda, and Jeffry. He attended Hope College and United Theological Seminary. Cecil performed the weddings for all 5 of his children and several grandchildren.

He died on December 31, 2009, in Winona Lake, IN. He is survived by 4 of his children, 13 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. Cecil's daughter-in-law, Mochel Hendrix, is a UM pastor in Falls Church, Va., and officiated at his funeral.



Herr, Berneice

Berneice L. Heir, 81, of Columbia City, passed away peacefully Sunday, Dec. 20, 2009, at her home surrounded by her loving family. Born on June 12, 1928, in DeKalb County, she was a daughter of Austin G. and Lula B. (Welsheimer) Sutton.

She graduated from Columbia City High School as valedictorian of the Class of 1946. On June 20, 1947, she married John Benjamin Herr, Jr. in Columbia City. She attended a Local Pastors' License to Preach School at DePauw in 1982, and finished the Candidacy Program. She completed a North Central Jurisdictional Course of Study for Local Pastors at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, III., attending from 1983-1987. In 1981, she received the call to full-time ministry and served as the Pastor of Etna United Methodist Church and West Point Trinity United Methodist Church until 1989. From 1990 to 1994, she served as Associate Pastor of Columbia City United Methodist Church.

She was a member of the Columbia City United Methodist Church and had been active as a leader in the Girl Scouts, receiving the Hidden Heroines Award from the Indiana Lakeland Girl Scout Council. She was also active in the PTA, the United Methodist Women, Whitley County Church Women, precinct committeewoman, and Associated Churches. She served as secretary-treasurer of the Whitley County Ministerial Association for four years and was also treasurer of the Whitley County Energy Assistance Fund. She was the founder and served as the first Executive Director of Helpline of Whitley County. She was the recipient of three Heart of Gold Awards from the Whitley County Community Foundation and taught the Living Faith Sunday School class at Columbia City United Methodist Church for many years.

Survivors include her husband, John Benjamin Herr, Jr. of Columbia City; two daughters, Mary Patricia (Don) Chenoweth of Carrier Mills, IL.; Rebecca L. Vogely of Portland, Ore.; two sons, Rev. David B. (Anita) Herr of Syracuse and Daniel A. Herr of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, several half-brothers and half-sisters. Funeral services were held at Columbia City United Methodist Church with Pastor Paul Arnold and Pastor Jean Ness officiating.

Hill, George

George Aldrich Hill, Jr., retired Elder of the Indiana Conference living in Bradenton, Fla. south of St. Petersburg, died Feb. 11, 2010. He was preceded in death by his wife, the Rev. Marguerite A. Hill, a retired Local Pastor of the Indiana Conference, who died in 2001. A memorial service was held Feb. 18 at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Montgomery, Ohio, a suburb of Cincinnati. He is survived by this son, Rev. Cannon George A. Hill III, of Cincinnati.

Hinds, Dorothy



Reverend Dorothy Catherine (Colgan) Hinds, 95, of the Franklin United Methodist Community passed away March 26, 2010. She was born June 1, 1914, in Flemingsburg, Kentucky to Lawrence T. Colgan and Anna Bell (Hamm) Colgan. She married Louie H. Hinds Sr. on August 19, 1933. He preceded her in death in 1989. Rev. Hinds grew up in a Christian home, the oldest of seven children. She was a teenager when she first felt God's call at Camp Rivervale. God kept calling Dorothy and she became one of the first women to preach in South Indiana United Methodist Conference churches. After she married Louie H. Hinds Sr., they had a son Louie H. Hinds Jr. and lived on a farm. During this time, Dorothy was active in Farm Bureau and Home Economic Clubs. She was a district officer in WSCS and taught at Sunday School, camps and workshops. Dorothy became desperately ill, and her husband and parents were told she would not live.

For months, she lay in the hospital. Then God told her she would live, if she would preach. When she got the nerve to tell her husband, she found he was very supportive. At that time, women were not allowed to attend seminary, so Dorothy enrolled in the local pastor's study course and completed her studies at home. During her course work, she was required to write papers and sermons which she had to send off to be graded. In addition, she traveled to various colleges to take examinations. She received her exhorter's license in 1949 and the local preacher's license in 1950. In 1954, Dorothy was assigned to the Napoleon charges. In 1955, she was ordained a deacon and finally ordained an elder in 1957.

Dorothy has lived at the Franklin United Methodist Community since 1999. Survivors include two granddaughters, two great granddaughters, two sisters and her husband, Rev. Leland Brett of the Franklin United Methodist Community. The Rev. Robert Coleman conducted a memorial service on March 30, 2010, in the Wright Memorial Chapel of the Franklin United Methodist Community.

King, Norris L.

Norris L. King, born September 11, 1920, in Blairsville, Georgia, the son of William L. and Myrtle (Mauney) King passed away on September 13, 2009, in Greencastle, Indiana. He was a graduate of Asbury College and Emory University of Theology.

Rev. King is survived by his wife Ruth, with whom he was able to celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary on August 19, 2009; two children, daughter Sara Cox and husband Danny of Fillmore Indiana and son Dr. Rev. Leonard (Elder in North Indiana Conference) and wife Marjorie King of Avilla, Indiana; five grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren, and two step great grandchildren.

Norris's ministry began in 1946, serving small rural churches in the North Georgia United Methodist Conference. He transferred to Indiana in 1951 and continued to serve where his heart was, in the small rural churches spreading the love of Jesus Christ with integrity and boundless love, a sense of honor, a gentle, thoughtful, compassionate and forgiving heart for 53 years. He faithfully served United Methodist churches in Georgia and in Indiana. He helped develop the conference camping sites and served as Director and Dean for many years.



He was very actively involved in the communities through The Order of Eastern Star, Boy Scouts, and the Masonic Lodge. He served for many years on the Board of Directors of the North Indiana United Methodist Ministers Conference Federal Credit Union.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and three brothers, his twin brother Forrest (an elder in the North Georgia UMC conference), Ralph, and Luther King.

Services were held on September 19, 2009 at the Bittles and Hurt Funeral Home in Greencastle, Indiana, with the Revs. Steve Blaydes and Mark Miller officiating. Burial was in the Stilesville Cemetery.



Lamar, William Fred

William Lamar was born on January 4, 1934, in Birmingham, AL to William Fred, Sr and Everette Lamar. He graduated from Emory University, Vanderbilt, St Louis University and Eden Theological Seminary. In September 1955, he married Roberta Anton who preceded him in death. In June 1986 he married Martha Parker of Birmingham, AL.

Survivors include his son, Jonathan, 3 grandchildren, 1 stepdaughter, 1 stepson, and his wife Martha. A memorial service was held on January 13, 2010, in St Petersburg, FL. William was best known for his 25+ years as chaplain at DePauw University and over 2000 students he commissioned to go on mission trips while at DePauw.

Lewke, Richard

E. Richard Lewke, 85, retired clergy member of the Indiana Conference died March 18, 2010, at Millers Merry Manor in Plymouth, Ind. A memorial service was held on March 22 at Pretty Lake Trinity UMC in Plymouth, with the Rev. Michael Dixon officiating. Burial was be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Argos. Survivors include the Morrison Family of Culver, Ind.

Meddock, William D.

Rev. William Meddock, 90, of Greenfield passed away July 1, 2009. He was born March 27, 1919, in Morrow, Ohio, the son of William and Mabel (Dodds) Meddock. He married Martha Mae Dean in 1945 in Columbus, Ohio, and four children survive from this union. They are JoAnn (Reed) Mann of Carmel, Ind., Sherry (Bill) Detwiler of Dallas, TX. Mardene (Carl) Wright of Las Vegas, NV, and Wayne (Jeanne) Meddock of Cape Coral, FL. Martha passed away in 1973. Bill graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University and Huntington College. He also did his Seminary work at Drew Theological Seminary in Madison, New Jersey. He served as Chaplain (Major) in the Air Force during the Korean War. In 1994, he observed 50 years of service as pastor in the United Methodist Church. He leaves, in addition to his four children, his wife Jeanne Tracy-Meddock, a stepdaughter, Betsy (Ray) Rice and five grandchildren and a stepgrandchild.



Funeral Services for Rev. Meddock were held on Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at Bradley United Methodist Church in Greenfield, Ind., with Pastor Clarinda Crawford officiating. Burial followed at Park Cemetery, Greenfield.

Miller, Lloyd Howard

Lloyd Howard Miller of Valparaiso, Ind., retired Elder of the Indiana Conference, died May 18, 2010. A memorial service was held Sunday, May 30, at First United Methodist Church in Valparaiso. Miller and his wife, Margie, raised their children at First UMC in Valparaiso before Lloyd was called into pastoral ministry. He served in Hammond First, Wanatah Faith, and several churches in the Fort Wayne area before retiring and moving back to Valparaiso upon retirement in June 2004. Lloyd was an avid model railroader, loved spending time with his family, enjoyed traveling, classical music, and teaching Bible Studies.



He served part time on staff at Valpo First with responsibilities for elder ministry, Bible teaching and National/International missions. Survivors include: wife, Margie Evans Miller; three children, Sarah Conover of Troy, Ohio; Rachel Oppman of Niles, Mich.; Naomi Sipe of Louisville, Ky.; and nine grandchildren.

Moody, William C



William Curtis Moody, 80, retired minister of the Indiana Conference, died April 2, 2010. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, April 6, at the Nicholasville United Methodist Church with the Revs. Mike Snyder and Bill Hogan officiating. Burial followed in Bluegrass Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include: his wife of 62 years, Anne Helphinstine Moody; two sons, William C. Moody of Owingsville and Robert Tipton of Wilmore; two granddaughters; two great-grandchildren. William's passions were mission, visiting the sick and feeding the hungry.

Morgan, Ivan

Rev. Ivan Dale Morgan, a retired pastor and Elder of the Indiana Conference, died in Mansfield, Mass. on October 25, 2009. He was born in Salem, IN on December 18, 1922, to Fern and Leonard Morgan. A combined memorial service was held for Ivan and Barbara at the Mansfield United Methodist Church in Mansfield, Mass., on March 26. Survivors include one son, Jon C. Morgan. According to their wishes, both were cremated and their ashes were spread back in Indiana at a later date.

Myers, Raymond



Rev. Raymond Paul Myers, 95, fought the good fight, finished the course, kept the faith, and on Sept. 11, 2009, received a crown of righteousness from his Lord and Savior.

Rev. Myers was born May 17, 1914, in Anderson, to George Ellis and Rhessa Myrtle (Lutton) Myers, the fourth of 14 children. He was raised in Anderson. He graduated from Anderson High School and Toccoa Falls Bible Institute. He was ordained by the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

He served as pastor at several Evangelical United Brethren and United Methodist churches. He was currently a member of Lawrence United Methodist Church in Indianapolis. He also retired, in 1965, from Guide Lamp Div. of General Motors in Anderson, after 31 years of employment

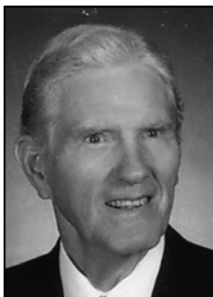
Rev. Myers was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 44 years, Doris V. (McMasters) Myers. Survivors include a son, Kenneth R. (Diana) Myers of North Port, Fla.; three daughters, Peggy A Maker of Indianapolis, Barbara J. (Tom) Stanley of Marietta, Ga., and Marilyn R., (Bill) Creel of Pendleton; 10 grandchildren, three brothers, two step-grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Rev. Myers' life was held on September 11, 2009, at Wilson St Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory officiated by the Rev. Margie Vandergraff. Burial followed at Grove Lawn Cemetery, Pendleton.

Palmatier, Howard Norman

Rev. Howard Palmatier was born on April 11, 1926, to Clinton and Nora Palmatier. He graduated from Rider College and Boston University. In August of 1946 he married Sarah Emma Mosby and had 3 children: Howard II, Nora and Paula.

He died on July 1, 2009, in Virginia Beach, Va. A memorial service was held in Virginia Beach UMC. Survivors include wife, Sarah, and two daughters. Howard was a pastor in the United Methodist Church and also in the Mennonite Church System.



Pavy, Doyle "Jack"

Jack was born in Fairview, Ind., and graduated from Vevay High School in 1949. He attended Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky, where he served as President of his Senior Class. After graduating in 1953, he married his class Vice-President, Shirley T. Hull on August 21. Jack began his pastoral ministry while still in college. While attending seminary at Garret Biblical Institute in Evanston, IL, he served Macy and Pleasant Hill Methodist Churches, also in Indiana. Following graduation from seminary in 1957, he was ordained elder in the Methodist Church of the North Indiana Conference where he served faithfully for 45 years.

In addition to pastoring churches, Jack served his fellow ministers in the role of Lafayette District Superintendent from 1980-86 and was elected for two terms as Chairperson of the Bishop's Cabinet. He also directed Methodist student activities at North Manchester and Tri-State Colleges.

Not only was Jack a leader in the communities in which he resided because of his role as pastor, but he actively participated in many boards and foundations in these communities. Notable contributions include 1) leadership in

the Griffith and Elkhart Rotary Clubs, serving as President of the Griffith Rotary Club; 2) participation in the organizing Board of Directors for the "Good Samaritan on the Ridge" Counseling Center in Munster; 3) development of the Riverview Adult Day Care Center in Elkhart; 4) coordination of several educational trips to the Holy Land and Oberammergau Passion Play.

Jack carried his servant mentality into his retirement years as he and his wife, Shirley, made 4 trips to Jamaica to work on the construction of a much-needed diabetic clinic. The legacy Jack leaves his family and friends is that of a faithful and humble servant of Christ who was willing to go the extra mile to do things God's way.

Jack is survived by his wife, Shirley, of 56 years; 4 children — Cheryl McLean (Steven), Stephen, Kathie Hart (Jonathan) and John; 8 grandchildren; 2 sisters and 3 brothers.

Memorial Services were held on March 13 at Arlington United Methodist Church in Bloomington, Ind., and on March 14, at Elkhart Trinity United Methodist Church.

Pritchard, J. Samuel

J. Samuel Pritchard, retired Elder in the Indiana Conference died Oct. 5, 2009, in Waynesville, N.C. A memorial service was held October 19 at the Longs Chapel United Methodist Church at Lake Junaluska, N.C. Survivors include: daughter Peggy Winters of Waynesville, N.C.; a son, Paul Pritchard, of Syracuse, Ind.; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Burial was in Syracuse, Ind.

He was born on October 21, 1906 in Knighthstown, Ind., to Charles and Xenia Grant Pritchard. He graduated from Goshen College and Evangelical Theological Seminary (now Garrett Evangelical Seminary). In June 1934, he married Ruth Blanchard of Syracuse, Ind., who preceded him in death. In 1973, he married Jane Weiss of South Bend, Ind., who also preceded him in death. Sam's granddaughter, Amy Pritchard Sheffield, is an ordained United Methodist Minister.



Ray, James

James Lamar Ray, an Elder in the Indiana Conference and former administrator at Asbury Towers in Greencastle, Ind., died March 9, 2010. Memorial service was held at on Monday, March 15, in the Wright Memorial Chapel at the Franklin United Methodist Community. Survivors include: wife Marilyn Ray; son David Ray of Indianapolis; and a daughter, Rachel Cleveland of Beltsville, Md., 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

James was born on June 6, 1924 in Atlanta, Ga., to Andrew and Sarah Jarvis Ray. He graduated from Emory University, Candler School of Theology and Boston University School of Theology. In August 1979, he married Lynn Tandy of Camby, IN. He was a strong, faithful leader, a wonderful husband, a loving father and grandfather.



Robertson, Charles

Charles Bert Robertson of Evansville, 77, a retired Elder of the Indiana Conference Ind., died May 15, 2010, in Evansville. A memorial service was held Wednesday, May 19, at Central United Methodist Church, Evansville with the Rev. Joseph Easley officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Hope General Baptist Church Cemetery in McLean County, Ky. Survivors include: his wife of 53 years, Jerrine (Hoover) Robertson of Evansville; two daughters, Julie Ann Newman of Vincennes, Ind., and Lisa Dixon of Mount Vernon, Ind.; son, Charles "Bill" Robertson of Lawrenceburg, Ind., and 6 grandchildren.

Charles was born on November 15, 1932, in Owensboro, KY to Bert and Maxine Robertson. He graduated from Kentucky Wesleyan College and Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. In August of 1956 he married Jerrine Hoover from Owensboro, KY.

Schnepf, Kasey

Kasey Allen Schnepf, 40, pastor of the Burlington United Methodist Church in the Northwest District, died January 7, 2010, in a car-bus crash near Delphi, Ind. A memorial service was held on January 11 at the Delphi United Methodist Church with Pastor Todd G. Ladd officiating. Indiana Bishop Mike Coyner, Northwest District Superintendent Craig LaSuer and Associate District Superintendent Kate Walker also participated in the service. Survivors include his parents, Leslie and Pam Schnepf; his wife, Cathy; and two children, Jessica and Zachary.

Kasey was born on January 6, 1970, in Lafayette, Ind., to Leslie and Pamela Schnepf. In November 1988, he married Catherine Hutsell of Carroll County. He graduated from Delphi Community High School and Ivy Tech. He died just one day after his 40th birthday. He loved teaching Sunday School and Bible Study, with Revelation being his favorite book of the Bible.





Sharp, Earl

Earl W. Sharp, a retired pastor, died September, 24, 2009. A memorial service was held on October 18 in the chapel at Heritage Pointe, IN. He was born on May 19, 1921, to Lee and Metta Sharp in Berne, Ind. He graduated from Manchester College, Asbury Theological Seminary and Universal Bible Institute. In December 1944, he married Veral Mae who survives him.

Earl served on several committees for the former North Indiana Conference, including Nominating and Trustees. He was Conference Statistician from 1955-1975. In 1977, he was appointed to the Civil Rights Commission by the Mayor of Elkhart.

Sievers, Robert W.

Robert W. Sievers, died August 11, 2009 in Hubbard Hill Estates, Elkhart. Survivors include his wife, Rose; sons, Rolla (Vickie) Sievers of Goshen and Carroll (Jeanette) Sievers of Nampa, ID; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Jacqueline Ekwall of Oslo, Norway.

Smith, Laurence I.

Laurence Irvin Smith, retired pastor died on July 24, 2009. He was remembered in a public memorial service on September 26 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Huntington, IN. Survivors include: his wife, Imogene; a daughter, B.J. Smith of Fort Wayne, and a son, the Rev. Laurence L. Smith, pastor of Calvary UMC in Elkhart, IN, two grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Family services were held earlier this summer in Warren, IN.

Taylor, Charles

Charles William Taylor, a retired Elder of the Indiana Conference, died May 12, 2010. A memorial service was held on May 17 at the First Nazarene Church in Seymour. Survivors include: wife, Wilma Taylor; 13 grandchildren; 33 great grandchildren; 22 great great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three children.

Temple, Paul

Paul R. Temple, retired pastor, died June 17, 2009. Survivors include: his daughter, Dr. Carolyn Temple Adger of Silver Springs, Md.; sons, Dr. Gordon P. Temple of Indianapolis, and Prof. Harold L. Temple of Glen Ellyn, IL.

Voit, Charles

Charles Voit, pastor of Bethlehem United Methodist Church in the Indianapolis East District died November 20, 2009 at his home in Noblesville. A memorial service was held on November 28 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.



Wilks, Donald

Donald Wilks, retired pastor, died Oct. 18, 2009, at Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN. A memorial service was held on October 22 at the Applegate Chapel with the Rev. Barry Humble officiating. Burial was in Home Spring Cemetery in Warren. Survivors include: his wife, Carmen; sons, Doug of Valparaiso, Brad of River Forest, IL, and Ron of Indianapolis; daughter, Pam Walcott of Cleveland, GA; five grandsons; and five granddaughters. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Gladys Wilks; and a brother, Elmer Wilks.

B. Spouses

Ballard, Karleen



Karleen Stephan Ballard, 84, passed away on September 5, 2009, at her home surrounded by her husband, son and caregivers.

Karleen was born September 28, 1924, to Anna Blum and Charles Paul Stephan in Evansville, Ind. She attended Delaware School and graduated from Central High School, after which she attended Evansville Collage and graduated from Lockyears Business College. She worked in a law office and then in the library at Evansville Collage, during which time she married The Reverend Dr. Charles W. Ballard, on November 23, 1947, and together they served several appointments in the South Indiana Conference until their retirement in 1994.

Karleen spent her love, her energy, and her life as a pastor's wife, mother, homemaker, all in which she excelled, and always seemed to have the time, commitment, and inclination to assist in many Church organizations, and community clubs. She was truly a genuine

Christian lady.

Karleen is survived by her husband of almost 62 years, Charles W. Ballard, two sons, Franklin F. Ballard, and Charles [Chuck] S. [Rosellen] Ballard, all of Indianapolis, former daughter-in-law, Jo Ann Ballard, of Palatine, IL. She was preceded in death by her parents, Anna Blum and Charles Paul Stephan, sister, Ruth N. Stephan and brother, Wayne Charles Stephan.

The Service of Memorial and Resurrection was held on September 12, 2009, at the Irvington United Methodist Church, Indianapolis. The Reverend James E. Gentry, Reverend Dr. L. Lang Brownlee, and Reverend Dr. Keith Adkins, the host pastor officiating. The interment was in Alexander Memorial Park Cemetery in Evansville, IN.

Beery, Merry

Meredith Ann (Merry) Beery, 65, the wife of Jim Beery, a member of Oaktown UMC and lay pastor of Merom United Methodist Church in Sullivan County, died on January 24, 2010. A memorial service was held at the North Knox High School auditorium on January 28, with the Rev. Paul Gettinger and Pastor Erich Blevins officiating. Burial was in Morris Chapel Cemetery. She was a retired school teacher, having taught at Oaktown Elementary School and Clark Middle School for 30 years. Survivors include her husband, Jim Beery; mother, Peg Hyneman of Hazleton; a son, Daniel Beery of Philadelphia, who won a gold medal in the 2004 Olympics in Athens as part of the 8-member U.S. men's rowing team; two daughters, Marsha Ann Jones of OFallon, Mo., and Meredith Miller of New Albany; and four grandchildren.

Bell, Roberta

Roberta Olga "Toots" Stoner Bell, age 77, of Hanover, Indiana, formerly of Madison, entered this life on August 3, 1931 in Jefferson County, Indiana the daughter of John A. & Stella Cooley Stoner, both of whom preceded her in death. She resided nearly all of her life in Jefferson County and was a 1949 graduate of Madison High School. She began working for Ewing Von Almon Milk Plant as a milk tester and then later began working at Conn Organ Company and was one of its first employees. She later worked at the Madison Consolidated Junior High as a cook for several years. She worked for Lodge Bros. Furniture in downtown Madison for 16 years, and enjoyed all the people she met and worked with. Toots spent the remainder of her life helping her husband minister to many people in the United Methodist Churches and communities. She was an avid traveler, she enjoyed quilting and was a very gracious lady. Toots always had a smile and pleasant word for all she came in contact with. If there was a need in someone's life and she knew it, she was there in prayer and providing encouragement. She was a faithful member of the Trinity United Methodist Church. Roberta died on July 28, 2009, in Hanover, Ind.

Mrs. Bell will be missed by her loving & devoted husband: The Rev. Howard V. Bell of Hanover, Indiana; her loving son: The Rev. Robert E. Schultz of Madison, Indiana; her daughter: Patricia A. Couch of Muncie, Indiana; her step daughter: Pamela J. Glaspie of Durango, Colorado; her loving sister: Mary E. Bennett of Madison, Indiana; her 4 grandchildren, her step grandchildren, one great grandson, one step great granddaughter.

Clark, James

Dr. James Ruel Clark, 74, of Sullivan, passed away on February 13, 2010, at Seton Specialty Hospital in Indianapolis. Born in Sullivan, Ind., on January 25, 1936, he was the son of Ralph Clark and Dorris Knotts Clark. He married Carolyn A. Greene April 13, 1993.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn, one son, Steven Clark of Bedford, Ind., four daughters, Karen Hedrick (Brad) of Bloomington, Ind., Betsy Clark of Seattle, Washington, Rebecca Ellen Clark, and Emily Elizabeth Clark both at home, one sister, Betty Clark Shroyer of Shelburn, and two grandchildren.

Dr. James Clark graduated from Sullivan High School in 1954, was the class president, played football, ran track, and played the baritone in the band. He attended ISU from 1954-1957 transferring into the School of Optometry at Indiana University, graduating in 1960. He became a Fellow in the American Academy of Optometry in 1963. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1960-1963, stationed at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, was a member of the Shelburn United Methodist Church, Sullivan American Legion Post #139 and served as a Trustee.

Jim loved spending time with his family and friends. He enjoyed hiking, canoeing, and fishing. Jim received his First Degree in Black Belt in 2006.

Funeral services were held on February 18, 2010, at Banks and Brust Funeral Home in Sullivan with Rev. Judi Purvis officiating. Interment is in the Center Ridge Cemetery with military graveside services.

Cobbs, Geraldine

Geraldine Cobbs was born in Roanoke, IN on January 9, 1922, to Thomas and Bertha Swing. In September 1939, she married Ernest Cobbs. She died on July 26, 2009, at Heritage Pointe, Warren, Ind. Burial is in Fairview Cemetery, Huntertown, Ind.

Survivors include her husband of nearly 70 years, Rev. Ernest Cobbs; children: James (Kate) Cobbs; DeWain (Jeannie) Cobbs; Charles; Joseph; Patricia (Dan) Stanley; Catherine (Gerald) Clayton; 14 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

Mrs. Cobbs served as a pastor's wife in several Northern Indiana United Methodist Churches. She enjoyed gardening, fishing, quilting and family. She loved the Lord and had a wonderful, giving spirit and a keen sense of humor.

Cook, Thurl

Thurl Cook, husband of the Rev. Pam Cook serving Paoli UMC in the South District of the Indiana Conference, died March 5, 2010. A memorial service was held on Saturday, March 13, at College Corner UMC in Corner, Ind., on the Indiana-Ohio line northwest of Oxford, Ohio. He was born on December 25, 1933, to Dewey and Flossie Cook in Frametown, W.V. Survivors include wife, Pamela, two children: Derek Cook and Melissa Cook Gesell. Thurl was a kind and caring person; accepting of others and a bold witness for Christ.

Dunten, David

David Paul Dunten, 70, husband of Associate Pastor Marilyn DeLancey Dunten of New Haven United Methodist Church died on May 10, 2010, at home. A Celebration of Life Service was held at New Haven United Methodist Church on May 14, with the Revs. Rick Taylor, Greg Hiatt and Harold Klinker officiating. Burial is in Huntertown Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Rev. Marilyn DeLancey Dunten; a daughter, Debbie A. Dunten Krempel of Fort Wayne; sons, David H. Dunten of Lafayette, the Rev. Darwin Paul Dunten of Findlay, Ohio, Dennis Scott Dunten of Frankfort, IN; and ten grandchildren.



Emerick, Mattie

Mattie Lou (Patsy) Emerick, 93, wife of retired Elder Samuel Emerick, died February 8, 2010. A memorial service was held on February 20 at Harbour Terrace in Port Charlotte, Fla. Interment was in Craigsville, Va. Survivors include her husband of 71 years, the Rev. Samuel Emerick of Port Charlotte; sons Craig of Dallas, John of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Stephen of Centerville, Ohio; a sister, seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Patsy was born in Craigsville, Va., on February 8, 1917, to Charles Gordon and Martha Craig. She graduated from Asbury College and Drew Theological School.

Gowan, Judy

Judy Gowan, wife of retired Elder, Lon Gowan, died April 6, 2010, in Pennsylvania.

Huber, Betty Ann

Betty Ann Huber was born on December 3, 1946, to Emel and Cora Cooper in Washington County, Ind. In May 1965, she married Hollis Huber and they had 1 child.

Betty passed away on April 2, 2010, in Louisville, Ky. A memorial service was held on April 10 in New Albany, Ind. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery in Greenville, Ind. Survivors include her husband, one son, Michael, and three grandchildren.



Joyce, Pauline

Pauline Joyce, wife of retired pastor, Harold Joyce, passed away on January 1, 2010.

Keith, Pamela



Pamela Hixon Keith, 54, died on December 8, 2008, at her home in Greenwood, Ind., surrounded by loving family and friends. A memorial service was held on December 12 at St. Mark's UMC. Internment is in Kraft-Graceland Memorial Park, New Albany, Ind.

Her life was well-lived as a witness to God's grace and love. She is survived by her husband of twenty-one years, the Reverend J. William Keith, Jr.; her mother Evelyn Townsend Hixon of New Albany; and brother, Kenneth C. Hixon, Jr. of New Albany. She was preceded in death by her father, Kenneth C. Hixon, Sr. Pam was very active in her church, St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Carmel, Indiana, where singing in the choir was an important part of sharing her God-given gift of music. Pamela was a virtual assistant and built her own successful business. She previously worked as a legal assistant at Frank and Kraft Attorneys at Law. Before moving to Greenwood in 2002, she was the manager of contracts for Teletron Corporation of Bloomington, Ind. From 1991 until 2001, she was an

assistant to the vice president for client services at Irwin Management Company in Columbus, Ind. From 1988 to 1991 she served as assistant to the president of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. Foundation, Jeffersonville, Ind. She was a 1976 graduate of Indiana University School of Business. Among her achievements she was a Certified Professional Secretary. She was a leader in a number of church activities, including the areas of finance, worship and development events. She served as Lay Director of the Walk to Emmaus Community in Columbus, and Worship and Song Leader at Sandy Hook United Methodist Church, Columbus, Ind. She played handbells, was a cellist, and a vocal soloist for several choirs and musical events.

Lafko, Willet

Willet B. Lafko, 95 of Terre Haute, IN went to be with the Lord, with her family by her side on December 15, 2009 at Union Hospital. She was born June 6, 1916, in Coal Glen, PA, to Charles J. Larsen and Louise Gould Larsen.

She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Peter Lafko, whom she married December 12, 1937; one son, Robert Paul Lafko and wife Andrea; and one daughter, Bodonna Hale and husband Herb; 10 grandchildren: and several greatgrandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Peter Lafko, Jr.; one daughter, Da-lene Douglas. She was a member of Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, the Monday Primitimers, the Wednesday Primitimers, and the Thursday Seniors Bowling Leagues.

Funeral services were held on December 19, 2009, in DeBaun Springhill Chapel with Pastor Aaron Whealon and the Rev Tom True officiating. Burial was in Grandview Cemetery.



LaSuer, Mary "Gene"

Mary Imogene LaSuer, 86, wife of retired Elder of the Indiana Conference, the Rev. Donald LaSuer, and mother of the Rev. Craig LaSuer, superintendent of the Northwest District, died on December 30, 2009, at Heritage Point United Methodist Home in Warren, Ind. She was a member of First Wayne Street UMC in Fort Wayne. A memorial service was held on January 3 at Heritage Pointe United Methodist Home in Warren. The Rev. Dean Stuckey officiated. Burial is in Leo Cemetery. Survivors include: her husband of 65 years, Donald LaSuer; sons, Steven LaSuer of Nashville, Tenn., Mark LaSuer of Fort Wayne, the Rev. Craig LaSuer of West Lafayette; 6 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sister, Evelyn Miles of Lagrange, Wy. Gene was a great and beautiful lady who loved her family and God.



Michel-Kaetzel, Evelyn

Evelyn Mae Michel-Kaetzel, 89, wife of retired elder Glenn Kaetzel, and mother of retired elder Steve Kaetzel died November 8, 2009, in Evansville, Ind. After 41 years, Evelyn retired from the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation in 1980. They joined St. Peters UMC in St. Phillips, Ind. Survivors include: her husband of 70 years, the Rev. Glenn Kaetzel of Wadesville, Ind.; daughter, Carroll Harding of Greenwood, Ind.; the Rev. Steven Kaetzel of Columbus, Ind. and Harold Kaetzel of Wadesville; eight grandchildren; and five great grandchildren. A memorial service was held on November 11, at Santa Claus UMC with the Revs. Glenn and Steven Kaetzel officiating, with burial at the Santa Claus UMC Cemetery.

O'dell, Mary Jane

Mary Jane ODell, wife of the Rev. Max ODell retired Elder of the Indiana Conference, died March 31, 2010. A memorial service was held on April 5, at Oaklawn Funeral Center.

Saltzgaber, Carol

Carol Saltzgaber was born in Mishawaka, Ind., on July 3, 1927, to Harvey and Lorein Parcell. She graduated from Mishawaka High School. In June 1947, she married Gaylor Saltzgaber.

Carol passed away on November 16, 2009, in Hospice House of Elkhart, Ind. A memorial service was held on November 14 at Coalbush United Methodist Church, Mishawaka, Ind. Survivors include her husband, Rev. Gaylord Saltzgaber and children: Mark Saltzgaber, Wendy Grice, and Amy (Rich) Otto, 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Carol was a short-fused firecracker as a child, and spent the rest of her life mastering the patience and empathy that inspired so many others. She sang along whenever there was music, and created music when there was none. She was a selfless and dedicated worker who believed that "we're all in this together" and "no one is better than anyone else." Carol was instrumental in starting the resale shop, The Treasure Chest, while at North Liberty United Methodist Church. The proceeds of that shop have been given to countless missions over the years. She believed that the important thing is just to keep smiling, which she did to the very end.

Smith, Doris Irene

Doris Irene Clarksville Smith, wife of Billie G. Smith, retired local pastor, died on August 1, 2009. A funeral service was held August 5, 2009, at Kraft Funeral Chapel, New Albany, Ind., with burial at Kraft-Graceland Memorial Park in New Albany, IN. Survivors include husband, Billie G. Smith; sons, John D. Smith, Sellersburg, Ind., David A. Smith, Lexington, Ky., Bobby G. Smith, Freeburg, Ill., and Bradley W. Smith, Jeffersonville, Ind.

Smith, Jane Anne

Jane Ann Capehart Smith, wife of Rev. Donald Robert Smith, Wesley Chapel Church, New Albany, died on December 3, 2009, at the age of 63.

She was born at Stork Hospital in Huntingburg, IN on March 30, 1946, to Rev. Valen L. and Alatha Stewart Capehart. A graduate of Plainville High School, Jane received an Associate Degree from Vincennes University and a BS degree in Education from Indiana University in Bloomington. She taught history, English, and drama classes at South Ripley and Connorsville Middle Schools.

It was from her parents that she first learned the meaning of service in the ministry, a pattern which she followed all of her life and applied to the ministry she shared with her husband in their pastorates in Southern Indiana. Jane unselfishly shared her teaching and leadership skills at the local church level and through retreats she led at the district level and beyond. She especially concentrated on adult, youth and children's education and United Methodist Women. Participation in a bell choir at the Martinsville First UMC Church brought her special joy.

Jane is survived by her husband, Don, children Ben Smith (Crystal), LeAnne Calvert (Nathan), and Jabus Smith, and 5 grandchildren.

A celebration service for the life of Jane Ann Capehart Smith was held at Wesley Chapel on December 7, 2009, with burial in Shiloh Cemetery, Ireland, IN. She left behind memories of a life lived in love and an indomitable spirit, with words to remember, such as "Take care of each other", "Do Good and Disappear", and "No one is ever lost if you know where they are."

Smith, Norma

Norma Jean (Gilland) Smith, 80, of Louisville, formerly of New Albany, Ind., succumbed to a lengthy illness on October 3, 2009. A memorial service was held on September 24, in the Park Place United Methodist Church, Jeffersonville, Ind. She was buried the following week in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Norma was born March 2, 1929, in New Albany, Ind., to Durham and Hazel Gilland. A graduate of New Albany High School in 1948, she worked for International Harvester and the Home Insurance Companies in Louisville, the New England Waste Company in Atlanta, GA, and as office manager of the Officers' Club at Lincoln Air Force Base, Nebraska.

As the wife of an Air Force chaplain, she traveled the world and was an active leader in the Protestant Women of the Chapel in Germany, Japan, England, and several of the United States. She also wrote dramas for Christmas pageants and devotionals for many church groups through the years.

Survivors include husband, Eldon R. Smith Jr.; son, Eldon Robert Smith III; and 2 grandchildren.

She was remembered by friends from coast to coast. All who knew her thought of her as a kind, gentle Christian lady. Our loss is heaven's gain.



Steele, Diana M.

Diana M. Steele, wife of retired Elder Rev. Paul Steele, died on August 29, 2009. A memorial service was held on September 1, at the First Wayne Street UMC with the Rev. Greg Enstrom officiating. Burial is planned for the Lindenwood Cemetery. Survivors

include: husband, Rev. Paul Steele; her daughter, Jennifer Guebard; three granddaughters; and one grandson.

Diana was the North EUB Conference organist from 1961-1965. She was also organist and choir director at several United Methodist churches in the northern part of the state.

Thistle, Muriel

Muriel Thistle, spouse of Rev. Richard C. Thistle, retired Elder died on September 19, 2009. A memorial service was held on September 23, at the First UMC in LaPorte, IN. Survivors include: husband, Richard; son, Paul; two daughters, Sharon and Joy.

C. Spouses of Deceased Clergy

Brett, Shirley

Shirley Brett, widow of Rev. William Brett, passed away on July 4, 2009. A memorial service was held on July 1, at Centenary United Methodist Church in Terre Haute, Ind. Entombment is at Memory Gardens in Lafayette. Survivors include 3 sons: Phillip, Gary and Dennis all of Terre Haute, Ind., and 2 daughters: Susan in Terre Haute and Carol in Hartford City, Ind.

Shirley was born on October 19, 1923 in Connersville, Ind., to Arthur V. Payne and Evan (Stevens) Payne. In February of 1943, she married William Brett in Connersville, Ind.

Carey, Cordelia

Cordelia "Corkie" Carey, 87, widow of the late Rev. Robert E. Carey, an Elder of the Indiana Conference, died Sunday, May 2, 2010. A memorial service was held on May 5, at the Orleans UMC in Orleans. Burial is in the Cedar Hill Cemetery in Corydon, IN. Survivors include: one nephew, Mike Shifcar of Milltown, Ind.

Crececius, Agnes

Agnes Irene Spencer Crececius, 86, passed away August 2, 2009, at Autumn Woods Health Campus in New Albany. She was born February 19, 1923, in Robards, Kentucky, to O.W. and Sadie (Willett) Spencer.

Agnes attended and graduated from Frankfort Pilgrim College where she met Robert Crececius. She married Robert Manual Crececius on June 6, 1948, at Twin Oaks near Petersburg, Indiana. Her father, Rev. O.W. Spencer officiated.

She was a homemaker but better known as the "preacher's wife," as she served beside Robert in several EUB and United Methodist Churches in Indiana. Wherever they lived and after each visit when family and friends would get ready to part to go home, Agnes would say, "Let's have prayer." This was her way of putting us into God's hands and asking for His protection for us. This was something her mother had done and she passed it on to us.

Sewing was always a part of her life. She learned from her mother, Sadie, to make doll clothes when she was 7. She sewed clothes for her sister, Grace, and for her grandchildren. She learned to crochet in college and made many afghans and spreads for family.

Music was also a part of her life as she sang in the Fairbanks High School and Frankfort Pilgrim College choirs. She sang accompaniment with Robert as he played his guitar, until cancer affected her vocal chords in 1986.

In the last few years of her life, she would play favorite hymns like "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art" by ear on a keyboard. She'd never really played the piano before. She said the Lord just gave her the gift to play. After battling cancer, she was ready to be with Jesus. She's finally where she wanted to go.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by her two sons, Patrick Crececius, and wife, Judy of New Albany, Ind., and Robert E. Crececius and wife, Mary of English, Ind., five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The viewing and funeral was August 6, 2009, at Denbo Funeral Home in English with burial in Union Chapel Cemetery, north of Milltown, Ind. Patrick Crececius officiated.

Fields, Mabel

Mabel Olive Fields of Warren, Ind., 96, wife of the late Rev. Charles Fields retired minister of the Indiana Conference, died May 17, 2010. A memorial service was held on May 25 at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral in Fort Wayne, IN, with burial at the Reister Cemetery in Selma. Survivors include: two daughters, Sue Davis of Tucson, Ariz. and Mary Gaddis of The Villages, Fla.; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Hathaway, Beverly Joan

Beverly "Joan" Hathaway, 78, of Goshen, widow of the late Rev. Lewis A. Hathaway, an Elder in the Indiana Conference, died May 25, 2010, at Garrett, IN. She was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and active in missions. A memorial service was held on May 29, at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Goshen. The Rev. Michael Turner officiated. Burial was in the Violett Cemetery. Survivors include two

daughters, Teresa Wilhelm of Garrett and Trinda Copeland of Cedar Lake; a son, Jim Hathaway of Muncie, 20 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, the late Rev. Lewis A. Hathaway; a son, Max Hathaway and a grandson, Ira.

Heath, Eleanor

Eleanor Heath, widow of Charles Richard Heath, passed away on December 16, 2009.

Loomis, Marcella "Sally"

Marcella Lillian "Sally" Carter Loomis was born to Everett Edward Carter and Edith May (Lyon) Carter on Aug. 24, 1911, at the Carter Road family farm in Bowling Green, Ohio. She graduated from Bowling Green State College in 1933 with a BS degree in Education, planning to be a home economics teacher.

Sally married her childhood sweetheart, I. Lyle Loomis on Oct. 24, 1934, at the Trinity Evangelical United Brethren Church parsonage in Bowling Green, Ohio. Rev. Lyle Loomis had been granted his preaching license and was continuing his studies at Dayton Theological Seminary. The couple began their married life at Oakwood, Ohio, serving the EUB church.

Sally and Lyle raised four children: Joseph L. Loomis (Lucy F. Clemens) of State College, Pa., Rose Marie (Loomis) (Kenneth E. Crague) of LaGrange, Ind., Jerry P. Loomis (Barbara J. Tredway) of Greentown, Ind., and John M. Loomis (Jennifer M. Hanf) of Kutztown, Pa. These four children gave Sally and Lyle 12 grandchildren, 22 great-grand children, and one great-grand child.

For many years Sally enjoyed being a historical interpreter for Zimmerman one-room school, telling local children about her life in the early 1900's. Many local elementary students started their living-history experience listening to Sally sitting in the barn of her childhood or, during colder weather, listening in front of the family room fireplace. Then the children walked down Carter Road to the Zimmerman School to live as pioneer school children for a day. Sally's dedication and enjoyment of the children led to Bowling Green School District's award of Educator of the year.

Sally has been a member of Sugar Ridge Community Church since birth and returned to active membership when the couple came back to the area in 1977.

Sally had a generous and giving spirit. One of her and Lyle's tangible gifts was the donation of her childhood home place, the 80-acre Carter Loomis farm, to the Wood County Park District. This event took place on Nov. 18, 2001, exactly 100 years after the Carter family originally purchased the farm. Sally and Lyle were honored with the Spirit of Wood County Award for their outstanding public service in 2003.

Lyle died March 4, 2004, and Sally has lived the past five years at Bowling Green Manor where she died Nov. 25, 2009. Sally will be greatly missed by all who knew her. There are many local individuals who were recipients of her kind and generous deeds. The Memorial Service was held at Sugar Ridge Community Church on November 29. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Bowling Green, Ohio.



Morgan, Barbara

Barbara Morgan, widow of the late Rev. Ivan Dale Morgan, died in Norwood, Mass., on March 21, 2010. She was born in Evansville, Ind., on January 22, 1932, to Janira and Herman Shuel. A combined memorial service was held for Ivan and Barbara Morgan at the Mansfield United Methodist Church in Mansfield, Mass., on March 26, 2010. Survivors include one son, Jon C. Morgan. According to their wishes, both were cremated and their ashes were to be spread back in Indiana at a later date.

Persons, Madonna E

Madonna E. Persons, widow of the late Rev. Milton G. Persons, retired Elder died August 31, 2009. A memorial service was held on September 4, at 11:30 a.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home with Pastor Jean Ness officiating. Burial followed at Greenhill Cemetery in Columbia City. Survivors include: her son, Charles David Persons of Columbia City; daughter, Gretchen Greubel of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Rapson, Eleanor

Eleanor Rapson, widow of the late Rev. Eugene Rapson, Jr., died on April 18, 2010.



Rich, L. Louise Doyle

Louise Doyle Rich, 90, of Franklin, passed away on May 23, 2010. She was born February 7, 1920, in Van Wert County, Ohio to the late, Charles D. Niles and Elnora R. (Kidner) DeRuyscher. Louise was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in

Franklin. She is survived by her son, John (Ruth) Doyle of Evansville; daughter, Kathleen (Robert) McClain of Auburn; foster-daughter, Martha (Harold) Gall of South Whitley; stepson, David (Joan) Rich of Marion, OH; stepdaughter, Jana (Doug) Corbin of Fort Wayne; 4 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her *husbands*, Willard J. Doyle and Leroy E. Rich. A memorial service was conducted on May 27, 2010, at the Franklin United Methodist Community. Entombment was at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Rowland, Doris

Doris Rowland, widow of Conley E. Rowland, died on November 4, 2009.

Schinkel, Leah

Leah Schinkel, widow of the late Rev. Oscar Schinkel, died on September 19, 2009.

Schwein, Mildred

Mildred L. Schwein, 94, stepmother of the Rev. William Merlin Schwein, Jr., retired Elder and widow of the late Rev. W. Merlin Schwein, died December 18, 2009. A memorial service was held on December 22, in the Wright Chapel at Franklin United Methodist Community. Survivors include: a daughter, Kathleen Hoppes of Petersburg; two sons, the Rev. John Kixmiller of Indianapolis and Robert Kixmiller of Zionsville; a stepson, the Rev. William Schwein of Carmel; several grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Mildred was born in Vincennes, IN, on December 5, 1915, to Vernon and Mary Cooper. She graduated from Vincennes University.

Shoemaker, Irene

Irene Shoemaker, widow of the late Rev. Robert Shoemaker, passed away on November 1, 2009, at Millers Merry Manor. Born June 7, 1923, in Geneva, she was the daughter of Christian and Charlotte Locke Sommer. She was married in 1945, to Robert Shoemaker. Survivors include son, Eric and 2 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. There was no memorial service.

Irene had been employed at General Electric in Fort Wayne. She was a member of various United Methodist churches and was an avid reader.

Smith, Imogene

Imogene Smith, widow of the late Rev. Laurence I. Smith and mother of the Rev. Laurence L. Smith of Calvary UMC in Elkhart died on October 27, 2009. A memorial service was held on November 2 at the Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren. The Rev. Harold Oechsle officiated with burial at Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Stephens, Laura

Laura Stephens, widow of the late Rev. Orien Stephens, died on July 13, 2009.



Turley, Vesta

Vesta Turley, widow of the late Rev. Roy H. Turley, died September 23, 2009. A memorial service was held September 28, at the Trinity UMC in Hartford City, Ind. Survivors include: children, Howard Turley, Phil Turley, Barbara Warvel and Jane Schaub. A son, Roy Turley, Jr., preceded her in death.

Vesta was born in Roanoke, IN on July 27, 1908 to Philip and Ella Braner. She graduated from Ball State School with a teacher's certificate. She died at the age of 101, still alert mentally and trying to walk for exercise until her final few days.

Williams, Rose

Rose Williams, widow of the late Rev. Albert Leroy Williams, Elder in the Indiana Conference, died Dec. 29, 2009. A memorial service was held January 4, at Otterbein UMC in Bellmore, IN, with the Rev. J. Daeschner officiating and burial in Roselawn Memorial Park in Terre Haute. Survivors include her three daughters, Ruth Harbour of Rockville, Barbara Hicks of Kokomo and Nancy Wall of Rockville; one special adopted daughter, Sandi Beaman of Rockville; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Yeater, Eileen

Eileen Yeater, surviving spouse of the late Rev. W. Wayne Yeater, died September 21, 2009. A memorial service was held on September 25, at St. Mark's UMC in Carmel. Survivors include daughters, Connie Mehl of Carmel, Joni Yeater of Las Vegas, NV, foster daughter, Mary Ellen Huey of Pleasanton, Calif., son Bob Yeater of Brownsburg.

Eileen was born on August 26, 1922, in Springfield, Mass., to Timothy and Emerlie Leary. She graduated from Boston University with a degree in music.