

VIII. MEMOIRS

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B. MEMOIRS

WOODROW BANKS
(1914 - 2000)

Woodrow Banks was born March 16, 1914, in Yancey County, North Carolina, but moved to Erwin, Tennessee, when he was two years of age. He was married to Ruth Tinker for 59 years. This marriage was blessed with two children: Barbara Banks Davenport and Linda Banks Roberts; two granddaughters: Carla and Debbi; and four great-grandchildren: Casey, Connor, Logan and Ben.

He attended Carson-Newman College and was a graduate of Tusculum College.

Woody served churches in the Holston Conference for 46 years, retiring in 1984.

His appointments, all in the Morristown and Johnson City Districts, were the Mooresburg Circuit, Cherokee Circuit, Mosheim Parish, Riverview Circuit, Chucky Circuit, Ebenezer Circuit, Bethesda-Eden-Embreeville, Asbury-Mount Wesley, Unicoi, and East Park. After retirement he continued to serve the following appointments: Austin Springs, Mt. Carmel-Seviers-Vincent for a brief time, and Chucky-Rheatown for 11 years. Woody loved the United Methodist Church and preached his last sermon the Sunday before his brief illness.

Death came to him August 11, 2000. Interment was in Graceland Memorial Gardens in Greeneville, Tennessee.



EUGENE ELVIN CHAFIN
(1915 - 2001)

Eugene Elvin Chafin was born December 12, 1915, in Montgomery County (Riner), Virginia. He was the son of Kyle and Nannie Bowzer Chafin.

Eugene received his education in Montgomery County, Roanoke County, at Emory University and at Virginia Tech.

After 18 years as Department Supervisor at the Lynchburg Foundry, he was inspired by a calling to preach and became a licensed minister on May 16, 1951.

Gene began his ministry on the Eggleston Circuit (Giles County) in 1952. Subsequent pastorates in the Holston Conference included two United Methodist Churches in Virginia – at Rich Creek (Giles County) and Richlands (Tazewell County), and two in Tennessee – Vermont United Methodist Church in Kingsport and Christ United Methodist Church in Greenville.

In 1954, while pastor of the Eggleston Circuit, he began the Lord's Acre Program, an annual fundraising effort for Giles County churches that is still active today.

In 1958, Gene was designated Commonwealth of Virginia Rural Minister of the Year.

In 1959-60, he traveled to Cuba on an evangelistic mission, where, under constant threat from the newly-empowered Castro regime, he won many converts to Christ.

During his ministry he conducted revivals throughout Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky and Georgia. He also led numerous tours to the Holy Land.

In retirement Gene served as a member of the Giles County School Board from 1980-87. After moving from Giles County to Blacksburg in 1988, he was assistant to the minister of the Blacksburg United Methodist Church (Virginia Conference) and a volunteer minister at Warm Health Retirement Village.

Gene is survived by his wife of 66 years, Ruth Akers Chafin of Blacksburg; son, Harold Chafin and wife, Norma of Pearisburg; daughter, Carolyn Johnston and husband, Clinton of Blacksburg; sister, Nelsie Kupersmith of Nashville; five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on February 15 at First United Methodist Church of Pearisburg, Virginia, with the Rev. Charles Lockerby, the Rev. Dr. Fred Austin, the Rev. James Hankins, and the Rev. William St. Clair officiating. Interment followed at Birchlawn Mausoleum in Pearisburg.



WALTER CLINE, JR.
(1931 - 2000)

Walter was born on September 11, 1931, in Cocke County, Tennessee. He was the son of the late Walter, Sr., and Charleis Talley Cline. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Neil and Curtis Cline of Greene County, and two sisters, Barbara Clowers and Grace E. Cline also of Greene County. He is survived by two sisters, Marjorie Marshall of Morristown and Mary woods of Van Nuys, California, and two brothers, Jimmy and Jerry Cline of Greene County, Tennessee.

Walter and Marguerite Clowers were married on July 8, 1955. They celebrated 45 years together on July 8, 2000. They were the parents of one daughter, Mrs. Richard (Melissa) Shelton, and had one special grandson, Cody Tyler Shelton, of White Pine, Tennessee.

Walter attended Bewley's Chapel United Methodist Church before entering the ministry as a part-time minister in June, 1968. He was licensed on January 6, 1969, and ordained Deacon in 1971. He loved serving the smaller churches, and he worked at Jeffrey Chain in Morristown, where he retired after 27 years of service.

Walter began his ministry at Mt. Hope United Methodist Church, where the church burned down during his first year. A beautiful new church was built under his leadership.

He also served Weems Chapel, Antioch, Russellville, St. Clair, Holston Chapel, Creech's Chapel, Talleys Chapel, Mt. Pleasant, Beelers Chapel, Dotoons Campground, Fairview, Oakland, Mulberry Gap, Jones Chapel, Edwards Chapel, and Bybee.

He retired on June 14, 1995, but served churches as long as his health permitted. He loved his work in the churches and community. He led a lot of people to the Lord and encouraged two young men into the ministry.

The disease might have got his mind, but the love of the Lord never left his heart. He witnessed and prayed with the patients in the hospitals where he was a patient.

Walter passed away on August 20, 2000, at Unicoi Memorial Hospital in Erwin, Tennessee.

His funeral services were held on August 22 at Farrar Funeral Home in White Pine, Tennessee. His niece, Margaret Furgason, gave the eulogy. The Rev. Luther Lawson, a long-time friend; Rev. Jack Edwards, District Superintendent (Morristown District); and Rev. Bernie Cagle conducted the funeral service. He was buried at Hamblen Memory Gardens on August 23.

We have lost a loving husband, father and papaw, and a friend to everyone.



WILLIAM PAUL CLUCK (1916 - 2000)

William Paul Cluck was born on August 2, 1916, to Jacob Porter Cluck and Bertha Sanders Cluck in a tiny little town of Hale, Texas. Picking cotton was their primary source of income.

Paul, at the age of two years, and his older sister Bertie were left motherless when Bertha died giving birth to her third baby, who also died.

Paul's father was born in Tennessee and had relatives there. He returned to Maryville, met and married Annie Willis, and took her back to Texas. Together, they raised

Paul, his sister Bertie and his half-sister Georgia Lee.

About 18-20 years later, the family moved back to Tennessee. Maryville/Alcoa became their new home. There Paul met, fell in love, and married Vera Love French on June 17, 1938. Even though Paul was born a Texan, and returned to visit relatives as often as he could, he soon made Maryville his and Vera's home.

Paul worked at the Alcoa Aluminum Company's West Plant and helped his father hang wallpaper for many years. They soon became a family of three and then four with the birth of their two daughters. Phyllis Irene was born April 13, 1939, and Paula Ann was born November 16, 1943.

They were active members of Bungalow Methodist Church, where Paul served as a Sunday School teacher, Lay Leader, Sunday School Superintendent and other offices, sometimes two or more at the same time. (God was quietly getting him ready to listen to his call.)

In 1954, Mrs. Mattie Kirby-Bowman (then Rev. Mrs. G. C. Kirby) was appointed to Bungalow Methodist Church. Paul's call to the ministry became evident, and with encouragement and prayer for God's Will, Mrs. Kirby helped him get started on his life as a minister for the United Methodist Holston Conference.

His first appointment was to Bethel at Seymour in Blount County, where he served from 1955-59. From 1960 until he retired in 1982, he served 10 churches and/or circuits in the Maryville and Knoxville Districts. He continued working full time at Alcoa during his 29 years in the ministry, but his first priority was his service to God and the church.

Paul and Vera Love celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1988, one year before Vera Love died from cancer on May 8, 1989.

After Vera Love's death Paul remained at their home in Maryville and attended St. John's United Methodist Church until 1993. After a brief illness he sold their home and moved to Fayetteville, Georgia, near his younger daughter, Paula. He became a member of Riverdale United Methodist Church, where Paula and her family were active members.

On November 22, 2000, after a two-month illness, at the Wesley Woods Medical Center in Atlanta, Georgia, Paul heard the "Midnight Cry and went home with Jesus." He was 84 at the time of his death. Funeral services were held in Trinity Chapel of Smith Mortuary in Maryville, Tennessee, on November 26, 2000. Dr. Robert L. Wilcox officiated. Mrs. Mattie Kirby-Bowman shared her memories of Paul's ministry and life as she remembered it and a poem she wrote, "A Faith Like The Farmer." The Hymn of Promise was beautifully sung by the Rev. Walter Barton.

Paul will be missed by many, but especially those survivors which include his daughter, Phyllis C. Griffith of South Pittsburg, Tennessee; daughter and son-in-law, Paula C. Hicks and Ed Hicks of Hampton, Georgia; three granddaughters, Wendy Griffith Perry and her husband Brian of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Leigh Ann Hicks of Hampton, Georgia, and Tracy Hicks Painter and her husband Barry of Hampton, Georgia; great-granddaughter, Camille Key Perry of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. He also leaves two sisters, Bertie Herriage and Georgia Lee Evans, who reside in Maryville/Alcoa, Tennessee.

A FAITH LIKE A FARMER

*I watched the farmer planting seeds
 With faith, he tossed them down.
 And then with hope, he took the hoe
 And buried them in the ground.
 I never heard him say farewell,
 He never shed a tear.
 He knew the seed would live again
 And make a full grown ear.
 So he worked from dawn 'till dark
 And kept a smile on his face.
 He wasn't thinking of death that day,
 But of life that would take its place.
 He knew the germ of life was there,
 And by earth, could not be bound.
 With the warmth of the sun, the refreshing rain
 It would come bursting through the ground.
 If we have a faith like the farmer,
 And we lay our loved ones away.
 Just to know the soul lives on and on
 Throughout God's Eternal Day.*

Written by: Rev. Mrs. G. C. Kirby (Mattie K. Bowman)



JOHN WILLIAM GOTT
(1913 - 2001)

J. W. "Jay" Gott was born June 26, 1913, in Sullivan County, Tennessee, and died on March 22, 2001, at Wellmont Health Center. He was the son of the late Samuel Lilburn Gott and Viola Slaughter Gott. He was a resident of Asbury Center at Baysmont in Kingsport, Tennessee.

Jay retired from Tennessee Eastman Co. in 1973 with forty years of service. He answered God's call to the ministry in 1949. After taking the United Methodist "Course of Study" at Candler School of Theology, he was ordained as

Deacon in 1952, and Elder in 1954.

Rev. Gott served as a Local Pastor for the United Methodist Church from 1949-1986. He served several pastorates including Sunset Village, Depew's Chapel, Hilton's, Nottingham, Mount Vernon, Mendota, Marble Hill, Morley Memorial, Cameron, and Valley Center. He was pastor of Hilton's United Methodist Church for 19 years. The parsonage and present church structure were built during his time of service.

Following his retirement from pastoral service, he served as Minister of Visitation at First Broad Street United Methodist Church from 1986-1991. He attended First Broad Street United Methodist Church and the Crusade Sunday School Class, and he had many friends at Crossroads United Methodist Church.

In May, 1983, he was preceded in death by Irene Smith Gott, who was his wife for 49 years and the mother of his children. He was also predeceased by a daughter, Kristina Gott McNutt, in November, 1992. He was married to Irene Hilton Gott from 1991 until her death in February, 2000.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, P. Glenn and Dolores Gott of Kingsport, Tennessee, and Donald E. and Patricia Gott of Bellbrook, Ohio; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 26, at First Broad Street United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jack P. Weikel, the Rev. J. Spurgeon McCartt and the Rev. Steven G. Gott officiating. Interment was at Oak Hill Cemetery.



STANLEY LEE HARRISON, SR.
(1921 - 2001)

Stanley Lee Harrison, Sr., was born February 25, 1921, in Washington County, Tennessee, and died at his home in Johnson City, Tennessee, on Thursday, April 19, 2001. He was the fourth of nine children born to the late George Newton and Parlee Harrison.

He attended Oak Grove, a local two-room school, for seven years and then enrolled in Boones Creek High School from which he graduated in 1941. Stanley received a Bachelor of Science degree from East Tennessee State

University, Johnson City, Tennessee, in 1945, and a Master of Divinity degree from Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, in 1948.

On August 9, 1948, Helen Carter, also a native of Washington County, Tennessee, was joined with Stanley Harrison in Holy Matrimony. The marriage ceremony was performed at Marvin's Chapel United Methodist Church, Boones Creek, Tennessee. Helen, trained as an Accountant, chose to be a full-time homemaker and voluntary church worker. Two sons blessed their marriage: Stanley L. Harrison, Jr., of Johnson City, Tennessee, and Philip Carter Harrison of Atlanta, Georgia. Helen and the two sons survive Stanley.

Appointments served by Stanley and Helen were: Pine Grove (Green County); Bulls Gap; Mt. Carmel (Kingsport); Lebanon Memorial (Lebanon, Virginia); Bluff City-Rockholds; Church Hill, First; Madam Russell (Saltville); Sevierville, First; Kingston; Stone Drive; and Fairhaven. He was an evangelical preacher, who, like Abraham of old, went where he was called. He loved his people. And he served them without reservation.

Many persons came to follow Christ; many communities realized more of the Kingdom through his witness.

Stanley was voted his Local Preacher's License, upon recommendation of Mt. Zion Methodist Church, Johnson City District, in 1942. He was ordained a Deacon in 1947 and an Elder in 1948. He served as a Student Pastor in the Holston Conference during his college education and in the North Georgia Conference during his seminary training.

Following seminary, until his retirement in 1984, Stanley served as a faithful and beloved pastor of twelve Holston Churches. Throughout his seventeen years of retirement, Stanley continued to fulfill his vows of ordination as a guest minister at Munsey Memorial and other area churches. He conducted monthly Vesper Services at Colonial Hill Retirement Center in Johnson City. He also conducted funerals and rendered pastoral care to friends and acquaintances – all whose need did he know.

He departed this world on April 9, 2001, with a total of 56 years of exemplary service. His life-long commitment was to minister to Christ and to bless His name.

As an expression of esteem, ministerial peers and surviving spouses elected Stanley the Founding President of the Johnson City District Retirees Fellowship. He called this body his "support group" and remained a loyal member as long as his health allowed.

In early adulthood Stanley was admitted to the Masonic Order and in subsequent years advanced to the 33rd Degree in this fraternity. He was elected Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Tennessee in 1979-80.

Perhaps the most eloquent sermon Stanley ever preached was during the concluding weeks of his life. Diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, he was in great pain and knew that his death was imminent. Quietly, resolutely and courageously, he bore his sufferings, singing, as it were, Job's "songs in the night." While he did not verbalize it, the text those of us who visited him heard him proclaim was, "For the gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, and therefore I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me" (II Timothy 1:11-12). In this faith he lived, and in this faith he died. He fought a good fight; he gained the victory.

A "religiously musical" man was Stanley Harrison. He had a good voice and in the early days of his ministry led the singing in many revival services. In his years of retirement he was the song leader for the Fellowship Sunday School Class of Munsey Church. An apt epitaph of the life he lived and now lives would be:

*"I'll praise my God who lends me breath;
and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers.*

*My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
while life, and thought, and being last,
of immortality endures."*

(Isaac Watts)

The Rev. Ken Henderlight, The Rev. Roby Eastridge, and Dr. Wayne Cummings conducted funeral services at Appalachian Funeral Home in Johnson City, Tennessee, on Sunday, April 22, 2001. Dr. Paul E. Brown, Sr. led a service of committal at Monte Vista Burial Park in Johnson City. Dr. Brown concluded the service with this affirmation, "Stanley Harrison was one of the Conference's most faithful ministers. In that observation and assurance, we tenderly and confidently commit his life unto the Father's eternal love and care." To this, we who were gathered about only could say, "AMEN!"

JAMES CULLEN HILLIAN (1929 - 2000)

James Cullen Hillian, born January 27, 1929, was the son of James Cleland and Era Linville Hillian. He was born at Section, Jackson County, Alabama and schooled near Scottsboro, Alabama. He married Joyce Biddle on April 8, 1950. They had four children: David, Lana, Gwen, and Melanie.

Jim was in the U.S. Army Medical Corps (1952-54) and served one tour of duty in Germany. He was a member of and Chaplain in the Gideons, Masonic Lodge, and the Square & Compass Club. Prior to the ministry, he graduated from Machinist School and served in the Hosiery Mill Industry for 25 years. He was Plant Supervisor during the last part of his industrial tenure.

In 1972, Jim felt his calling into the ministry. He attended Bryan College (Dayton, Tennessee) and Emory University (Atlanta, Georgia). To begin his ministry, he served as Youth Minister at the Mountain View Church (Dayton, Tennessee). He then served his first pastorate at King's Chapel (Henegar, Alabama). In the Cleveland District of the Holston Conference, he served the following churches: Middle Valley, Spivey (Dayton), Graysville, Evensville-New Bethel Circuit, and St. Clair (Spring City). Pastor Hillian served a total of 25 years as Pastor.

Jim passed on to be with the Lord June 7, 2000. The June 10th Memorial Service was conducted at the Coulter-Garrison Funeral Home Chapel at Dayton, Tennessee, by Pastor Bill Ewing (Spivey United Methodist Church). Eulogies were given by grandsons Russ Hillian and Brian Bishop. The Interment Service was presented by Pastor John Neese (Mountain View United Methodist Church) and Pastor Jake Fisher (St. Clair Baptist) at the Spivey Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by his parents: James and Era Hillian, and three brothers: Gerald “Bo,” Harry, and S. D. Hillian, all of whom were of Sylvania, Alabama, except the latter, who lived in Dayton.

He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years (Joyce); four wonderful children: David Hillian, Lana [Hillian] Marler, Gwen [Hillian] Looney, and Melanie Hillian; and six dear grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters: Norma [Hillian] Cooper and Sue [Hillian] Wilson, both of Chattanooga.

Jim’s favorite song was “The Old Rugged Cross,” and his favorite scripture was Romans 10:13. Jim, who never met a stranger and treated everyone alike, will be missed by all who knew him. “Earth’s loss is Heaven’s gain.” Jim Hillian – faithful husband, loving father, dedicated laborer, servant minister, and public servant: May he rest in peace until the Day of the Lord!!



R. DALE JARRETT (1951 - 2000)

R. Dale Jarrett was born October 8, 1951, in Johnson City, Tennessee. He was married to Sharon K. Jarrett, with whom he had two children, Jessica and Jacob.

He received a degree from East Tennessee State University and was later a coach and teacher at Daniel Boone High School in Gray, Tennessee.

At the time of his death, August 5, 2000, he was a licensed local pastor at Fairview United Methodist Church in Johnson City.

Dale brought the love of God to his church in a real and personal way. He patterned his ministry after Jesus’ example. He was a shepherd. He loved his congregation, and they dearly loved him and his precious family.

His legacy of love continues to touch and encourage those who knew him to spread Jesus’ message to the world.

ROSAMOND O. STONER (1913 - 2001)

Rosamond O. “Jack” Stoner of Lookout Mountain, Georgia, was born September 29, 1913, and died June 4, 2001. He was preceded in death by his wife, Beulah Elizabeth Hendricks (“Boots”) Stoner, in January, 1996.

Jack served several churches including Pittsburg Annex Methodist Church, Sligo Methodist Church, Morganville Methodist Church, Candler Methodist Church in East Lake, and Welch Chapel Methodist Church in Sequatchie Valley.

He was noted for having married more than 2,500 couples at the Hamilton County Courthouse. He owned and operated Stoner’s Barber Shop in downtown Chattanooga for more than twenty years.

A United States Army veteran of World War II, he was very active in the American Legion, serving two times as Post 14 Commander, two times as district chaplain, and 10 times as chaplain of Post 14. He conducted many funeral services at Chattanooga National Cemetery, often for veterans with no families.

For his public service Jack received many awards. The Hamilton County Commission presented him the "Outstanding Patriot" award for his devotion to "God, Flag and Country"; the Disabled American Veterans gave him several certificates of appreciation; and the American Legion and Post 14 gave him so many awards he became known as "Mr. Legionnaire" and "Man With the Flag."

Survivors include two sisters, Betty Pittman, Atlanta, Georgia, and Alma Zach, Hallandale Beach, Florida; a niece, Nicole Carver, East Ridge, Chattanooga; a nephew, Clarence S. Durand, Rossville, Georgia; and other nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m., January 7, 2001, in the South Crest Chapel of Lane Funeral Home, Rossville, Georgia, with the Rev. Glenn Smith officiating. Interment was in the Chattanooga United States National Cemetery with full military honors.



T. J. WILSON
(1921 - 2001)

T. J. Wilson died on April 23, 2001. He was a former member of the Tennessee Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and served Holston churches including Edward's Chapel, Morristown; St. Paul East, Knoxville; and Sand Branch, Knoxville.

Funeral services were held on April 25 at Lynnhurst-Greenwood Chapel with the Rev. Thomas Ballard officiating. Interment followed in White Pine Cemetery.

The Rev. Wilson was survived by wife, Georgia Dunaway Wilson of Knoxville; son, Rev. Daryl Wilson, missionary to Mexico; two daughters, Sandra Roach of Knoxville and Kimberly Keck of Chattanooga; two sisters, Stella Murphy and Magdeline Jessie, both of Columbia, Kentucky; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



LUCILLE F. ALLEN
(1906 - 2000)

Lucille Foglesong was born March 5, 1906, in rural Bland County, near Ceres, Virginia. Her father, Christopher Foglesong, was a farmer and horse breeder, raised livestock, and was twice elected as a County Supervisor. Her mother, the former Margaret (Maggie) Huddle of nearby Tazewell County, was a hard-working housewife who helped to instill and nurture in Lucille a lifelong love of music.

At the age of seven Lucille began formal education in Ceres, two and one-half miles from her home. Accompanied by her older brother, Wiley, she rode sidesaddle to and from school on "Old Edna," a gentle steed noted for her "running walk" gait.

As a schoolgirl Lucille took piano classes from a local musician who highly praised her talent and accomplishments. After teaching "everything she knew," her teacher urged her to continue with her studies and practice so she could realize her potential.

After completing the 11-grade program at the Ceres school, Lucille pursued her desire to teach. She studied at Radford State Teacher's College, earned her teaching credentials, and taught in rural Bland County – including some one-room schools – for thirteen years.

In 1940, she married the Rev. James L. Allen, a Methodist minister and Bland County native. She accompanied him in appointments to six Holston Conference rural Methodist circuits in Southwest Virginia: Belfast, Rocky Gap, Staffordsville, Ceres, Midway, and Dungannon. Among her varied roles as a minister's wife, she taught Bible classes, prepared church bulletins, managed church business and finances, and most enjoyed playing piano at church services and weddings, often held at the circuit parsonages.

Two sons, James, born in 1941, and Archie, born in 1943, graduated from Virginia high schools and attended Methodist-supported colleges. James, a career federal employee, now lives in Lakewood, Ohio, with his wife Janet and children Julie and Christopher. Archie, a chiropractor, lives in Ojai and works in Santa Barbara, California.

Rev. Allen retired in Scott County and assisted local pastors until his death in 1964. Mrs. Allen then returned to college in Beckley, West Virginia, to renew her teaching credentials, staying with her half-brother and local Methodist minister, the Rev. Harve Foglesong. She then returned to teaching elementary school in Scott County, Virginia, for seven years.

After retirement at age 65 Mrs. Lucille Allen's inspirational life of devotion and service to the Methodist Church continued as an active member of two local congregations – Morrison Chapel and Holston View – where she had many good and caring friends, taught Sunday School, and played piano occasionally.

In "retirement" she enjoyed travel and took her first airline flight at the age of 65. She often visited her sons who were living in Georgia, Ohio, and California, traveled to the Pennsylvania Dutch country, toured the nation's capitol (including the White House and Capitol Building), and spent 10 days visiting three islands in Hawaii.

Mrs. Allen enjoyed her participation in local home demonstration clubs, utilizing sewing, crochet, and needlework skills she had learned as a youth and learning new skills. She was an active volunteer with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and visited

area nursing homes where she shared her music. Despite a hip fracture in 1988, she continued local driving until the age of 90.

Mrs. Allen was always proud of her musical abilities and was considered an excellent church musician. She started playing full-time in her home church in Ceres at the age of fifteen years and continued to play piano (and occasionally organ) in church for a span of approximately fifty years.

In her latter years the Methodist Church remained a central focus of her life as she enjoyed the company of other local retired ministers and their wives at Annual Conference, District meetings, and local banquets. When her hip condition required transport by wheelchair, caring Holston View members assisted her to church services on Sundays, where she continued to teach adult classes to the age of 92.

Sustained by the strength of her faith, her beloved church community, and the loving support of her family, friends, and neighbors, Mrs. Lucille Allen lived independently at her home in Weber City, Virginia, until shortly before her death on August 30, 2000. She was taken home by the Lord and returned home to her native Bland County, where she was buried beside her husband in the Sharon Cemetery overlooking Ceres, Virginia.

In his eulogy the Rev. Herbert H. Daugherty cited Proverbs as giving “a prolific description” of Mrs. Allen’s life: “Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looks well to the ways of her household, and eats not the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed.” He described her as “a person of strength, and she found ways to rejoice, including her love of music. Conversation with her was wonderful. Her wisdom can be described as knowing what is appropriate and making her days count for good.”



BEULAH BUCHANAN (1899 - 2000)

Mrs. Beulah Buchanan (101 years old) was born July 20, 1899, at Thorn Hill (Grainger County), Tennessee. She was one of thirteen children born to John Hamilton and Hannah Matilda Singleton. She lived in Grainger County until middle age when she married the Rev. Arch Buchanan on October 19, 1942. She then moved her church membership to the New Tazewell United Methodist Church where she remained a member until her death on December 7, 2000.

Mrs. Buchanan died at Heritage Nursing Care Center in Morristown, Tennessee. She was a widow for 44 years after the death of her husband and lived alone in New Tazewell, Tennessee, until her last seven years in the nursing home.

Her funeral service was conducted in Coffey’s Funeral Home Chapel at 2:00 on Sunday, December 10, 2000, by the Rev. John Clark and the Rev. Steve Parker. She was laid to rest in the Fairview Cemetery, New Tazewell, Tennessee.

She is survived by her step-son, the Rev. George Buchanan of Andersonville, Tennessee, and two brothers, the Rev. Toy Singleton and Millard Singleton (both of Morristown).

Beulah was a wonderful, Christian person, and she will be sadly missed by family and friends.

**JIMMIE CARLE CAMPBELL
(1926 - 2001)**

Jimmie Carle Campbell of 4625 Sevierville Road, Maryville, Tennessee, passed away peacefully on January 7, 2001, after a long illness.

She grew up in Logans Chapel Methodist Church and was a member of Hendrons United Methodist Church, where her husband, the Rev. Wayne G. Campbell, was pastor for 28 years until his retirement in 1998.

Jimmie Carle or "Memmie" was very active in her husband's ministry. She will always be remembered as a beautiful Christian lady who thrived on helping others. She will be greatly missed by those who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Issac and Flora Idella Trotter; sisters, Jean (Mrs. Fred) Biad, Lillian (Mrs. Murray) Vineyard, Elizabeth (Mrs. Sam) Troutman, Ruth Mae (Mrs. John) McClure; and brother, Bill Trotter.

Survivors include: husband, Rev. Wayne G. Campbell; daughter and son-in-law, Libby Della and James A. Ratledge of Maryville; grandchildren, Holley and Philip Grace of Knoxville and Wayne Ratledge of Maryville; sisters, Mary Nelle French and Alma (Mrs. Arnold) Bailey; brothers-in-law, Arnold Bailey and John McClure; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2001, at Logans Chapel Methodist Church in Wildwood. The family received friends before the service at the church, and interment was at the church cemetery.

The Rev. Mark McKnight, the Rev. Ashley Calhoun, and the Rev. Curtis Trent officiated with McCammon-Ammons-Click Funeral Home in charge.



**AUGUSTA S. CROSS
(1919 - 2001)**

Augusta Cross, surviving spouse of Reverend William J. Cross, was born December 10, 1919. She attended the Annual Conference for 50 years, and she served in several offices in her local church. She taught Sunday School and was active with the United Methodist Women. She served as treasurer for the Abingdon District Retirees. Augusta also volunteered over 23,000 hours at the Bristol Regional Medical Center. She was a wonderful lady who served her church and community with pride.



ELIZABETH THOMAS DAVIS
(1910 - 2001)

Elizabeth Thomas Davis was born November 6, 1910, and went to be with Jesus on May 1, 2001.

Mrs. Davis was a retired school teacher at Mt. Carmel High School, Vancleve, Kentucky, and the wife of a United Methodist minister, the Rev. Harold J. Davis. She and her husband served United Methodist churches for many years throughout the Holston Conference, including many in the Kingsport area.

Mrs. Davis is survived by her husband, the Rev. Harold J. Davis, Jackson, Kentucky; four daughters, Grace Anderson (Vancleve, Kentucky), Ruth Cundiff (Vancleve, Kentucky), Mary Fisher (Monument, Colorado), and Kathryn Bowden (Kingsport, Tennessee); a brother, David Thomas (Indianapolis, Indiana); six grandchildren including Melanie E. Bowden of Kingsport; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held May 5, 2001, at Mt. Carmel High School in Vancleve, Kentucky. Interment followed in the Lawson Cemetery at Mt. Carmel.



ROSA MAE GRIER
(1901 - 2000)

Rosa Mae Grier died Monday, June 19, 2000, at her home. She was 98.

She was the daughter of the late Effie Brewer Daniel and Joseph S. Daniel of Solway, Tennessee.

She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Worth M. Grier, three brothers and three sisters. Rev. Grier was a retired minister of the United Methodist Church, and she and Rev. Grier served several churches, including Jones Memorial United Methodist, Simpson United Methodist,

Flintstone United Methodist and Soddy United Methodist. Rev. and Mrs. Grier were active in the East Chattanooga United Methodist Church where he served as minister of visitation.

Mrs. Grier was awarded a life membership in the Simpson United Methodist Women.

She was a member of Simpson United Methodist Church, where she was a member of the Joy Sunday School Class and United Methodist Women. She was the congregation's oldest member.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Malcolm and JoAnna Grier; daughter and son-in-law, Lorraine and Ralph Hixson of Chattanooga; one sister, Mildred Cabbage of Aiken, South Carolina; two grandsons, Danny Grier of Chattanooga and Russell Grier of Rossville, Georgia; four great-grandsons; one foster great-granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

Burial was held at Hamilton Memorial Gardens.



EDNA BURNACE SNAPP GRIMM
(1920 - 2001)

Edna Grimm was born February 6, 1920, in Gate City, Virginia. She and W. R. Grimm were married in 1937, and seven years later W. R. felt the call into the ministry. Edna told him, "If you accept the call into the ministry, then I do, too." The Grimms were blessed with two sons, Wayne and Joseph, and a foster son, Lewis.

Together W. R. and Edna served Holston View, the Ewing Circuit, the Friendsville Circuit, Englewood, Carter Street, Falls Mills-Midway, Oakdale, the Honaker Circuit, the Rocky Gap Circuit, North Tazewell-Riverside, Tasso-Valley Head, and Fall Branch-Logans Chapel.

Her memorial service was held March 21, 2001, at the Church Hill United Methodist Church with burial following at the Holston View Cemetery at Weber City, Virginia. Ministers who led in the services were Ron Ramsey, Charlie Dye, Harry Hight, Elmer Cleek, and Joseph Grimm, Jr.

In the fifth chapter of Galatians we are told that the fruits of the spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Verse 25 goes on to say, "If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit." Those of us who knew and loved Edna know that truly she both lived by and was led by God's Holy Spirit.



MARY WILLIAMS HARDIN
(1906 - 2001)

The world could not know the incalculably valuable gift it was receiving when Mary Lillian Williams was born to the Reverend and Mrs. Leonard J. Williams on November 28, 1906, in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Mary Williams matriculated at Emory and Henry College in 1925. She arrived early to serve as an assistant to the treasurer of the college. This was a fortuitous development because she met Cecil P. Hardin just before his graduation. He was a candidate for the Methodist ministry.

After her 1929 graduation from Emory and Henry, Miss Williams taught at Ooltewah High School, but she and Cecil continued their friendship. After a delay of several years occasioned by the Great Depression, they were married on August 11, 1936, in Kingsport, Tennessee. The marriage rites were performed by Mary's brother, Dr. Thomas L. Williams.

To this union were born Mary Elizabeth (Betty), now Mrs. William R. King of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida; Charles Preston, who with his wife Mary Alice Gordon, formerly of Johnson City, Tennessee, make their home in Cincinnati, Ohio; and Alice Jessica of Atlanta, Georgia.

Mary Hardin grew up in Methodist parsonages. Her father was a Methodist minister as were her brothers, Dr. Thomas L. Williams and the Rev. Harry S. Williams. These three

ministers were ordained by God and the Methodist Church, but Mary Williams Hardin was also ordained by God for a life of incredible service.

Among other relationships Mary Hardin was a daughter, a wife, a mother, and a grandmother. She was also a partner in ministry with her distinguished husband, rendering outstanding service in every church and the district in which they served.

Beyond the local church Mary Hardin became involved in ministries that literally encircled the globe. She served as an officer on every level of the Women's Society of Christian Service from the local church to the vice-presidency of the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries.

She was an active member of numerous Boards of Trustees, including St. Paul School of Theology, Scarritt College, Alaska Methodist University, Payne College, Sue Bennett College, Wood Junior College, and Mississippi National College.

Her responsibilities took her to Germany, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Alaska, where she was a consultant and an active participant in varied ministries.

Mary Hardin was also active in Church Women United, the YMCA, Newcomers, Council on Aging and many others.

With her husband Cecil, she developed a program of Fellowship, Recreation, Inspiration and Service (FRINS) in several churches in the Holston Conference.

Among the many honors bestowed on this faithful servant of Christ was the provision of a love gift by the Holston Conference to furnish the Mary Hardin Assembly Room at the United Nations Church Center in New York City.

No one who was privileged to know Mary Williams Hardin will ever forget her contagious enthusiasm, her genuine love for all persons and her welcoming smile.

After a relatively short illness Mary Williams Hardin moved peacefully from mortality to immortality on January 30, 2001, in her own home in Maryville, surrounded by her loved ones.

The service of celebration in praise and gratitude to God for the life of Mary Williams Hardin was conducted on February 3, 2001, by the Reverends William J. Fowler, Cabel W. Trent, and Robert L. Wilcox.

Mrs. Hardin was laid to rest in Sherwood Memorial Gardens in Alcoa, Tennessee, next to her beloved husband Cecil who had preceded her in death on May 5, 1993.



JESSIE BURKE OSBORNE (1913 - 2001)

Jessie was a warm, sincere, loving person who gave of herself unselfishly and unconditionally. She was born on October 7, 1913, in Meadowville, Virginia; however, she lived most of her life in the Bristol area. She died on April 2, 2001 in Autumn Care Nursing Home in Madison, Virginia.

Jessie was a daughter of the late William Rance and Judy Farmer Burke and the widow of Rev. Jay B. Osborne.

The Lord saved Jessie from her sins on December 5, 1930, and her trust in God gave her great peace. During her

many years in the ministry with her husband, Rev. Jay B. Osborne, she led many people to Christ...therefore, her life had meaning, and she was blessed.

Mrs. Osborne dedicated herself as a supporter of her husband's ministry and was the musician in the churches he pastored.

She had an artistic ability to make carved candles, knit and arrange flowers.

She was survived by a daughter, Marcia Zoé Osborne, and her husband, Tom; a grandson, John Thomas Osborne; a great-granddaughter, Georgia Osborne; and a great-grandson, Thomas Osborne, all of Culpepper. She was also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Her funeral service was conducted on Thursday, April 5, 2001, at Reynolds Memorial United Methodist Church with Rev. Dale Bittinger officiating. Entombment followed in the Chapel of Memories at Forest Hills Memory Gardens.

She is in a happier place now. Praise the Lord.

BONNIE RUTH PIERCE (1908 - 2001)

Ruth Pierce, age 92, of the Asbury Retirement Center in Johnson City, passed away on Friday evening, January 15, 2001, at the Johnson City Medical Center.

Mrs. Pierce was a homemaker for 73 years and was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Hoe and Hope Garden Club.

Mrs. Pierce's chief interest besides her family included her church activities and things eternal. She and Rev. Pierce would have celebrated 73 years of marriage on January 24, 2001.

She was survived by her husband, Rev. E. A. Pierce; one son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Nancy Pierce of Concord, North Carolina; four grandchildren, Laura Nea of Sacramento, California, Joel Pierce of Concord, North Carolina, Paige Burgess and Sarah Grainger, both of Charlotte, North Carolina; six great-grandchildren; one sister, Margaret Barham of Greeneville and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gene Austin Pierce.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 8, 2001 at the Trinity United Methodist Church with the Rev. Thomas Lynch and the Rev. Robert L. Smith officiating the service with interment in the Oak Grove Cemetery.



FLORA DELL ALEXANDER ROE
(1913 - 2001)

Dell Alexander Roe was born in Robertson County, Tennessee, on October 22, 1913, to Jack and Roberta Alexander. She was the second of four children including "Baby Brother," who died in infancy. Early on Miss Bertie became a single mother, raising her three children with love and hard work.

As a child Dell was a vivacious tomboy, running with friends along Black Branch and skating in the court room above the jail with her friend, the sheriff's daughter. She made life-long friends and fond memories growing up and finishing high school in Springfield, Tennessee.

It was then that she met Richard Roe, a local country boy recently returned from working in Detroit, Michigan. In July, 1932, they married at age nineteen. Their first daughter was a "preemie" and only lived three months. Two other daughters came along in due time. While the girls were still preschoolers, Richard was called to Preach, and Dell accepted the call to be the Preacher's wife. Richard worked, preached and got his education (high school, college and seminary). Dell learned the ways of the Preacher's wife, supported Richard in his studies, raised the children and kept a spotless home. They joined Tennessee Conference in 1942, serving seven different pastorates. They moved to the Holston Conference in 1961, serving Central Church in Knoxville for five years and Holston Home for Children for thirteen years. Dell worked in the Development Program much of that time. At retirement they returned home to middle Tennessee.

Through those years Dell grew in her spiritual faith and commitment to Christ. She never lost her sense of humor. Her joyous laughter is one of her memorable traits.

In the last years she struggled with cancer and blindness. Growing more tired and weak each day, in the early hours of January 21, 2001, she folded her hands over her heart and slept her way to Glory. She was laid to rest in the family plot at Oakland Baptist church Cemetery in Robertson County.

Dell's memory is held dear by her surviving husband, Rev. Richard Roe of McKendree Towers, Hermitage, Tennessee; her daughters, Joan Murphy of Columbia, Tennessee, and Nell Murphy of Springfield, Tennessee; two sons-in-law; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

May she rest in peace in the Lord.