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## Memorial Service Bulletin

Prelude Music..... Brass Ensemble

\*Processional Hymn of Praise..... *For All The Saints*..... UMH 711

1) For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
 who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
 thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
 Alleluia, Alleluia!

2) Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
 thou Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
 Alleluia, Alleluia!

3) O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
 fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
 and win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
 Alleluia, Alleluia!

4) O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
 We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
 yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
 Alleluia, Alleluia!

5) And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
 steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
 and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
 Alleluia, Alleluia!

6) From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
 through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
 singing to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
 Alleluia, Alleluia!

\*Call to Worship..... Bishop Ward

Bishop: Let us praise the God of our ancestors,

**All: who robs death of its sting and the grave of its victory.**

Bishop: Let us praise the God of our ancestors,

**All: who fills life with its joy and the future with its hope.**

Bishop: Let us praise the God of our ancestors,

**All: O come, let us worship the Lord our God, the same yesterday, today, and forever.!**

**\*Opening Prayer**..... Bishop Ward

O God Most High, with all the saints of every time and place,  
we come to worship you.

We praise your glory and rejoice in the wisdom you reveal to us.

Enlighten us once more in this time of adoration and blessing.

Fill us with hope, even when conditions around us  
seem only to hurt and destroy.

Help us to do good and to show mercy,  
expecting nothing in return,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD AND RESPONSE

**Anthem**..... *Wayfaring Stranger*..... Rev. Kelly Lyn Logue  
Rev. Jeff Babajtis

**Prayer for Illumination**..... Rev. Linda Taylor

Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy  
what you say to us today. Amen.

**Scripture Lesson(s)**..... Isaiah 40:28-31..... Rev. Linda Taylor  
Psalm 145:1-7; 10-13; 21..... Rev. Gil Wise  
2 Corinthians 4:5-12..... Rev. Amie Stewart

**Musical Response**..... *Angel Band*..... Rev. Kelly Lyn Logue  
Rev. Jeff Babajtis

**Scripture Lesson**..... Matthew 5:1-16..... Rev. Ray Broadwell

**Sermon**..... *How Can We Say Thanks?*..... Rev. Ray Broadwell

**\*Affirmation of Faith #881**..... The Apostles' Creed..... Mr. Gary Locklear

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day, he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence, he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Act of Remembrance (Naming of the Honored Dead)**..... Rev. Gray Southern  
Rev. Edie Gleaves

Let us pray,

We bless your name, O God,  
for all your servants who,  
having finished their course,  
now rest from their labors.

Give us grace to follow the example  
of their steadfastness and faithfulness,  
to your honor and glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The name of each of the honored dead is read aloud. After each name is read, the congregation is asked to keep silence or to respond: **Thank you, Lord, for this your servant.** Family members and friends are invited to stand where they are for silent prayer during the reading of the names of the deceased.

### **CLERGY WHO HAVE DIED SINCE LAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

|                                       |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Donald Charles Nagel</i> .....     | March 25, 2018    |
| <i>Henry Gurney Jinnette</i> .....    | June 16, 2018     |
| <i>Murry Lee DeHart, Jr.</i> .....    | June 25, 2018     |
| <i>John Hezekiah White</i> .....      | July 3, 2018      |
| <i>Dennis Joseph Glennon</i> .....    | August 18, 2018   |
| <i>Edward P. Osteen</i> .....         | October 11, 2018  |
| <i>Corbin Lee Cherry</i> .....        | October 13, 2018  |
| <i>Travis W. Owen</i> .....           | October 19, 2018  |
| <i>Jack Ward Page, Jr.</i> .....      | November 7, 2018  |
| <i>George William Johnson</i> .....   | November 19, 2018 |
| <i>Vernon Cephus Tyson</i> .....      | December 29, 2018 |
| <i>Stewart Allen Crank, Sr.</i> ..... | February 2, 2019  |
| <i>Wallace O'Neal IV</i> .....        | February 6, 2019  |
| <i>Linwood Sutton Jones</i> .....     | February 26, 2019 |
| <i>Miles Murphy, Jr.</i> .....        | March 2, 2019     |
| <i>Robert Kenneth Eldredge</i> .....  | March 6, 2019     |
| <i>Henry Neal Lovelace</i> .....      | March 10, 2019    |
| <i>Dianne Brinkley Catlett</i> .....  | April 12, 2019    |

### SPOUSES OF CLERGY WHO HAVE DIED SINCE LAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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|--|--------------------|
| <i>Leland Chou</i> .....                 | November 4, 2015   |
| <i>Hilda N. Lopez</i> .....              | May 29, 2018       |
| <i>Gladys E. Burgess</i> .....           | June 8, 2018       |
| <i>Edith Eugenia Fogleman</i> .....      | June 13, 2018      |
| <i>Clementine Graham</i> .....           | June 30, 2018      |
| <i>Sue Brooks</i> .....                  | July 9, 2018       |
| <i>Peggy Beard Owens</i> .....           | July 28, 2018      |
| <i>Robert L. Kunka</i> .....             | August 23, 2018    |
| <i>Nell G. Mooney</i> .....              | September 29, 2018 |
| <i>Jean E. Davis</i> .....               | October 4, 2018    |
| <i>Barbara Wilson Pope</i> .....         | November 10, 2018  |
| <i>Kitty Jo Brown Herin</i> .....        | November 16, 2018  |
| <i>Marjorie Strider Frye</i> .....       | November 22, 2018  |
| <i>Dorothy Thompson Bunn</i> .....       | December 31, 2018  |
| <i>Rose Anderson Byrd</i> .....          | January 8, 2019    |
| <i>Burnell K. Moore</i> .....            | January 29, 2019   |
| <i>Barbara Jean Bergland</i> .....       | March 6, 2019      |
| <i>Mary Jane Williams Burnside</i> ..... | March 18, 2019     |
| <i>Joan Nix Drew</i> .....               | March 31, 2019     |
| <i>Carrie Ruth Dodson</i> .....          | April 20, 2019     |
| <i>Wanda Kaye Hayes Seate</i> .....      | May 31, 2019       |

**\*Prayer for the Saints and Faithful Departed**..... Rev. Randy Innes

Blessed are you, O Lord our God.  
 You surround us with witness after witness  
 to your transforming love.

**Inspire us and empower us to persevere;  
 fill our hearts with courage.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God.  
 You weep with us in our heartbreak and loss.

**Comfort us and protect us in our mourning;  
 fill our souls with hope.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God.  
 You cry out in victory over sin and the grave.

**Raise us and release us to fulfill your calling;  
 fill our lives with faithfulness and good works. Amen.**

**WE ARE SENT FORTH  
FOR MINISTRY IN THE WORLD**

**\*Recessional Hymn.....** *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God.....* UMH 712

1) I sing a song of the saints of God,  
patient and brave and true,  
who toiled and fought and lived and died  
for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,  
And one was a shepherdess on the green;  
they were all of them saints of God,  
and I mean, God helping,  
To be one too.

2) They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,  
and his love made them strong;  
and they followed the right for Jesus' sake  
the whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,  
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;  
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,  
why I shouldn't be one too.

3) They lived not only in ages past;  
there are hundreds of thousands still.  
The world is bright with the joyous saints  
Who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store,  
in church, by the sea, in the house next door;  
they are saints of God, whether rich or poor,  
and I mean to be one too.

**\*Dismissal with Blessing.....** Rev. Tim Russell

The peace of God, which passes all understanding  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge  
and love of God, and of God's Son,  
Jesus Christ our Savior.

And the blessing of God Almighty –  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

**\*Postlude**

### SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

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| Bishop Hope Morgan Ward . . . . .      | Resident Bishop, Raleigh Area  |
| The Reverend Timothy Russell. . . . .  | Assistant to the Bishop and<br>Director of Ministerial Relations         |
| The Reverend Gil Wise. . . . .         | District Superintendent, Beacon District                                 |
| The Reverend Gray Southern. . . . .    | District Superintendent, Capital District                                |
| The Reverend Carol Goehring . . . . .  | District Superintendent, Corridor District                               |
| The Reverend Ray Broadwell. . . . .    | District Superintendent, Fairway District                                |
| The Reverend Kenneth Locklear. . . . . | District Superintendent, Gateway District                                |
| The Reverend Edie Gleaves. . . . .     | District Superintendent, Harbor District                                 |
| The Reverend Randy Innes. . . . .      | District Superintendent, Heritage District                               |
| The Reverend Linda Taylor. . . . .     | District Superintendent, Sound District                                  |
| Mr. Gary Locklear. . . . .             | Conference Lay Leader  |
| The Reverend Amie Stewart. . . . .     | Associate Director of Ministerial Relations                              |
| Mrs. Maria Ham. . . . .                | Accompanist, Genesis UMC   |
| Brass Ensemble. . . . .                | Joe Brinson, Trumpet<br>Andrew Howell, French Horn<br>Dan Jones, Trumpet |
| The Reverend Erin Pearce. . . . .      | Cross Bearer   |
| The Reverend Sunny Limm. . . . .       | Crosier Bearer   |
| The Reverend Kathie Wilkinson. . . . . | Tintinnabulum Bearer   |

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## Memoirs

### Barbara Jean Bergland

1930 - 2019

On March 6, 2018, which was Ash Wednesday, the words “Remember you are dust and unto dust you shall return,” were realized for Barbara Jean Bergland. The life that began in Robinson, Kansas on December 5, 1930 was the beginning of a full and exciting life journey. She was the oldest of two children born to Arthur and Vera Benfer, who would keep close to Barbara throughout their lives.

Accompanying her on this journey for 70 years was her husband John K. Bergland. They met while students at York College in York, Nebraska, fell in love, and married on August 23, 1950. She received her undergraduate degree in Music. Following graduation, she and John journeyed to Dayton, Ohio where John studied at United Theological Seminary.

Barbara was the consummate pastor’s wife, journeying with John from Dayton, Ohio to North Carolina. She was an active participant in each of the churches they were appointed to and many will remember her gift of hospitality expressed through meals and fellowship in their home. No one was ever a stranger in her home. While John was teaching at United Theological Seminary and later Duke Divinity School, it was not unusual for her to open their home to students at the Div. School.

Known as Miss Barbara to many, she was Mimi to her family. Mother of two children, Bob and Margaret Ann, she absolutely adored her six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Milkshakes were her specialty and she was always prepared to whip them up in the blender when family arrived.

Professionally, Barbara was an elementary school teacher, retiring in 1992. After retiring she traveled with John to Israel several times, and across country coast to coast. We have fond memories of fly-fishing trips to Montana and visits to many of the national parks with Mimi and Gramps.

Farming and cattle ranching were also part of her journey, working alongside John at Black Diamond Acres in New Lebanon, Ohio raising black angus in the 1970’s and then helping to establish the BB&K Farm in Cumberland County, NC in 1990. The BB&K was filled with wonderful experiences for family, friends, and visitors. There were cows and horses, campfires and smores, long walks in the fields and always – Milkshakes!

Barbara was blessed to live a long, active, and exciting life which was celebrated on March 9, 2019 at First United Methodist Church in Wilson, North Carolina. The Reverend Charles Robl officiated the service and the Reverend Dr. Bill Presnell (one of the Divinity School students who shared meals in their home) offered a message of resurrection hope. Her grandson, Tyler Knox, and son, Bob Bergland, offered words of gratitude from the family. The columbarium at FUMC in Wilson, is her resting place.

She is survived by her companion and husband of over 70 years, John; children Bob and Margaret Ann; six grandchildren and now seven great grandchildren.

As in baptism Barbara put on Christ, so in Christ may Barbara be clothed with glory.





## Sue Ellen Locklear Chavis Brooks

1953 - 2018

Sue Ellen Locklear Chavis Brooks was called to her heavenly home on Monday, July 9 after more than five years of battling cancer. She resided at the family homeplace in the Mt. Airy community. Sue leaves behind her husband of nearly 40 years Rev. Ray Brooks, three daughters Marri Elizabeth Brooks, Sherri LaChelle Brooks and Faith Renee Brooks, and two grandsons Ricky Jr and Zachariah Ray. She is survived by her sister Charlotte Chavis Johnson, brother-in-law Christopher Johnson, and nephew Ryan. Of the remaining Shelby girls is Sue's aunt Elier Locklear Revels. Raised almost like siblings, Sue leaves behind close cousins Harry Locklear, Gene Locklear, Patricia Ann Hagans, Vernesia Bryant, and Kenny Bryant as well as a host of family and friends.

Sue's journey on this earth took her many places across the state of North Carolina where she met many people who became lasting friends. Sue's journey also allowed her to accomplish many things. Her greatest accomplishment was earning her Bachelors of Theology from Vintage Bible College in 2014.

Sue's life on this earth was truly blessed. She enjoyed talking to her grandchildren about the love and faith she had for her heavenly father. She was a most faithful prayer partner to family and friends. And she was a loving mother, spouse, sister, and grandmother.

A message to the believers and unbelievers. Sue loved her Lord and Father and this message captures the essence of her faith and strength in the Almighty.

### *My Eternal Bride*

*I have always known you, always loved you, and always been with you. When you were formed, I was with you in your mother's womb. When you took your first breath, I was breathing through you. I know your past and I also know your future. I will walk you through every season of your life, My beloved. I am with you now in spirit. I am the Alpha and the Omega. I am all your new beginnings and your endings. You are part of Me, My love. I am your eternal Husband who will give you your "Happily Ever After." I love you.*

## Dorothy Beryl Thompson Bunn

1934 - 2018

Dorothy Beryl Thompson Bunn (Dot), age 84, was born into a large loving family on a farm in Alamance County near Saxapahaw, NC. The daughter of Lonnie and Sarah Stafford Thompson, Dot was the middle of nine children. Growing up on her family's farm, Dot gained a deep respect for all life, love of spending time outdoors, the capacity to work hard, and a desire to explore the world beyond her home.

Throughout her life, Dot loved both learning and teaching others. She graduated as valedictorian from Eli Whitney High School, earned a BA from High Point College and a master's degree from UNC-CH Graduate School of Education, and attended the Kennedy School of Missions in Hartford, Connecticut.

It was at High Point College where Dot met and married Paul Bunn, her husband of 64 years. Together they built a life of service and adventure. Early in their marriage they were Methodist missionaries in



the former Belgian Congo, evacuating to Southern Rhodesia with their three young children when the war for independence landed on their doorstep. Back in the U.S., Dot was a NC public school teacher for 30 years, teaching in Glencoe, Troy, Durham, Barnesville, Lumberton, Raleigh, Hamlet, Fayetteville, Rocky Mount, and Rowland.

Dot had a brave and adventurous spirit. She always had on her traveling shoes, and found a way to visit and explore every U.S. state, all Canadian provinces, and every continent except Antarctica.

Most import to her family, Dot was a selfless loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother, and aunt who took great joy in her family. Her heart was large enough to enfold her family while still nurturing countless Sunday school and public school children with whom she shared her great love of learning.

Survivors include her husband Paul. Four daughters: Beryl Saw (Harry) of Hamlet, NC; Denise Rock (Sam) of Mechanicsville, VA; Tammy Hiller (Bud) of Lewisburg, PA; and Paula Brainard (Jack) of North East, MD. Seven grandchildren: Jessica Rock of Mechanicsville, VA; Dorothy Shaw Cassidy (Mike) of Cary, NC; Ian Shaw (Danielle) of Ellerbe, NC; Grayson Wrigley Weldon (Michael) of Silver Spring, MD; Joe Hiller of New Orleans, LA; Sara Hiller of Asheville, NC; and Austin Wrigley of North East, MD. Five great-grandchildren: Addison Cassidy and Aubrey Cassidy of Cary, NC, and Alec Shaw, Bradley Shaw, and Lydia Shaw of Ellerbe, NC.

Survivors also include brothers Sam Thompson (Barbara) of Burlington, NC and Reverend Henry Thompson (Marizell) of Greensboro, NC; sisters Mary Norwood (Larry) of Graham, NC and Alice Hadley (Tommy) of Graham, NC; sisters-in-law Louise Thompson of Graham, NC and Gladys Thompson of Graham, NC; and many nieces and nephews.

—*Paul G. Bunn*

## Gladys Eleanor Whitley Burgess

1931 - 2018

Gladys Whitley Burgess, the widow of the Reverend Roy O. Burgess, passed for this life on June 8, 2018. She was born in Florida, January 1, 1931. She and Roy were married by the Reverend John Davenport in 1949.

The Burgesses had two children, Carol Janice Sanford of Gaineville, Florida and Robert Wayne Burgess of Westport, Connecticut. After service in the Florida Conference, they moved to North Carolina where he joined the North Carolina Conference.

Roy and Gladys served Taverner, Katheen, Welaka, Woodstock Park in Jacksonville, Riverview in Jacksonville and McIntosh. After his transfer to the North Carolina Conference in 1973, they served Wanchese, New Hope-Woodland and Atlantic. They retired in 1985 and moved to Gainesville, Florida. Roy died in 1995.

I knew the Burgesses when we both served on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Roy would say that the area reminded him of his earlier ministry on the Florida Keys. Gladys was a committed and supportive minister's wife involved in the total ministry of the church.

—*William C. Simpson, Jr.*

## Mary Jane Williams Burnside

1935 -2019

Mary Jane Williams Burnside, widow of the Reverend Hobart Burnside, passed away on Monday, March 18, 2019 at Kitty Askins Hospice Center in Goldsboro. She was born March 28, 1935 in Marion County, West Virginia to the late Harry Glen Williams and Leota Gay Riddle Williams.

She was preceded in death by her husband, the Reverend Hobart William Burnside, Jr. They were married in 1953. She was also predeceased by her son-in-law, Archie H. McLeod, Jr., a grandson, Brandon and also a great grandson, Ethan. A Service of Death and Resurrection celebrating her life was held at Fellowship United Methodist Church in Princeton on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 1:00 pm with the Reverend Wendy Bishop officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery immediately following the service.

She is survived by her children, John Edward Burnside and wife, Patsy of Clinton, Shirley McLeod of Wilmington, Sue Thornton and husband, Dwight of Raleigh, and Cindy Justice and husband, Steve of Clinton. She is also survived by thirteen grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren.

Mary Jane was a gifted and committed pastor's wife who supported her husband, Hobie, in every church they served. We give God thanks for her faithful life and service.

—William C. Simpson, Jr.

## Rose Anderson Byrd

1929 - 2019

Rose, the wife and beloved soulmate of Rev. A.D. Byrd, Jr. left this world bound for her just reward in heaven on January 8, 2019 just 1 month shy of her 90th birthday.

Although Rose had struggles her last years, her lovely soul, her infectious laugh and her constant smile were an inspiration to all who came into her presence.

Rose is survived by her three children, Rosemary Stalter and her husband Cliff of Flat Rock NC, Albert Byrd, III and Timothy Byrd of Hope Mills, NC, as well as a brother David Anderson of Palmetto, Fl. She also was the beloved Aunt of many nieces and nephews.

All 3 of her children were blessed by Rose's presence in Tim's home where she resided and was cared for by the children for the last 3 years of her life here on earth. Dying at home was Rose's wish and it was such a joy to have those last years together as a family. Rose's courage through her illness showed a strength of faith and depth of love for family which warmed them all.

She had previously been a resident at Wesley Pines Retirement Center in Lumberton, NC. Just as she had always done as a minister's wife, she continued to do at Wesley Pines. She visited and encouraged all with her presence, her happy laugh and her beautiful smile. She left many friends there when she left in 2016.

Rose and A.D. met at High Point college and it was as if lightning had struck. Both knew they had found their soulmate. They were married in Sandy Ridge Methodist in Sandy Ridge, NC and enjoyed



more than 50 years of marriage together serving many churches in Eastern North Carolina. A. D. loved to tease her by telling the story that everyone at all the churches always seem to like him well enough but it was Rose that they really loved and were delighted to have as the pastor's wife; they simply tolerated him!

Rose was an English teacher in the early years, though soon she devoted herself to raising her family and being the partner of a UMC minister who worked tirelessly to assist in serving the churches where A.D. pastored. They enjoyed a fruitful and happy family life where they raised three healthy children and enjoyed time together with the family when not actually at church.

After A.D. went to heaven in 2001, Rose, though heartbroken continued to be the glue that held her family together right up until her passing through the pearly gates in 2019. She leaves behind memories of two lives well lived. Though struggles sometimes lurked nearby; love, family and an undying faith in God and his goodness carried them through to their reward of eternal life with him.

They both are missed by those who knew and loved them, especially their children, though the appreciation we feel for having been part of Rose and A.D.'s family far outweighs any sadness that lingers in our hearts... Love conquers all!

## Dianne Brinkley Catlett

1934 - 2019

Dianne Brinkley Catlett was born on August 27, 1943 In New Hanover county North Carolina to Raeford and Pearl Beck Brinkley. Dianne is survived by her husband of 56 years Roy Catlett, her two daughters Dena of Raleigh North Carolina and Elizabeth of Marion Virginia, Her mother Pearl, and her three sisters Linda, Nancy and Kathy all from Thomasville North Carolina. Also surviving her are her five grandchildren; Kristin, Michael, Erin, Thomas and Zane.

Dianne received her undergraduate degree in Library Science, and a master's degree, in Library Science and Adult Education, from East Carolina University, and went on to attend the course of study at Duke University. Dianne was a minister in the Eastern North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, serving churches in Eastern North Carolina for several years. She faithfully served as pastor to Vernon UMC, Stokes UMC, Parmalee UMC, Wares Chapel UMC and Wharton Trinity UMC. After moving to Archdale North Carolina, Dianne served Archdale UMC as a congregational care minister and taught Sunday school and Bible studies.

Dianne's favorite pastimes were reading her Bible and studying God's word, traveling with family, church trips to the holy land, and spending time with her family.

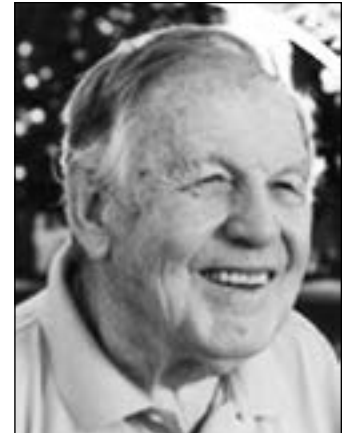
Dianne went home to be with her Lord and Savior on April 12th, 2019. A service to celebrate Dianne's life was held on April 20, at the Archdale United Methodist Church, with Reverend Allan Van Meter and Reverend Harold Shives officiating. The committal service followed at Floral Garden Memorial Park Cemetery in High Point, NC.



## Corbin Lee Cherry

1938 – 2018

Corbin Lee Cherry, retired U.S. Army chaplain, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 13, 2018, in his home in Hertford, North Carolina. Corbin was born in Norfolk, Virginia on May 16, 1938, the son of the late William Cason and Elizabeth Dozier Cherry. He grew up in Hertford, where he attended Perquimans County High School. He received his B.A. degree from High Point University, a B.D. from Canler School of Theology, Emory University in Atlanta, and a Ph.D. from Southwest University in New Orleans.



On September 9, 1959, he was married to Clara Janice Tutterow of Iredell County, North Carolina. They had one daughter, Donna. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, William “Billy” Cherry, Jr. Surviving are his daughter, Donna Adams, his grandson, Brandon Adams and his wife, Helen, and a niece, Julie Jackson. He was blessed to have many dear friends in numerous states and countries.

Corbin was admitted to the North Carolina Annual Conference in 1961 and ordained an Elder in 1963. He served Jefferson United Methodist Church in Goldsboro before entering the military where he served for thirty-six years as a chaplain.

Chaplain Corbin’s military career began in 1967 and lasted until his official retirement in 2003. During those years, he was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division, the West Point Military Academy, and during his service in Vietnam the 101st Airborne Division.

In March 1969, he was wounded in Vietnam while helping his fellow soldiers, sustaining injuries after stepping on a land mine. Following this injury, he spent time in both Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. and Letterman Army Medical Center in San Francisco, California.

From 1978 to 1982, he was honored to serve as the Chief of Chaplains for the Veterans Administration in Washington, D.C. He was the first wounded combat chaplain to hold that post.

From 1982 to 2003, he served as the Chief of Pastoral Care at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in San Francisco. He was a member of The Military Order of the Purple Heart, and of Disabled American Veterans. During his military career, he had the honor of receiving several citations including the Silver Star, Bronze Star with “V” for Valor, three Purple Hearts, five Air Medals, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

Corbin loved golf. He was able to play in the U.S. Senior Open, the U.S. Senior Amateur, and the British Senior Amateur Championships.

In 2005, Corbin Cherry and other dedicated veterans established the Vietnamese Children’s Wheelchair and Prosthetics Group. He felt the need not only to be heard but to be an active participant in helping to aid the children of Vietnam who had suffered injuries due to land mines. These trips to Vietnam, two times a year, continued until 2015. During those 10 years, his group was able to provide thousands of wheelchairs and innumerable prosthetic limbs.

A celebration of his life was held Monday, October 29, at the Hertford United Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. Bryan Sexton, Jr. A service was also held Monday, March 25, 2019, at the Old Post Chapel, Fort Myer, Virginia. Burial with full military honors followed in Arlington National Cemetery.

George Sterling wrote a poem, “Flag of Honor, Flag of Daring,” which is found in the Army Navy Hymnal. It says in part,

*By the standards that have shown thee,  
By the battles that have known thee,  
By the heroes that have flown thee,  
Guide us in the fight!*

*Bless the soldier in his sleeping,  
Hush the mother in her weeping;  
Hold the helpless in thy keeping,  
Warder of the Right!*

*By the guns that scarred thee,  
By the guns that guard thee,  
Thine eagles soar; from war to war,  
But never stain has marred thee!*

*We thy sons shall fail thee never!  
Time nor tide our faith shall sever!  
All for thee, and thou forever,  
Flag of victory!*

—William C. Simpson, Jr.

## Leland Li-chung Chou

1925 - 2015

Leland Li-chung Chou, the husband of the Reverend Lily Tong Chou, was born January 25, 1925 in Tientsin, China. At the age of nineteen, he came to the United States for his college education. He entered the Church Triumphant November 4, 2015 while residing with his wife in Sedona, Arizona.

Leland received his B.S. in math from Linfield College, Oregon, a Master of Music from Cincinnati Conservatory, a Master of Sacred Music from Union Theological Seminary in New York, and a Doctor of Music Appreciation in Church Music from University of Southern California

He served seven years as the Minister of Music at Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio. and was ordained by the American Baptist denomination. He was then sent as a music missionary to Silliman University in the Philippines under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church, first as a single fraternal worker and then with his wife, Dr. Lily Tong Chou, for a total of six years. Next they were sent to Taiwan to serve at Soochow and Tunghai Universities, where he was not only professor of music but also university chaplain.

On returning home from the mission field, they settled in North Carolina where Chou served as Chairman of Fine Arts Department at the College of the Albemarle (1981-1997). Here his choirs distinguished themselves in performances with orchestras. He also bussed thousands of elementary school children from the the seven-county area served bt the the College to allow them to experience cultural events such as the N.C. Symphony, Ballet, Opera, Mime, etc. every semester.

In 1994 he founded the Albemarle School of the Arts, an afterschool program for at risk elementary school children which provided free music lessons in numerous musical instruments, singing, ballet,

art, and speech classes. Since its inception some twenty years ago, the school has served over two hundred children a year.

In 2005, Dr. Chou He received the prestigious North Carolina Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Service Award. In 2007, he was named the Alumnus of the Year at Linfield College.

Leland Chou contributed immeasurably not only to the cultural life of the northeast corner of the state but was also active in the Albemarle Family Life Council, the World Community Service of Elizabeth City Rotary Club, and spearheaded the forming of a local Tennis Association. For his invaluable services, Elizabeth City honored him with a Leland Chou Day and a Leland Chou Scholarship at the Albemarle School of the Arts. In May of 2010, the Chous retired in Sedona.

Leland is survived by his wife, Lily, two sons, Philip and Leon, two young granddaughters, Maggie and Londyn. He is also survived by a brother, Lida Zhou and a sister, Liming Li and numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held at Sedona United Methodist Church on December 5, 2015, and then at the First United Methodist Church, Elizabeth City, on December 27, 2015.

Emperor Kangxi (1654-1722), the longest reigning monarch of China, a Christian and a poet, wrote,

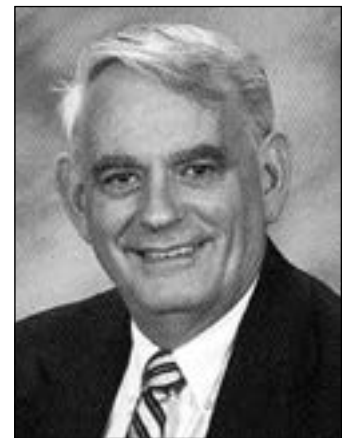
*Heaven's treasures are the sun, moon and stars,  
Earth's treasures are grain, gold and silver  
Gold and jade are not real treasures,  
Only a life of tranquility is  
We come confused and we leave dying  
An empty life is meaningless as a dream  
I have tasted the best of a hundred flavors  
I have worn only the finest court clothes  
The greatest event in the world is life and death  
Gold and jade are meaningless then  
The blessed way is opened by the sacred Son  
I am willing to receive the Sacred Son of God  
To have the birthright of a son to eternal life*

—William C. Simpson, Jr.

## Stewart Allen Crank

1943 - 2019

The Reverend Stewart Allen Crank, Sr., was born June 5, 1943, in St. Louis Missouri, the son of Phillip Lloyd Crank and his wife Helen Stewart Crank. He passed into the Church Triumphant while a patient at Moses Cone Hospital, Greensboro. Stewart was preceded in death by his father, Philip Lloyd Crank, Sr.; father-in-law, Thomas Curtis Sager; siblings Barbara Wallace, Robert Schmidt, Candice Orlando, Deborah Schmidt, and Wendy Thompson; nephews Beau Mason and Jeremy Crank; and granddaughter Olivia Quinn Moore.



Stewart is survived by his wife of forty years, Martha Louise Sager Crank, his mother, Helen Maxine Stewart Crank, five children: Melinda Sue Crank Stephens (Randy), Jennifer Leigh Crank Potts (Warren), Stewart Allen Crank, Jr, David Aaron Crank (Rebecca), and

Laura Allyn Crank Moore (Daryl). He is also survived by eleven grandchildren: Alston Potts, Alex Potts, Meghan Lefebvre, Jessica Potts, Warren Niles Potts, Marley Crank, Kyler Crank, John Stephens, Caleb Crank, Joshua Crank, Selah Crank. He is also survived by five siblings: Phyllis Lloyan Crank Faulkner, Philip Lloyd Crank, Jr. (Martina), Douglas Schmidt, Juanita Schmidt, and Daniel Schmidt. He is also survived by his former wife and mother of three children. Stewart is also survived by eight exchange student “daughters:” Ariadne Peinemann, Ann-Katrin Pannen, Karen Tessmer, Chrissy Buggisch, Jessy Adler, Soel So Myong, Park Pureun, Hedvig Hogstrom; and many extended, beloved family members.

He graduated from Saugerties High School in Saugerties, New York, in 1961, and Drew University in 1965. He also attended Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. Stewart served in an inner-city ministry that advocated for human rights and social justice, which became his lifelong passion. He was ordained a Deacon in The United Methodist Church and served as a part-time minister while pursuing his career as a building contractor in Hagerstown, MD. He and the family spent twelve years in Kitty Hawk, where he built custom homes.

Returning to school, Stewart earned a Master of Divinity from Duke Divinity School in 1998. He was ordained an Elder in the North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church and spent twenty-two years serving the following churches: Longhurst United Methodist Church in Roxboro, Helena United Methodist Church in Timberlake, Allensville United Methodist Church in Allensville, Trinity United Methodist Church in Oxford, Bethel United Methodist Church in Burlington, and Camp Springs United Methodist Church in Caswell County. Stewart retired in 2015 and became a part of Front Street United Methodist Church in Burlington.

A memorial service and celebration of Stewart’s life was held at Front Street United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 9, 2019. Stewart Allen Crank was a beloved husband, father, grandfather. He will be greatly missed by his family and by the members of Front Street Church, where he had an active ministry in retirement. Stewart could say as Paul said to the Ephesians,

*I was made a minister, according to the gift of God’s grace which was given to me according to the working of His power. To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things.*

—Marty Crank, William C. Simpson, Jr.

## Jean Eggers Davis

1927 - 2018

Jean Eggers Davis, the widow of the Reverend Jefferson Woodrow Davis, died Thursday, October 4, 2018 surrounded by family. I first came to know Jean when she and Jeff were serving a nearby charge in the Rockingham District. She was an engaging and supportive wife for her husband’s ministry.

She was born in Watauga County, NC on February 9, 1927 to the late Thomas Orville Eggers and Della Elizabeth Penley Eggers. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, one brother, two sisters and a grandson, Michael R. Watson Jr. Mrs. Davis, along with her late husband, served the Methodist Churches for over fifty years. They served in the ministry hand-in-hand. Her priorities were church and family. She also loved gardening and cultivating her flowers.



She is survived by daughter Libby Davis Farthing and husband ,Bill, of Kokomo, Indiana, daughter Evelyn Davis Watson and husband, Mike, of Sanford, son Billy Davis and wife, Rita, of Sanford and daughter, Martha Davis Meeks, and husband, Jarrell, of Sanford; grandchildren Jeannie and Todd Gambill, Julie and Greg Griffin, Catherine Farthing, Rhonda and Barry Wright, Laura Watson, Jeffrey and Tonya Davis, Renee and Ronnie Fields, David and Heather McBurnett, William and Ashley McBurnett, James and Danielle McBurnett, Sara and Jeff Brewer and Patrick and Randie Meeks. She will be missed by her twenty-six great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

A committal was held at the Lemon Springs United Methodist Church Cemetery, Saturday, October 6, 2018. A funeral service celebrating her life was held at Jonesboro United Methodist Church later in the day with Rev. Andi Woodhouse and Rev. Terry Bryant officiating.

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Save me from its guilt and power.*

*Nothing in my hands I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress,  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace:  
Foul, I to the fountain fly,  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.*

*While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.*

—William C. Simpson, Jr.

## **Murray Lee Dehart, Jr.**

1932 – 2018

The Reverend Murry Lee DeHart, Jr. went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on June 25, 2018. I first met and came to be friends with Murry when we served adjoining parishes in Richmond County, North Carolina. He became a close associate in ministry that lasted more than thirty-five years.

He was born in Flat Rock, NC, near Mount Airy, on December 17, 1932, the son of the late Murry Lee DeHart, Sr. and Ellen Webster DeHart. His father, originally from Virginia, was a Fuller Brush salesman. His mother had come from Vermont and worked in the Piedmont Hosiery Mill in Mount Airy.

Murray graduated from Wake Forest University and then Southeastern Seminary. While at Wake Forest University he was on the wrestling team. He told me how he loved Shorty's Hot Dogs located on White Street in Wake Forest.

He was a Chaplain in the Naval Reserve. During that time he met his first wife, Joan Anderson and they were married at Trinity Church, Durham, by Dr. Mark Lawrence. She passed away December 17, 1977. From this union came three sons, Murray Lee, III, David and Jon. He met and married the late Rose Lambert DeHart September 2, 1978 in Pittboro, North Carolina. She preceded him into the Church Triumphant in May, 2017 after forty years of marriage.

After graduation from seminary he began serving the United Methodist Conference of Eastern NC. He joined the Conference in 1959 and was ordained Elder in 1960. He lived in more than ten towns in Eastern NC, serving his congregations and his Lord and Savior. These included Union Methodist Church, North Gates Charge, Shallotte: Camp, Sunset Park, Wilmington, Saxapahaw, Pittsboro: First, Rockingham: Pee Dee, Pinetops-Conetoe, Raleigh: St. Marks, Associate, and Raleigh: Wesley Memorial. He retired in 1995 and remained in Raleigh where he and Rose made their home.

He had many interests. He was an Eagle Scout and ensured that each of his sons attained that rank as well. He loved attending sporting events with his sons and grandchildren, especially anything pertaining to Wake Forest University. He also loved westerns and watching movies with his family. Murray and Rose loved to travel together, especially on cruises.

Murray DeHart is survived by his sons; Murry Lee DeHart, III, and his wife, Sandra, David DeHart and his wife, Rita, and Jon DeHart and his wife, Karen. He is also survived by his step-sons, Larry Rushin and his wife, Annette, and Donald Rushin. E loved his grandchildren, Aslyn, Gracie, Gabby, Olivia DeHart, Steve, Rick and Kristina Rushin.

A service celebrating his life and ministry was held at Thursday, June 28, 2018 Thursday, June 28, 2018 at Brown Wynne Funeral Home, Raleigh. As we think of Murray's life, the words of Tennyson, which he quoted at many funeral services, bring meaning:

*Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea,  
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
Turns again home.  
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crossed the bar.*

—William C. Simpson, Jr.

## Carrie Ruth Mabe Dodson

1925 - 2019

Carrie Ruth Dodson, wife of the Reverend Lewis H. Dodson, was born on August 5, 1925 in Stokes County, North Carolina, to the late Reese T. and Carrie Stephens Mabe. She passed away on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at Arbor Acres Retirement Home, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

She was a loving wife and mother, a strong Christian who worked hard with her husband on the charges he served in the North Carolina Conference. Their ministry began in the Florida Conference, but Lewis transferred to the North Carolina Conference in 1960.

Together they served Stonewall, Mt. Pleasant (near Bailey), Mamers, Institute, Pollocksville, Sandhills Circuit, Wrightsboro, Center (Burlington District), Sharon (Elizabeth City District), South Camden, Perquimans, Whiteville Circuit. They retired in 1983.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Mark Lewis Dodson in 2001, two sisters, Eunice Butner and Beatrice Heath, and four brothers, Paul, Spencer, Ira, and Levern Mabe.

She is survived by her husband, the Reverend Lewis H. Dodson of Arbor Acres, Winston-Salem North Carolina, several nieces and nephews, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, cousins, and a host of friends.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at Clear Springs Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Walnut Cove, North Carolina.

—*William C. Simpson, Jr.*

## Joan Darling Nix Drew

1921 - 2019

On March 31, 2019, Joan Darling Nix Drew peacefully departed this world to join her Lord and reunite with husband, Bob, and all the loved ones who preceded her.

Joan was born on March 16, 1921 in Garnett, SC, to Victor Hugo Nix and Rose McKenzie Nix. She was raised on the family farm in Garnett. Joan attended Winthrop College from 1940 to 1941, majoring in Home Economics. She then transferred to Duke University and received her Bachelor of Nursing degree at the Duke Hanes School of Nursing in 1945.



On June 26, 1946, Joan married Robert Mitchell (Bob) Drew in St. Paul's Methodist Church, Ridgeland, SC. They resided in Clemson, SC for two years, while Bob completed his degree at Clemson University, which had been paused during his WWII military service. While in Clemson, Joan worked as an RN at the hospital in Seneca, SC. After returning to Ridgeland for several years, they moved to Fort Knox, KY, where they both worked in Public Health. Subsequently, Joan, Bob, and children moved to Wilmington, NC, where, in 1958, Bob was called into the ministry. Joan supported him faithfully as he worked towards his Masters of Divinity Degree at Duke University and during his many pastoral appointments—Bolton (1958), Silk Hope (1959), Maxton (1962), Macedonia (1966), Damascus Home (1968), Windsor (1970), Fairmont (1973), Roanoke Rapids (1977). Joan welcomed the opportunity to serve with Bob wherever the Lord sent them.

After Bob passed away on March 31, 1979, Joan moved to Fairmont, NC, where she and Bob had served Trinity Methodist Church from 1973 – 1977. She spent 35 years in her Fairmont home and in 2014, moved to Eno Pointe Assisted Living in Durham, NC. She spent her final hours in the loving care of the Duke Hospice staff (Hock Family Pavilion, Durham).

In addition to her duties as a devoted Methodist Minister's wife, Joan continued her nursing career, working in the local hospitals, taking on private duty cases, nurturing and healing, wherever the need.

She also worked with the American Red Cross and taught at Carolina Military Academy in Maxton, NC. Joan played the piano, sang in the choir, loved gardening, and was an accomplished seamstress.

First and foremost, Joan was devoted to her five children. She recognized the gifts of each child and ensured that they had every opportunity to develop their talents and establish a foundation for life. Most of all, Joan instilled in them love, faith in God, Christian principles, and a zest for life.

Joan was truly a woman “after God’s own heart.”

Joan is survived by her sisters: Fredna Lynn (Tena) McCormack and Willie Agnes (Bill) McCormack, both of Ridgeland, SC; her children: Robert Mitchell (Robin) Drew, Jr., of Charleston, SC; Martha Ann Drew (Martha) Crisson, of Raleigh, NC; Joan Roselle Drew (Joanie) Ross, of Durham, NC; Mary Catherine Drew (Cathy) Mann, of Raleigh, NC; and James Stephen Drew (Stephen), of Wilmington, NC; her 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Joan’s life and legacy were celebrated in a Memorial Service held on May 10, 2019, at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church in Ridgeland, SC, with Dr. Alvin Shifflett officiating. Graveside services were held at the Ridgeland Cemetery.

*“A mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a living presence.”  
(From: A Parable on Motherhood)*

—The Family of Joan Nix Drew

## Robert Kenneth Eldredge

1929 - 2019

The Reverend Robert Kenneth Eldredge, affectionately known as “Bob,” was born in Winnebago, Minnesota, April 16, 1929, the son of Floyd and Mae Eldredge. He entered the Church Triumphant while a patient at Hospice House, Burlington, North Carolina, March 6, 2019.

It was in Winnebago that Bob met the love of his life, Dorothy Mae, known to all as “Dodie,” with whom he spent sixty-six wonderful years of marriage. Together they traveled the world and shared the Word of God with all they met. Dodie graduated from McPhail School of Music and dedicated her life to making a joyful noise. She directed choirs and played piano for many churches including one in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Bob served in the U.S. Navy for six years before going back to Iowa State University to receive a degree in electrical engineering. He worked at Western Electric in Burlington for thirty years and then fulfilled his lifelong dream by answering the call to ministry. He went back to the Divinity School of Duke University at fifty-five years of age to complete his M.Div., graduating with high honors.

He was admitted to the North Carolina Annual Conference in 1987 and was ordained as an elder in 1980. He served faithfully as the pastor of Clover Garden and Orange Chapel United Methodist Churches.

It was my privilege to come to know Bob in a group of ministers who met in Graham, North Carolina for breakfast and fellowship each Friday morning. You knew when you talked with Bob that he was a man of God and a man of God’s own choosing.



He was survived by his children, Tim and his wife, Michelle Eldredge of Warm Springs, Virginia, and Kathy, and her husband Randy McKinney of King, North Carolina. He is also survived by his grandchildren are Ryan (married to Julie) Eldredge, Matt (married to Stephanie) Eldredge, Josh (married to Michelle) Eldredge, Chase McKinney, Kellin McKinney and Joseph Moulden, Taylor (married to Josh) Youngen, Ashley (married to Cody) Marsh, and Leo Richardson. He also leaves great-grandchildren Landan Eldredge, Wyatt Eldredge, Parker McKinney, Presley McKinney, Colton Eldredge, Jaxon Youngen, Andrew Youngen, McKenzie Youngen.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Mae. and one daughter, Lee Ann Eldredge. A special caregiver, Randy McKinney, cared for Bob in the last years of his life.

A Service of Death and Resurrection celebrated Bob's life at Orange Chapel United Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, March 9, 2019.

*And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warrior cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

—William C. Simpson, Jr.

## Edith Eugenia Fogleman

1923 - 2018

Edith Eugenia Fogleman, widow of Dr. Clarence Millard "Jack" Fogleman, entered the Church Triumphant June 13, 2018 while a resident of the Alamance-Caswell Hospice Home. She was born on March 7, 1923 in Moore County, NC to the late Eddie Bryan Morgan and Eugenia Burns Morgan and was married to the late Dr. Clarence Millard "Jack" Fogleman, Jr. who died in 2000.

Edith was a loving mother and was also very supportive of her husband during his ministry of more than forty years. Together they served churches in the United Methodist Conferences of North Carolina and Kansas.

It was my privilege to serve as her pastor through many years when Jack served as our Minister of Visitation at Front Street Church, Burlington. She will be remembered as one who enjoyed singing playing and listening to hymns. As a member of Front Street United Methodist Church, Edith was an active member of her UMW circle, bible study and prayer groups. In visiting with her, one could not help but understand that Edith loved nature, especially birds and animals of all kinds.

She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who will be dearly missed. Edith is survived by her sister, Juanita Johnson; her daughter, LaDonna Boyd and husband, Vic; sons, Ron Fogleman and Dr.

Lynn Fogleman and wife, Sharon; grandchildren and spouses, John and Katherine Zazenski, Paul and Donna Zazenski, Kurt and Annie Fogleman, Mark and Kenzi Fogleman and Joella Fogleman; and great grandchildren, Jackson, Zari, Emma, Calen, William, Cora and Nicholas.

Jack Fogleman was a textile worker when he answered the call to ministry at West Burlington Methodist Church. At the beginning of World War II he enlisted in the U. S. Army and was deployed to Kansas in the Army Air Corps. A Kansas district superintendent asked if he would supply some small churches there. Edith went and played the piano and led singing when Jack preached.

After the war, they returned to North Carolina where Jack continued his education and graduated from Duke Divinity School. He served in the North Carolina Conference as a student pastor, and Edith was always by his side.

They were asked to come back to Kansas, where he served as pastor of numerous churches as well as a district superintendent and interim president of Kansas Wesleyan College. His friendship with Richard Wilke, later to be elected a bishop, resulted in the initial work that resulted in Disciple Bible Study. Throughout this period of her husband's ministry, Edith was a strong and constant influence and source of spiritual strength.

Edith was survived by her sister, Juanita Johnson; her daughter, LaDonna Boyd and husband, Vic; sons, Ron Fogleman and Dr. Lynn Fogleman and wife, Dr. Sharon Fogleman; grandchildren and spouses, John and Katherine Zazenski, Paul and Donna Zazenski, Kurt and Annie Fogleman, Mark and Kenzi Fogleman and Joella Fogleman; and great grandchildren, Jackson, Zari, Emma, Calen, William, Cora and Nicholas. Her son and daughter-in-law have served as Methodist medical missionaries in Africa and the United States. Edith was preceded in death by her husband, parents, a sister, Virginia Yow and a brother, Jennings Morgan.

A funeral service was held Friday, June 22, 2018 at Front Street United Methodist Church Chapel by Reverend Patrick Murphy with burial following at Alamance Memorial Park. What a prayer warrior and faithful servant Edith Fogleman was, and what a strong impact she made on her world for the Savior!

Charlotte Henein said it so well in "Angels Among Us":

*The hands that give to those in need  
The heart that loves in faith and deed  
The voice that speaks the truth decrees  
These are angels among us.*

*The common cause to help all those  
Whether they be friends or foes  
The compassion for all so lovingly grows  
These are angels among us.*

*The forgetting of self to the service to others  
The knowledge we are all sisters and brothers  
The extra mile is the distance they cover  
Theses are angels among us.*

*The Christ-like spirit to demonstrate  
The limitless love from God so great  
The disciple who walks so humble and straight  
These are angels among us.*

—William C. Simpson, Jr.

## Marjorie Ree Strider Frye

1931 – 2018

*“She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.” – Proverbs 31:20*

Marjorie Ree Strider Frye, widow of the Reverend Lacy V. “Buck” Frye, passed away on Thursday, November 22, 2018 at her home in Biscoe, surrounded by her family. Mrs. Frye was born in Montgomery County on December 10, 1931, to Cicero Hammer Strider, Sr. and Mary Lena Belch Strider. She was a member of Page Memorial UMC, a retired cafeteria worker, and a den leader for Cub Scouts.

She and her husband, Buck, were active in establishing the Food Pantry in Biscoe. Marjorie understood the words of Mother Teresa:

*I never look at the masses as my responsibility.  
I look at the individual.  
I can love only one person at a time.  
I can feed only one person at a time.  
Just one, one, one.*

Marjorie and Buck were recognized for their work with a dedication of the *Buck and Marjorie Frye Community Building*.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of sixty-one years, Rev. Lacy Verlin “Buck” Frye, her brothers, John, Arthur, C.H., Charles, and Lawrence Strider, and one sister, Elizabeth Key. She is survived by one daughter, Kelly F. Morgan and husband, Randy, of Biscoe, one son, Roger Frye and wife, Karen, of Troy, one brother, Herbert Strider and wife, Georgia, of Aurora, Colorado, one sister, Sybil Lewis of Asheboro, three grandchildren, Justin Frye and wife, Emily, of Cheraw, South Carolina, Kristin Jones and husband, Calvin, of Asheboro, and Allie Morgan of Biscoe. She had one great-grandchild, Tinley Frye.

The funeral was held on Sunday, November 25, 2018, at Page Memorial United Methodist Church in Aberdeen with the Reverend Vic Hill and the Reverend David Beck officiating. Interment followed in Biscoe Cemetery.

—William C. Simpson, Jr.

## Dennis Joseph “Denny” Glennon

1946 - 2018

The Rev. Dennis Joseph “Denny” Glennon, was born April 6, 1946, in Trenton, New Jersey, the son of the late Thomas and Virginia Clemmons Glennon. He entered the Church Triumphant from his home in Hamlet, North Carolina, August 18, 2018

He was admitted to the North Carolina Annual Conference as an Associate Member in 2001. He began to fulfill his calling as a United Methodist minister beginning at Ellerbe First Church. He also served Mount Pleasant, Roberdell and Beaver Dam United Methodist churches in Richmond County, and Zion United Methodist Church in Norlina. It was my privilege to serve as his district superintendent when he was in Norlina. Denny was a caring



and committed pastor who served effectively and with grace.

In addition to his parents and siblings, he was preceded in death by his wife, Susan May Glennon. Surviving are his children, Heather Glennon of Cameron, Katie McFayden and husband, Tim, of Hamlet and grandchildren Faith, Grace and Hope McFayden.

It was my privilege to serve as District Superintendent and have Denny in my district. The Apostle Paul opens the Epistle to the Romans introducing himself as “a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,” Denny Glennon could say the same. A service celebrating his life was held August 22, 2018. at Fellowship United Methodist Church, in Hamlet, with Rev. Dave Amon officiating.

—William C. Simpson, Jr.

## Clementine Harriss Hickson Graham

1924 - 2018

Clementine H. Graham, the widow of the Rev. Oscar Mattison Graham, was born January 1, 1924, in Pender County, North Carolina, the daughter of Jacob Lee Hickson and his wife, Katherine. Her father worked as a porter on passenger trains and as a barber.

Clementine entered the Church Triumphant on June 30, 2018 after a long and productive life. She excelled as a Scotland County educator. Clementine was an extraordinary wife, mother, sister, aunt, friend, community leader and mentor to many. She led a very fulfilling life and her legacy will continue to live.

She was married the Rev. Oscar Mattison Graham in Pender County, North Carolina, February 24, 1945. To this union were born two children, Oscar Mattison Graham, Jr. and Donna Jo Graham. The Rev. Mr. Graham joined the North Carolina-Virginia Annual Conference of The Methodist Church in 1944. He served as a pastor, Army chaplain, Morritown College chaplain and school administrator. Clementine was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar M. Graham in 1983.

Clementine will forever be remembered and loved by her devoted son and loving daughter, Mattison and Donna, who cared for her compassionately until the end, three loyal sisters, Hermena Swinton, Doris Crocker and Jacqueline Coston, and a caring granddaughter, Kimberly Lovelace, a faithful brother-in-law, Council Graham, and many nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends. Also mourning the loss is her amazing caregiver, Sandra Freeman and aide Priscilla Graham.

A celebration of her life service with thanksgiving was held at on Thursday, July 5, 2018, at Galilee United Methodist Church in Laurinburg, with the Reverend Vermel Taylor officiating. Prior to this service, the members of Laurinburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, conducted an Omega Omega Service. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery in Laurinburg. Henry Lyte wrote these words,

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.  
Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see—*



*O Thou who changest not, abide with me.*

—William C. Simpson, Jr.

## Kitty Jo Brown Herrin

1947 - 2018

Kitty Jo Brown Herrin was born in Birmingham, AL on October 4, 1947; she passed in Raleigh, NC, on November 16, 2018. Her husband, Charles “Chuck” L. Herrin served many churches in the North Alabama and NC Conferences. The service for Kitty was held at First UMC Cary, officiated by Rev. Dr. R. Carl Frazier, Rev. Martha McLean, and Rev. Ben Adams, followed by a graveside service at Montlawn Cemetery in Raleigh.

Kitty is survived by her son, Chris Herrin, his wife Yu-Lai Tam, and their children Nora and Perci Herrin; by her daughter, Heather Herrin Wong, her husband Phil Wong, and their children Samantha and Matthew Wong; by her brother, Bob Brown, and by several nieces and nephews.

Kitty earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Alabama, and her Ph.D. in Sociology from North Carolina State University. Kitty served in various state government positions as a statistician, retiring from the Tuberculosis division of the NC Department of Health and Human Services in 2014.

Most importantly, Kitty was a life-long Methodist, a devoted wife, a loving mother, and an awesome grandma.



## Henry Gurney Jinnette

1940 - 2018

The Reverend Henry Gurney Jinnette was born in Goldsboro, North Carolina, March 10, 1940, the son of James Gurney Jinnette and his wife, Bonnie Lee Rose Jinnette. Henry went to his Heavenly Home on June 16, 2018. He was married to Betty Louise Newcomb, a nurse at Wayne Memorial Hospital, February 11, 1963.

Henry had many challenges as a youngster, particularly when he suffered the loss of his father at the age of ten. Perhaps it was the experience of this loss that defined in some measure his commitment and determination to serve as an active and engaged parent for his own children, James and Bonnie, throughout their youth. They hold many happy memories of his teaching them to swim and to participate in church and community activities. He was also an exuberant grandfather for his four grandchildren.

Early participation in church and camp meetings led him to commit his life to the ministry, beginning at John Wesley College, Greensboro, North Carolina. He later earned his Bachelor’s Degree at Friends



University in Wichita, Kansas and a Master of Divinity at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky.

From 1960 – 1964, Henry served in the United States Air Force. In his later years he participated in the American Legion Wayne Post Eleven and served as their chaplain. He also served as treasurer of Boy Scout Troop Two for many years.

He served seven churches in the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, and also served as interim pastor for several others. He committed much of his time to studying the Bible. He worked at many other jobs throughout his life but the ministry ignited his passion like no other calling. He was a long-time member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, Goldsboro.

Henry is survived by his wife of fifty-five years, Betty Louise Jinnette, his son James and wife, Meredith, his daughter Bonnie Jinnette Dauterman and husband, John, his granddaughter Hannah and grandsons John, James, and Joseph. He is also survived by his sister, Mary Anna McCullen and her husband, Deets.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at St. Paul United Methodist Church with Rev. Phyllis Vail officiating. Burial with military honors followed at Wayne Memorial Park. The English hymn writer, John Ellerton, said it best,

*The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
The darkness falls at Thy behest;  
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,  
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.*

*We thank Thee that Thy church, unsleeping,  
While earth rolls onward into light,  
Through all the world her watch is keeping,  
And rests not now by day or night.*

*So be it, Lord; Thy throne shall never,  
Like earth's proud empires, pass away:  
Thy kingdom stands, and grows forever,  
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.*

—William C. Simpson, Jr.

## George William Johnson

1934 – 2018

The Reverend Doctor George William Johnson, born on June 29, 1934, passed away at his home on November 19, 2018. He was the third child of five born to Marcia Wood and Jesse Slocum Johnson of Snow Camp, NC. In addition to his parents, George is predeceased by his late wife, Nadine Petrea Jonson of concord, NC.

George graduation from Pfeiffer University and Duck University Divinity School; and was also award an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Pfeiffer University. George served in the North Carolina Annual Conference for 41 years. He served several churches in the Burlington District: Rock Creek UMC, Yanceyville and Faith. Because of his unique abilities, he was asked to



lead Webb Ave and Trinity in the delicate task of merging and building a state of the art facility which became Emmanuel UMC in Burlington. He was moved to First Wilson UMC to rebuild its facility following a devastating fire. George then served as the Burlington District Superintendent and retired out of Hayes Barton UMC in Raleigh in June, 1999. After retiring, he served as Interim Pastor at Trinity UMC, Jacksonville, and UMC in Oxford.

George provided the Conference with leadership in numerous areas: Associate Dean of NC Conference Summer School; NC Conference of coordinator of Disaster Work; Trustee Methodist college; Member of Conference Council on Finance and Administration Bishop's Task Force on Finance and the Bishop's Task Force on Conference and Evaluation Committee. And for many years George served as a Member of the Board of Directors for Hinton Rural-Life Center, in Hayesville, serving on numerous committees such as their Executive Committee Long-Range Planning, CEO Search Team and Chair of their Capital Funds Drive.

He was involved in various civic organizations in the communities in which he served. He frequently took groups on tours of the Holy Land, including Israel, Turkey, Greece, and Egypt.

George is survived by his wife, Jackie Umstead Johnson of Garner, his children, Mary George Johnson and Eric Vyron Johnson, stepson, Kevin alexander Umstead, and his wife Lynn, of Marietta, Georgia. He is survived by seven grandchildren, Savannah Leigh Johnson, Elizabeth Claire Johnson, Skylar Alexis Umstead, James Alex Jackson, Jenna Marie Jackson, Ava Lara Umstead, and Lyla Jacqueline Umstead. George leaves three siblings: Conrad Johnson, Douglas Johnson, and Peggy Johnson.

God blessed George with many gifts and talents. His powerful voice and talent for storytelling enabled his listeners to remember and share his well-prepared sermons. He was a devoted husband, father, and friend. His dedication to his faith and ministry have inspired others to enter the ministry. Some of his favorite things included teaching, gardening, water sports, and wood crafting, which included building his own home on Lake Hyco in Roxboro.

The Funeral Services were held at Long Memorial United Methodist Church, in Roxboro, N.C. at 2 p.m. on November 27, 2019, with burial at George's home church, Mt. Herman United Methodist Church in Graham, NC. The Rev. Ed Priestaf, the Rev. Keith Porter, the Rev. Andy Clapp and the Rev. Tom Loftis presided.

## **Linwood S. "Lindy" Jones**

1935 - 2018

The Reverend Linwood Sutton Jones, was born in Lenoir County, North Carolina, October 21, 1935, the son of Clifton R. Jones and his wife Ella Kilpatrick Jones. He was admitted to the North Carolina Annual Conference as an Associate Member in 1979 and served the following charges: Zion, Nobles Chapel, Holly Springs, Pollocksville - Lees Chapel's Chapel, Currituck, and Trinity Parish (Rocky Mount Dist.). He retired in 2001 and served Turkey in his retirement. He and his wife, Phyllis made their home in Mt. Olive in retirement. He died February 26, 2019.

A celebration of life service was held at Westminster United Methodist Church. Fellowship, Kinston, North Carolina.

—*William C. Simpson, Jr.*

## Robert Leonard Kunka

1947 - 2018

Dr. Robert Leonard Kunka, husband of Deacon Alice Kirkman Kunka, was born on August 30, 1947 in Illinois, the son of Irvin and Mary Kunka. Bob passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 23, 2018. He is preceded in death by parents Irvin and Mary Kunka, and brother Len Kunka. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Alice Kirkman Kunka, children Emily and Ben Kunka (Jenn), sister Maureen Brylka (Tom), sister-in-law, Sarah Kunka, brother-in-law, Roger Kirkman (Connie), grandchildren Sofia and Clyde Kunka, as well as several beloved nieces and nephews.

Bob is remembered as a loving and devoted father and husband, who treated everyone with respect, regardless of age or station. Biking, walking, and kayaking allowed Bob to enjoy God's creation with those he loved. Friends and family appreciated his steady nature and deep faith in God. As a gifted teacher, Bob enjoyed offering youth Bible studies and was honored to serve on several Walk to Emmaus teams, encouraging people in their spiritual growth.

Bob earned a Ph.D. in Pharmacokinetics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy at the University of Illinois in Chicago. While at UNC, he was honored to be named the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education Charles J. Lynn and Syndor Barksdale Penick Memorial Fellow.

His work ethic and discipline allowed him to become an accomplished and respected scientist. As a colleague at GlaxoSmithKline, he mentored many young scientists. He was a pioneer in the field of pharmacokinetics and was privileged to represent clinical pharmacology on project teams leading to the approval of 28 products in eight therapeutic areas.

Bob's experience in drug development spanned 24 years in the pharmaceutical industry at GD Searle, Chugai-Upjohn and Glaxo Smith Kline. Prior to this, he was an Assistant Professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy where he taught graduate and undergraduate courses in pharmacokinetics.

The Celebration of Life and Resurrection Service was held on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 2pm in the Sanctuary of Christ United Methodist Church, Greensboro.

—*Alice Kunka and the Family*

## Hilda Nelly Lopez

1929 - 2018

Hilda Nelly Lopez, widow of the Reverend Hugo Lopez, was born February 28, 1929 in Santiago, Chile. age 89 of Wilmington passed away on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at Autumn Care of Myrtle Grove, New Hanover County, North Carolina. She is survived by her daughter, Viviana and her husband Ricardo, and her youngest daughter Doris. She is preceded in death by her oldest daughter Diana and her husband of 62 years, Hugo Lopez.

She grew up attending the Evangelical Methodist Church in Chile along with her family and became involved in singing with the youth and adult choirs. At an Evangelical Methodist Choir Festival she met her future husband, Hugo Lopez. At



that time Hugo was an English teacher but also a deacon in the Evangelical Methodist Church. They courted for four years and were married on February 7, 1953.

She continued to be involved in the church as a Sunday School teacher as well as singing with the adult choir. She and her husband became the proud parents of three daughters.

In 1970, when Hugo was forty years old, they made a career change to become a minister in the United Methodist Church. They left Chile then and moved to the United States, and settled in Illinois. In her new role as a minister's wife she took on many responsibilities supporting the communities where they lived.

She worked side by side with her husband in the ministry and took on a bigger role when he was assigned to work within the Hispanic community. She enjoyed teaching Sunday School to the children and spending time with the families. She continued her love of sewing, knitting and other crafts throughout her life as well as cooking and baking. Upon retirement they settled in Wilmington, and enjoyed the last years of their lives in this community that offered much love and comfort.

—*William C. Simpson, Jr.*

## Henry Neal Lovelace

1937-2019

Henry Neal Lovelace died Sunday, March 10 in Henderson, North Carolina, at the age of 81. He was born March 30, 1937, in Steele, Missouri, and raised by his parents, Henry and Ethel Lovelace. He was predeceased by his brothers, Jerry and Bill and a sister, Marjorie Crawford. Henry is survived by his wife of 59 years, Ann Tidwell Lovelace, his daughter Kimberly Benfield (Mark); his sons, Christopher Lovelace (Donna) and Mark Lovelace (Ann), and 4 grandchildren. A celebration of his life and ministry was held March 16, 2019, in Townsville at Tabernacle United Methodist Church officiated by Rev. David Pate.



Henry transferred from the North Arkansas conference in 1967. He was an ordained elder in the Methodist Church serving churches in the North Carolina Conference. He spent 31 years under appointment. Henry graduated from Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, and Duke Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina. He was secretary-treasurer of Partners in Caring in the North Carolina Conference for more than 20 years. During his retirement, he dedicated great energy leading as an interim pastor.

Henry was a founding member of the Townsville Volunteer Fire Department and involved in the Townsville and Creedmoor Lions Clubs. He volunteered at the local fire department in every community that he served as a minister. Henry was devoted to God, his family and his community. He believed in the value of every person and worked throughout his life for people to know the love of God.

## Nell Mooney

1920 - 2018

Nell Mooney was born May 2, 1920, in Alamance County, NC, the daughter of Joel and Bertha Graves. She met her future husband, Rev. Robert C. Mooney, Jr., when he was a Duke Divinity School summer intern at her home church, Friendship United Methodist Church. They were married there in 1945.

From 1945 until 1980, Bob and Nell served churches in Alabama and NC, including Salem and Culbreth Memorial in Fayetteville, Duke's Chapel and Asbury in Durham, Grifton, Williamston, Southern Pines, Raeford, Chestnut Street in Lumberton, First Church in Graham, and First Church in Cary. Nell served the Lord and His church during those years in many ways, such as teaching classes, directing children's choirs and pageants, organizing events, participating in United Methodist Women activities, and so much more.

When Bob and Nell retired to Burlington, NC, Nell served as president of senior citizens groups at Friendship UMC and First UMC Graham. She was Alamance County Senior Citizen of the Year in 1992. Nell was a talented and award-winning quilter. She enjoyed sewing, crafting, and cooking and excelled at them all. Nell loved working in her yard and garden. The garden at her church was named in her honor. She was also a devoted caregiver to her husband during the last few years of his life.

Nell went home to be with Jesus on September 29, 2018, at the age of 98. She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Rev. Robert C. Mooney, Jr. She is survived by her son, Robert J. Mooney and his wife Ruth of Harrisburg, NC; and her daughter, Jandy Mooney of Burlington, NC.

Nell's memorial service was held at First United Methodist Church, Graham, on October 2, 2018, with Rev. Kevin Baker officiating. Interment was beside her beloved husband in Alamance Memorial Park in Burlington, NC.

Nell Mooney's crowning achievement was creating a loving Christian home for her family. She was loved deeply and will always be missed greatly. She will remain in our hearts "till we meet at Jesus' feet."



## Burnell Love Kessel Moore

1924 - 2019

Burnell Love Kessel Moore, widow of the Reverend Robert Freeman Moore, was born August 24, 1924 in Kessel, West Virginia, the daughter of Elmer A. Kessel and his wife, Lillian Bean Kessel. She attended Shenandoah College and Conservatory of Music in Dayton, Virginia and graduated from Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pennsylvania. Burnell married Bob Moore June 2, 1948 in Hardy County, West Virginia.

She passed away in Lumberton, North Carolina January 29, 2019. She and Bob had made their home in Fairmont after retiring.

A visitation was held on Friday, February 1, 2019, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Fairmont. A private funeral was held on Saturday, February 2, 2019.



Mrs. Moore was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church for thirty-eight years. She was a member of the United Methodist Women and also founded the Church Library and Food Pantry.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Reverend Bob Moore. She was also predeceased by her parents, two brothers, Haven and Hilton and a sister, Elizabeth. She is survived by one son, Bob Moore and wife Georgia of Lumberton, two daughters, Donna Reams and husband Russell of Hampstead, North Carolina, and Susan Kirby and husband Billy of Fayetteville. She also leaves two grandsons, Jason Moore and wife Anca, and Cameron Kirby, as well as one great grandson, Garrett Moore.

Burnell was a truly committed minister's wife. She believed that just as surely God had called her husband, he had called her as well. In every place they served, she was active in the life and work of the church. Helen Steiner Rice said it well when she wrote,

*No winter without a spring  
And beyond the dark horizon  
Our hearts will once more sing...  
For those who leave us for a while  
Have only gone away  
Out of a restless, care worn world  
Into a brighter day.*

—William C. Simpson, Jr.

## Miles Murphy, Jr.

1928 - 2019

Chaplain (Ret.) Miles Murphy, Jr. was born on August 10, 1928 in Richmond County, NC to the late Miles Murphy, Sr. and Nealie Sanders Murphy, and passed away peacefully at home in Hampton, VA on March 2, 2019. He graduated from Livingstone College, Salisbury, NC in 1956 with an A.B. Degree in Social Studies. While in college, he served Mount Vernon and Zion Chapel AME Zion Churches, on the Statesville District, as a student pastor from 1954-1956.

After graduation he joined the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. While attending Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury, NC, he served the Laurinburg Circuit, which included Cool Springs Methodist, Laurinburg, NC and Walls Chapel Methodist, Raeford, NC. He graduated in 1959 with a Masters of Divinity Degree. His next appointment was Rhyne Memorial Methodist, Red Springs, NC. Having served 10 years in Parrish Ministry, he became an active duty Air Force Chaplain in 1964. After completing three years of active duty service, he became a part of the Chaplains Staff with the VA Medical Center, Columbia, SC in March of 1967. He continued his Air Force career in the Ready Reserve at Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, SC.

In July 1975, he transferred to the VA Medical Center, Hampton, VA, where he continued to function as a Chaplain member of the Multi-Disciplinary Medical Team. He also served as a founding member of the National Black Chaplains Association, and was a representative of the United Methodist Church for the Board of Endorsement for VA Chaplaincy. He retired from the Air Force Reserves at Langley



Air Force Base, Hampton, VA, in 1988, after 17 years of service, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Having completed 36 years of Federal Service, he retired from the VA Medical Center on August 31, 1998.

The funeral service was held on March 8, 2019, at St. James United Methodist Church, 1533 W. Queen St. in Hampton, VA. The Rev. Dr. Michael Lee Nelson, Pastor, officiated. Prior to interment, a memorial service was held on March 16, 2019, at Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 798 Old Maxton Rd, Raeford, NC, Rev. Vance McDonald, Pastor. He was buried with Military Honors in the McAllister Family Cemetery, Raeford, NC.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Ruth McAllister Murphy, Hampton, VA; three daughters, Maria Murphy (Mark) Richmond, VA, Gianina Chappell (Kevin) Smithfield, VA and Terrisita Simpson (Kevin Lee) Richmond, VA;

three grandchildren, Miles, Ephenia and Miriam Simpson, Richmond, VA; one Brother-In-Law, Russell McAllister, Jr. (Annie M.) Raeford, NC; two Sisters-In-Law, Helen P. McLaurin, Raeford, NC and Rosa Murphy-Moore, Hamlet, NC.

Chaplain Murphy was a “people-person”, who never met a stranger. It was not uncommon to find him on the phone reaching out to friends and family all across the country. He loved to talk, eat and fellowship. He enjoyed Westerns, listening to Gospel music, hearing a good story, and having a hearty laugh. Thanks be to God for his life and his faithful service to the Lord.

## Donald Charles Nagel

1938 - 2018

Reverend Doctor Donald Charles Nagel was born March 6, 1938 in Dayton, Kentucky and went to be with the Lord on March 25, 2018 in Asheville, North Carolina.

His Memorial service was held April 6, 2018 at Christ United Methodist Church in Weaverville, North Carolina, with Duane Coral officiating.

Donald graduated from Highland High School in Ft. Thomas, Kentucky, then proceeded to attain his undergraduate degree from Northwestern University. His desire to serve the Lord earned him a Masters degree in Divinity at Duke University. Through the years he served in roles as both pastor and youth pastor. His passion for healing then led him back to the University of North Carolina where he achieved his Doctorate of Medicine. Immediately following his graduation, his career began as a founding member of the MAHEC Family Medicine Residency, which is still present today. In his last 15 years of practice, he served as a physician at the Drug and Alcohol Rehab Center in Black Mountain, NC.

He is survived by his wife Phyllis, in Asheville North Carolina, his sister Jeannie Schmusser and brother in law Carl in Medford Oregon. Also his children Kimberly Tatum (Scott), in Jacksonville Florida, Kelly Belloise (Chuck) in New Port Richey Florida, and Jennifer Barbash (Doug) in Asheville North Carolina, along with his grandchildren Jake and Remley, Kelsey and Kamryn and Shane and Troy.

His greatest passion was leading others to Christ. Prayer in numbers, and servant to wherever God called him. God’s work remained his constant until his death. He was a man of few words, but when he spoke he spoke volumes, especially when he prayed. We all remember Donald for his enduring faith and love of Jesus Christ.





## Wallace O'Neal IV

1951 - 2019

Rev. Wallace O'Neal, IV, died Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at Halifax Regional Medical Center. He was born September 26, 1951, in Pasquotank County to the late Wallace O'Neal, III and Melba Estelle Austin O'Neal. He was married and to the former Brenda Gregory. He graduated from North Carolina State University in 1973. At the time of his death he was serving as pastor of the Jackson-Seaboard Charge in the Heritage District. Wallace also served his country as a Captain in the U.S. Army.

In addition to his wife of forty-eight years he was survived by two sons, Wallace "Wally" Brandan O'Neal and wife Amber and Matthew Gregory O'Neal and wife Lydia. He was a loving and committed grandfather for his three grandchildren, Tanner O'Neal, Madison O'Neal, and Sadie O'Neal.

A service celebrating his life and ministry was held Saturday, February 9, 2019 at Twiford Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Wayne Wood officiating. Burial followed in the West Lawn Cemetery, Elizabth City, North Carolina.

In 1986, Natalie Sleeth wrote a hymn as she said while "pondering the death of a friend, life and death, death and resurrection, pondering winter and spring, seeming opposites, and a T. S. Eliot poem which had the phrase, 'In our end is our beginning.'" These seemingly contradictory pairs led to the thesis of the song and the hopeful message that out of one will come the other when God chooses to bring that about.

*In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

—William C. Simpson, Jr.

## Edward P. Osteen, Sr.

1935 - 2018

Edward P. Osteen, Sr., was born January 19, 1935 in Rockingham, North Carolina, the son of Lemuel Lawson and Ruby Jones Osteen. He entered the Church Trumphant October 11, 2018, while living in Durham. In addition to his parents was preceded in death by his brother Lawson, a sister-in-law Virginia Osteen, he and his brother-in-law Bruce A. Quigley.

Ed is survived by his wife of sixty-one years, Alice Prince Osteen; daughter Elaine Osteen Truckner (Jimmy) of Durham; son Edward Powell Osteen, Jr. (Mary Lynne) of Morehead City and their children Thomas Powell (Mallory) of Columbia SC and Lindsay Eure of Cary; and son Hugh Lawson Osteen, Sr. (Beth) and their children Alice Elizabeth and Hugh Lawson, Jr. (Mary) of Durham; sister Mrs. Nancy Osteen Quigley of Greensboro.

He graduated from Rockingham High School; Wofford College, and Duke University Divinity School. He served as pastor at Liberty Methodist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina, Rocky Point Methodist Charge; Layden Memorial United Methodist, Raleigh, University United Methodist, Chapel Hill; and as the United Methodist Chaplain, at Ft. Lewis, Washington and Korea. He joined Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina in 1968 and New York Life Insurance in 1975, completing 42 years in 2017.

Ed was Durham Civitan Club President, 1981-1982. President of the Triangle Association of Life

Underwriters in 1986; named 1997 Life Underwriter of the Year; earned Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU); Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC), Certified Long Term Care (CLTC). A lifelong Methodist, he was a member of Bethany UMC and Aldersgate UMC.

He loved family, travel, reading, writing. Ed had a deep admiration for those who serve their country in the military. He enjoyed the Durham Sports Club, and participated in many sports including downhill skiing, kayaking, and basketball.

A Service of Death and Resurrection was held October 20, 2018, at Aldersgate UMC, Durham, with the Reverends Bryan Faggart and Lisa Brown-Cole officiating.

*Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares can destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*

—William C. Simpson, Jr.

## Travis Winfred Owen

1927- 2018

Travis Winfred Owen was the fifth of nine children born to Jess and Nola Smart Owen in Roxboro, NC. on June 10, 1927. He entered the Church Triumphant October 18, 2018.

As World War II progressed, Travis felt the strong desire to serve his country, as did so many of the young men from Person County, so he enlisted in the United States Navy and was stationed in Manila, Philippines. Upon his discharge from the Navy he returned to Roxboro where he completed his high school education. He began working at various jobs among them the Roxboro Cotton Mill and the Roxboro Lumber Company.

During this time he would meet the love of his life Margaret Lee Canada. They were married June 24, 1950 by the Rev. Kelly J. Wilson at Grace Methodist Church on Church Street in Roxboro and would enjoy 66 years of married life together until Margaret's death on October 28, 2016. During the time of Travis' work at the Roxboro Lumber Company alongside that of John Wesley and Vassar Jones these three men discussed regularly the call of God active in their hearts and minds which was growing stronger each day.

This call to full-time ministry became so strong in Travis' life that he could no longer resist. He finally yielded his love, life, and talent to serve Jesus Christ as a full-time minister in the Methodist Church. He appeared before his local church, the Durham District of the Methodist Church in the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church and was approved as a local pastor. He was appointed to a five-point work on the Shallotte Circuit in the Wilmington District. He began his college education and graduated from Pembroke State University and Duke Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina. From Shallotte he moved to Carvers Creek, Burgaw, Ayden, and finally to Siler City where he served from 1981 until his retirement in 1992.

While serving as pastor of First United Methodist Church in Siler City, the educational building was



destroyed by fire and this resulted in the loss of the church office as well as the pastor's study. Travis lost his library of books and valuable papers which he had collected over a lifetime of ministry some of which could never be replaced.

The congregation of First United Methodist Church in Siler City, North Carolina wanted to do something special for Travis and Margaret when he retired. They felt such love for their pastor who had been there by their bedsides in sickness, at the grave when their loved ones had died, and at the altar to baptize their children and officiate at their marriages that the love which each church member felt had to find a tangible expression in some way.

As many know, in the United Methodist Church the pastor lives in a parsonage owned by the church. When Travis entered the ministry he and Margaret had never owned a home. He faced retirement with no place to go and no home to go to. When Travis retired in 1992 the Board of Trustees and the Administrative Board of First United Methodist Church voted unanimously to purchase a home for the sole use by Travis and Margaret during their lifetimes. This would enable them to live among those to whom they had ministered while he had been their pastor.

After Margaret's death in October, 2016 Travis, because of failing health moved to Wallace North Carolina to live with his son, Carl, his wife, June and grandson, Travis Carl Owen, Jr. Travis and Margaret also have a daughter, LeJeanne Owen Pierce.

I write these words as Travis' first cousin and on behalf of the family. Travis had a profound influence on me beginning when I was a child and continuing throughout my adult life.

—Rev. Dr. James Donald Phillips

## **Peggy Beard Rivenbark Owens**

1930 - 2018

Peggy Beard Rivenbark Owens died at Croasdaile Village in Durham NC on July 28 2018. She was born Peggy Flowe Beard on January 12, 1930 in Raleigh NC and grew up in Fayetteville and was a member of Hay Street United Methodist Church. A graduate of Greensboro College, Peggy taught high school math in both Candor and Hope Mills.

She was the daughter of Joseph Osborne and Mattie Flowe Beard, step-daughter of Ella Garrett Beard, wife of the late Russell Linwood Rivenbark, and in 1984 married the Reverend Charles E. Owens when he was serving the Brooksdale United Methodist Church in Roxboro.

Later they moved to Calvary United Methodist Church in Durham until Charles's retirement in 1991. She brought joy and delight, spirit and life to the parsonage and to the churches and the people around her.

In retirement Peggy and Charles moved back to Roxboro until they moved to Croasdaile Village in Durham in 2011.

Peggy was buried at Lafayette Memorial Park in Fayetteville, NC and a memorial service was led by the Reverend Laurie Hayes Coffman.

Peggy is survived by her husband, the Rev. Charles E. Owens; children Joseph Russell Rivenbark and wife Leslie of Fuquay Varina; Joella Rivenbark Powell and husband Joey of Erwin; Robert Linwood



Rivenbark of Kannapolis and wife Carina; Suzanne Rivenbark Shearon and husband Charles of Concord; step-children Edward Owens and wife Jan of Cary; Robert Owens of Raleigh; and Rosa Owens Rouse of Durham; grandchildren Elisabeth S. Strickland (Robert); Jonathan D. Sanders (Kristin); Laura S. Murphy (Steven); Adam R. Rivenbark, Katie R. Moore (Kevin); Ashley P. Rivenbark, Seth Shearon, and Grace Shearon; step grandchildren: Wesley Owens (Ryann); Brad Owens, Jessianne McMurray (Ryan); Kaitlyn Rouse; 12 great-children.

## Barbara Wilson Pope

1932-2018

Barbara Wilson Pope, the wife of the Reverend Arnold Pope, was born in Rose Hills, North Carolina, the daughter of Latham and Tina Wilson, on March 6, 1932. She was taken into God's heavenly family on November 10, 2018. This heavenly family has been enriched beyond words with this new addition.

Barbara was joined in life by four siblings, a brother, Jesse Wilson and sisters, Betty Cunliff, Patricia Williams, and Shirley Boatman, all now deceased.



She was educated in Rose Hill High School where she was also a star basketball player, and graduated from Duke University in 1954 with a B.A. degree in Religion. She later took a number of graduate school courses in Special Education which came to be her chosen field of endeavor.

She was married in 1954 to Rev. Arnold Pope, and was an immense asset to his ministry. She directed the choir in churches at Stokes, Smith, and Winstead Methodist Churches. She was also a tremendous help to the youth groups. Later she taught special education at Pine Forest High School until her health forced her to give it up. Yet she persisted in substitute teaching and even taught one semester in Auto Mechanics!

From 1967 when her husband came to Methodist College as Dean of Men and later Dean of Students, she had a huge impact on a number of its students who would come over to our home and be blessed with her loving and wise nurture. After a bit, they even began calling her "Little Mama." When a student was asked why she was gifted with this title, his reply was: "Well it wouldn't be cool to call her Big Mama".

Her greatest gift by far was her role as a loving wife and mother. None was ever any better. Barbara and Arnold were blessed by two sons; Thomas, Jr. & wife, Margaret and Patrick & wife, June; grandchildren, Michael & wife, Katherine, Leigh Anne Pearson & husband, John, and Lydia; great grandchildren, Savannah, Zach & Will Pope and Brayden & Kensley Pearson.

Human words cannot express how much her life meant to so many-thanks be to God for her!

A memorial service was held at 2:00pm Saturday, November 17, 2018 at Cokesbury United Methodist Church, officiated by the Reverend Debbie Matthis and the Reverend Arnold Pope. Burial followed in the Fisher Cemetery.

—William C. Simpson, Jr.

## Wanda Hayes Seate

1949 - 2019

Wanda Hayes Seate went to be with the Lord on Friday, May 31, 2019, at the age of 69. She was born in Durham County on November 15, 1949 and was a graduate of Northern High School and Craven Community College. She was baptized, confirmed, and became a member of Mt. Sylvan United Methodist Church during her childhood and teen years. Early in life, she aspired to be a pastor's wife. She married Billy Fenton Seate on November 23, 1967, and fulfilled her dream after he earned his M.Div. and D.Min. degrees and was ordained as a Methodist minister.



Wanda's second love was her family. she aspired to be a mother and dearly loved her two children, Amy and Adam. Her life was further enhanced when she became the "Mimi" of Jacob, Landon, Nathan, and Aaron. Wanda was the fourth born, youngest surviving child of Lantie Lee and Annie Louise Hayes. She faithfully and actively loved and enjoyed her parents, siblings and their families all her life.

Wanda's third love and vocation was forming and teaching children. She served as a Sunday School teacher and worked as a teacher's assistant in the various places wherever Billy's ministry carried them. She loved, cared for, and taught all children equally.

Wanda's trademark characteristics include a genuine beauty-inside and out-and an active love that was deep, kind, and selfless. She was a faithful, committed wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, neighbor and friend. She will be sorely missed and never forgotten.

Wanda is survived by her husband, the Rev. Dr. Billy F. Seate; two children: the Rev. Adam F. Seate and his wife, Jennifer; and Amy Faith Seate Quigley and her husband, Jay; four grandchildren; Jacob Wesley Seate, Aaron Fenton Seate, Landon James Quigley, and Nathan Hayes Quigley; brother-in-laws, Jimmy Seate and his wife, Sara, and George Timberlake and sister-in-law, Brenda Hayes, as well as several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of the Life of Wanda Hayes Seate was held at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, June 8, 2019, at Englewood United Methodist Church of Rocky Mount, NC. The Rev. Terry Williams, the Rev. Adam Seate, and the Rev. Dr. Billy Seate officiated. Her four grandsons shared fond memories of their "Mimi".

## Vernon Tyson

1929 - 2019

Vernon Tyson took his first appointment as a Methodist minister in 1952 at Oak Ridge Methodist Church, which launched his sixty-year+ career as a minister in the NC Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. It was his honor to serve congregations, large and small, across his beloved eastern North Carolina.

Vernon was born on November 29, 1929 in Buie's Creek, North Carolina, to Rev. Marvin Earl "Jack" Tyson and Irene Hart Tyson. Jack was a Free Will Baptist preacher and tenant farmer who became a Methodist



minister in the 1940s. He and Irene raised six sons, Dewey, Tommy, George, Earl, Vernon, and Bobby, and a daughter, Merle. Vernon and his five brothers all became Methodist ministers.

In 1953, he married Martha Buie of Biscoe, NC, at Page Memorial Methodist Church, where Vernon's father had served as minister during Vernon's high school years. Vernon and Martha were happily married for 65 years until Vernon's death on December 29, 2018 at the age of 89 at their home in Raleigh. This marriage produced four children, four grandchildren and three great-children, to date.

Vernon and Martha moved from Oak Ridge to Stem, and from Stem, to Goldston, where their first child, Vern, was born. In 1958, Dr. Howard Powell invited Vernon to serve as his associate at Edenton Street Methodist. Dr. Powell taught Vernon much about the practice of ministry and served as a mentor the rest of his life. Son Tim was born during this appointment. In 1961, Vernon was appointed to Jonesboro Methodist Church, where daughters Boo and Julie were born. While serving in Jonesboro, Vernon invited Dr. Samuel Proctor, then President of NC A&T College, to preach on Race Relations Sunday. Vernon was earnest in his desire to practice his ministry and live his life in ways that reflected his understanding of the teachings of Jesus, particularly those related to love, mercy, justice, equality, and our obligations to the poor and vulnerable among us. These convictions led him to stand up against racial prejudice and discrimination, to open doors for female ministers, and to defend public education, voting rights, and equal rights for LGBT people. He took seriously the Biblical mandate to welcome foreigners and immigrants.

In 1966, he was appointed to Oxford Methodist Church, where he served for four years. In 1970, the Tysons moved to Wesley Memorial UMC in Wilmington, where the congregation flourished, and the Tysons enjoyed the beach. In 1974, Vernon was appointed to Hay Street UMC, where he served until 1978. After serving University UMC from 1978-1981, Vernon returned to the coast as Superintendent of the Wilmington District from 1981-1984. In 1984, he returned to Edenton Street UMC as senior minister. The only other congregation Vernon served twice was Cumnock UMC, as a student from 1956-1958 and again from 2000-2002. In 1994, Vernon "retired" after five years at St. Luke UMC, in Sanford. He then served interim appointments in six different congregations. Vernon loved being a United Methodist minister.

## Jack Ward Page, Jr.

1942 - 2018

Jack Ward Page, Jr. was born July 5, 1942 to Rev. and Mrs. Jack Ward Page, Sr. who were serving the Star, Biscoe, Candor circuit. He grew up in the Methodist tradition moving with his family as they served various churches in this conference. After his graduation from N C Wesleyan University he became a teacher and coach at Horace Sisk Jr. High in Fayetteville.

In 1972, he married Karen Odom and they welcomed twin sons Russ and Benn in 1976, and daughter Jordan in 1986. Jack responded to the call to ministry in 1987. He received his MDIV from Duke in 1991. He began his service at Coats UMC, followed by appointments at Asbury UMC in Washington, Lemon Springs UMC, Love Joy UMC and Abner UMC in Troy, Pittsboro UMC, and Friendship UMC in Burlington. He served twenty two years in parish ministry, retiring as an elder in 2009.



Jack served as a member of a district committee on ordained ministry, district committee on church building and location (as chair), conference board on religion and race, and conference board of institutions.

Upon retirement, Jack and Karen moved to Youngsville, N C, and joined the Wake Forest UMC where they were welcomed by long time colleague and friend Rev. Donald Warren. Jack enjoyed teaching an adult Sunday School class, singing in the choir, and spending time with family. During retirement, he researched and wrote "Y'all Come" which was published in 2016.

After a season of declining health, he passed away in Hospice care on November 7, 2018. Jack will be cherished by his wife of 46 years, Karen, son Russ (Rebekah) of Waxhaw, Son Benn (Ryne) of Raleigh, daughter Dr. Jordan Page Wicker (Jordon) of Elon, and beloved grandchildren: Cameron, Grayson, Mary Ross, Foster, Jack, and Hank Page, and Hanna Wicker. Jack is also survived by brother Bob Page (Sally) of Cary.

A service of memory and celebration of his life was conducted by his dear friend, Rev. Donald Warren at Wake Forest UMC on November 10, 2018.

## John Hezekiah White

1936 - 2018

The Reverend John Hezekiah White, was born in Newport News, Virginia, July 3, 1936, the son of Hezekiah White and his wife Odell Johnson White. He honorably served his country in the United States Army before entering the ministry of the United Methodist Church.

John was admitted to the North Carolina Annual Conference in 1962 and began his ministry at Battleboro Charge in the Rocky Mount District. He then served Beaufort: Ann Street, as the Minister of Christian Education, Kinston: Queen Street also as Minister of Education and then Fellowship Church, Rose Hill, Raleigh: St. James and Goldsboro: St. Luke. He retired in 1990. John White went home to be with the Lord and Savior he had served so faithfully July 3, 2018.

John White was always committed to a total ministry which included serving in the communities where he was pastor. When he was pastor in Rose Hill, he began working with the local fire department as their chaplain. John was also the chaplain for the local fire department when he served Raleigh: St. James.

He never met a stranger and was always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. My last visit with him was at a mall in Raleigh where we sat on a bench and talked about our mutual ministries and our families. What a blessing and inspiration John was for all who knew him!

He leaves behind a loving and caring family and many cherished friends.

A service to celebrate his life was held Sunday, July 8, 2018 at St. James United Methodist Church, Raleigh. His ashes were placed in the St. James United Methodist Church Columbarium.

John is survived by his wife, Nancy Hightower White; daughters: Angela Cooke. and husband Sam of Knightdale, Johnna White of Chapel Hill, and Joy Gabriel and her husband Gordon of Clayton, step-daughters: Shannon Wright and husband Chris, of Charlotte and Heather Johnson and husband Tim of Raleigh. He is also survived by grandchildren Amanda LeMaster and husband Joe, John Cooke and wife Angela, Jessica Segobiano and husband Brad, Beth Bolton and husband Michael, Kaylee,



Junior, and Lea Gabriel, Evan and Carter Johnson. He also leaves seven great-grandchildren and one sister, Dorothy Bradshaw of South Boston, Virginia. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Beth Fuller and brother, Howard White.

*O sweet and blessed country,  
the home of God's elect!*

*O sweet and blessed country  
that eager hearts expect!*

*Jesus, in mercy bring us  
to that dear land of rest;*

*Who are, with God the Father  
and Spirit, ever blest.*

—William C. Simpson, Jr.



## Roll of Deceased Members 2015-2019

| <b>Minister</b>            | <b>Birth Year &amp; Place</b> | <b>Admitted to Connection</b>             | <b>Death</b>            |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Amos Henry Stone           | 1921 Atlanta, Ga.             | 1953 Durham, N.C. Trans.<br>Baltimore, MD | 2015 Fayetteville, NC   |
| Leland Jan Fogleman        | 1952 Alamance Co., NC         | 1976 Fayetteville, NC                     | 2015 Raleigh, NC        |
| Frank Owen Fitzgerald, Jr. | 1928 Kinston, NC              | 1952 Burlington, NC                       | 2015 Raleigh, NC        |
| Haywood W. Gillikin        | 1943 Goldsboro, NC            | 1990 Fayetteville, NC                     | 2015 Smithfield, NC     |
| Leon Delanoa Fowler        | 1934 Danville, VA             | 1988 Wesleyan Church                      | 2015 Asheboro, NC       |
| Gerald Rudolph Massey      | 1927 Turkey, NC               | 1972 Durham, NC                           | 2015 Raleigh, NC        |
| James Collins Parker Brown | 1927 Lasker, NC               | 1950 Kinston, NC                          | 2015 Southern Pines, NC |
| Jean Livingston Hood       | 1923 Grantham, NC             | 1964 Burlington, NC                       | 2015 Goldsboro, N.C.    |
| John Martin Bowman         | 1935 Augusta Co., VA          | 1987 Fayetteville, NC                     | 2015 Wilson, N.C.       |
| Tommy Lewis Evans          | 1953 Craven Co., NC           | 1984 Fayetteville, NC                     | 2015 Burlington, NC     |
| George Franklin Cribb      | 1925 St. Petersburg, FL       | Local Pastor                              | 2015 Newport, NC        |
| Hugo Luciano Lopez         | 1930 Santiago, Chile          | 1995 Deacon                               | 2015 Wilmington, NC     |
| Charles Cooper Smith       | 1939 Carteret Co., NC         | 1981 Fayetteville, NC                     | 2015 New Bern, NC       |
| John Thomas "Tommy" Smith  | 1932 Chapel Hill, NC          | 1963 Greenville, M/C                      | 2015 Raleigh, NC        |
| Franklin Lee Alexander     | 1932 Tyrrell Co., NC          | 1977 Fayetteville, NC                     | 2015 Creswell, NC       |
| John Samuel Norman         | 1932 Edgecombe Co., NC        | Local Pastor                              | 2015 LaGrange, NC       |
| Howard Milton Wilkinson    | 1925 Richmond, VA             | 1967 Goldsboro, NC                        | 2015 Garysburg, NC      |
| William Rankin Crowder     | 1919 Guilford Co., NC         | 1948 Greenville, NC                       | 2015 Greensboro, NC     |
| Peggy Jo Dunacn-Wood       | 1938 Catawba Co., NC          | Local Pastor                              | 2015 Lexington, NC      |
| Edward C. Elliott          | 1938 Illinois                 | 1975 Central Illinois                     | 2015 Raleigh, NC        |
| Sidney Earl Stafford       | 1934 Hattiesburg, Miss.       | 1959 Gulfport, Miss.                      | 2015 Louisburg, NC      |
| Thomas Given Holtsclaw     | 1938 West Virginia            | 1969 Trans. West Virginia                 | 2015 Roxboro, NC        |
| James Lee Hobbs            | 1936 Clinton, NC              | 1961 Durham, NC                           | 2015 Burlington, NC     |
| Lacy V. "Buck" Frye        | 1931 Moore Co., NC            | Local Pastor                              | 2015 Biscoe, NC         |
| David Curtis Steinmetz     | 1936 Columbus, Ohio           | 1972 Trans. E. Pennsylvania               | 2015 Chapel Hill, NC    |
| Robert Harry Jordan        | 1926 Siler City, NC           | 1951 Wilmington, NC                       | 2015 Wilson, NC         |
| James Thomas Hinson        | 1945 Richmond Co., NC         | Part-time Local Pastor                    | 2016 Rockingham, NC     |
| Arthur John Wilson, III    | 1939 Old Hickory, TN          | 1962 Kinston                              | 2016 Charlotte, N.C.    |
| Henry Robert "Bob" Warren  | 1919 Cumberland Co., NC       | 1970 Greenville, NC                       | 2016 Knightdale, NC     |
| Eldon Griffith Woodcock    | 1930 Washington, D.C.         | 1961 Durham, NC                           | 2016 Montgomery, MD     |
| Luis Felipe Reinoso        | 1935 Peru                     | 1963 Peru                                 | 2016 Louisburg, NC      |
| Franklin D. Daniels        | 1933 Tarboro, NC              | 1960 Trans. From VA Conf.                 | 2016 Fayetteville, NC   |
| Elva Leroy Morton, III     | 1947 Lenoir Co., NC           | Local Pastor                              | 2016 New Bern, NC       |
| Rayford Homer Methvin      | 1921 Trimble, Cullman Co., AL | 1975 Fayetteville, NC                     | 2016 Garner, NC         |
| Lawrence Clayton Higgins   | 1953 New Bern, NC             | 1984 Fayettevill, NC                      | 2016 New Bern, NC       |
| Leo Clifford Thompson      | 1935 Roseboro, NC             | 1958 Wilson, NC                           | 2016 Raleigh, NC        |
| David Wesley Johnson       | 1930 Greenville, SC           | Local Pastor                              | 2016 Southern Pines     |
| Thomas Garland Knott       | 1927 New Albany, Miss.        | 1972 Trans. Mississippi Conf.             | 2016 Durham, NC         |
| Lester Cefare Bissette     | 1930 Nash Co., NC             | 1959 Wilmington, NC.                      | 2016 Wilson, NC         |
| Edwin Lee Earnhardt        | 1926 Henderson, NC            | 1952 Burlington, NC                       | 2016 Edwenton, NC       |

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| C. Franklin Grill           | 1929 Baltimore, MD            | 1953 Durham, NC               | 2016 Southern Pines, NC |
| Carleton Paul McKita        | 1926 Washington Co., PA       | 1950 Western Penn.            | 2016 Rocky Mount, NC    |
| Norma Faye Baines Rouse     | 1937 Enfield, NC              | Local Pastor                  | 2016 Wilmington, NC     |
| James Lough Wilson          | 1949 NC                       | 1972 Durham, NC               | 2016 Henry Co., VA      |
| Doris Thompson Fox          | 1946 Lee Co., NC              | 1989 Fayetteville             | 2016 Sanford, NC        |
| Jerry Jay Juren             | 1934 Pitt Co., NC             | 1964 Burlington, N.C.         | 2016 High Point, NC     |
| Joe Davis Lister            | 1930 Spartanburg, SC          | 1976 Fayetteville, NC         | 2016 Burlington, NC     |
| Charles Clyde Tucker, Jr.   | 1926 Lynchburg, VA            | 1952 Virginia Conf.           | 2016 Zebulon, NC        |
| Charles Martin Hackett      | 1934 Boston, Mass.            | 1978 Fayetteville, NC         | 2016 Goldsboro, NC      |
| Horace Lee McLaurin         | 1934 Durham, NC               | 1961 Durham, NC               | 2017 New Bern, NC       |
| Albert Fleet Fisher         | 1929 Garland, NC              | 1954 Raleigh, NC              | 2017 Pittsboro, NC      |
| George Caskey Megill        | 1927 Ellis Co., KS            | 1950 Kinston, NC              | 2017 Raleigh, NC        |
| James Brice Helms, Jr.      | 1932 Union Co., NC            | 1977 Fayetteville, N.C.       | 2017 Lumberton, NC      |
| Floyd Ransom Morrow, Jr.    | 1935 Iredell Co., NC          | 1978 Fayetteville, N.C.       | 2017 Aberdeen, NC       |
| William Thomas Clarke       | 1937 Lawrence Co., TN         | 1959 Memphis Conference       | 2017 Nags Head, NC      |
| James William Caviness, Jr. | 1941 Siler City, NC           | 1982 Fayetteville, NC         | 2017 Pinehurst, NC      |
| Ben Horace Wilson III       | 1929 Wythe Co., VA            | 1961 Knoxville, TN            | 2017 Moore Co., NC      |
| Benjamin Edward Horton      | 1948 Morehead City, NC        | 1994 Fayetteville, NC         | 2017 Morehead City, NC  |
| James Arnold Williamson     | 1955 North Island, CA         | 2016 Local Pastor             | 2017 Troy, NC           |
| Glenn Eldridge Mason        | 1941 Harnett Co., NC          | 1984 Fayetteville, NC         | 2017 Raleigh, NC        |
| Edwin D. Stanfield          | 1930 Florida                  | 1975 Fayetteville, NC         | 2017                    |
| William Miles Wells, Jr.    | 1924 Wilson, NC               | 1970 Fayetteville, NC         | 2017 Laurinburg         |
| John Rodney Lane, Jr.       | 1936 Wilmington, NC           |                               | 2017 Bolivia, NC        |
| Mary L. Peacock             | 1933 Macon, GA                |                               | 2017 Chapel Hill, NC    |
| Robert E. Rattz             | 1930 Charlotte, NC            | 1976 NCC                      | 2017 Supply, NC         |
| James R. Oliver             |                               | 1964 NCC                      |                         |
| Haywood Allen Smith         | 1952                          | 1978 NCC                      | 2017 Kinston, NC        |
| Henry Blue                  | 1943 North Carolina           |                               |                         |
| Lawrence E. Lugar           | 1927                          | 1952 Virginia                 | 2017 Fayetteville, NC   |
| Robert Anthony Fairley      | 1937 Maxton, NC               | 1995 Fayetteville, NC         | 2017 Harrisburg, NC     |
| Robert Dennis Ricks, Jr.    | 1931 Northhampton County, NC  | 1961 Durham, NC               | 2017                    |
| Lon William Miller          | 1950 West Virginia            | 1989 West Virginia            | 2017 Burgaw, NC         |
| Leland Monroe Heath, Jr.    | 1942 Kinston, NC              | 2007 Greenville, NC           | 2018 Goldsboro, NC      |
| Samuel Hoyt Brown           | 1928 Chicago, IL              | 1959 Virginia Beach, VA       | 2018 Charlotte, NC      |
| Bobby Carl Black            | 1934 Kentucky                 | 1957 New Bern                 | 2018 Tucson, AZ         |
| Daniel Dwight Bowman, Sr.   | 1926 North Carolina           | 1967 Goldsboro                | 2018 Williamston, NC    |
| Marilyn K. Shipman          | 1944 Colorado                 | 1996 NCC                      | 2018 Durham, NC         |
| Ralph Lang Fleming, Jr.     | 1926 Greenville, NC           | 1953 Durham, NC               | 2018 Durham, NC         |
| Donnie Gray Davis, Sr.      | 1923 Robeson County, NC       | 1969 Chapel Hill, NC          | 2018 Chapel Hill, NC    |
| Donald Charles Nagel        | 1938 Dayton, KY               | 1961 NCC                      | 2018 Black Mtn., NC     |
| Henry Gurney Jinnette       | 1940 Goldsboro, NC            |                               | 2018                    |
| Murry Lee DeHart, Jr.       | 1932 Flat Rock, NC            | 1959 NCC                      | 2018 Raleigh, NC        |
| John Hezekiah White         | 1946 Newport News, VA         | 1962 NCC                      | 2018 Raleigh, NC        |
| Dennis Joseph Glennon       | 1946 Trenton, NJ              | 2001 NCC                      | 2018 Hamlet, NC         |
| Edward P. Osteen            | 1935 Rockingham, NC           |                               |                         |
| Corbin Lee Cherry           | 1938                          | 1961 NCC                      | 2018                    |

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Travis W. Owen           | 1927                          | 1961 NCC                      | 2018                    |
| Jack Ward Page, Jr.      | 1942                          | 1989 NCC                      | 2018                    |
| George William Johnson   | 1934 Snow Camp, NC            | 1958 NCC                      | 2018                    |
| Vernon Cephus Tyson      | 1929 Buies Creek, NC          | 1956 NCC                      | 2018 Raleigh, NC        |
| Stewart Allen Crank, Sr. | 1943 Missouri                 | 1997 NCC                      | 2019 Greensboro, NC     |
| Wallace O'Neal IV        | 1951 Aydlett, NC              | 2013 NCC                      | 2019 Roanoke Rapids, NC |
| Linwood Sutton Jones     | 1935                          | 1979 NCC                      | 2019                    |
| Miles Murphy, Jr.        | 1928 Richmond County, NC      | 1956 NCC                      | 2019 Virginia           |
| Robert Kenneth Eldredge  | 1929 Minnesota                | 1987 NCC                      | 2019 Burlington, NC     |
| Henry Neal Lovelace      | 1937 Missouri                 | 1968 N. AR                    | 2019 Henderson, NC      |

# Historical Statement

## I. Composition

The North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church is composed of:

- A. The eastern portion of the former North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Protestant Church.
- B. The former North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church South.
- C. The coastal region of the former Blue Ridge Atlantic Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church.
- D. The Eastern District, North Carolina Virginia Conference, Central Jurisdiction.

## II. Organization

The organizing dates of the four former Conferences were as follows:

- A. The North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Protestant Church 1828, at Whitaker's Chapel in Halifax County, North Carolina.
- B. The North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1837.
- C. The Blue Ridge Atlantic Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church, 1879, at Greensboro, North Carolina, first named Southern Central Conference; two years later, 1881, renamed Blue Ridge Atlantic Conference.
- D. The Eastern District North Carolina Virginia Annual Conference was organized at a special session on August 11, 1964, at Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina.

## III. Sessions of The Constituent Conferences Before Union In 1939

(See 1988 *Journal*.)

## IV. Union

The Unification of the North Carolina Conferences was accomplished by the Unification of the three major branches of American Methodism in the United States at Kansas City, Missouri, May 10, 1939.

## V. Sessions Since Union In 1939

(See 1988 *Journal*.)

## VI. Sessions of Other Conferences:

(See 1988 *Journal*.)

## VII. Sessions Since Union In 1968 Of The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church

## Sessions of the NC Conference of The United Methodist Church, 1968-2019

| <b>Held</b>      | <b>When</b> | <b>President</b>        | <b>Secretary</b>   |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 143 Fayetteville | June 1968   | Paul N. Garber          | W. Carleton Wilson |
| 144 Chapel Hill  | June 1969   | W. R. Cannon            | W. Carleton Wilson |
| 145 Greenville   | June 1970   | W. R. Cannon            | W. Carleton Wilson |
| 146 Fayetteville | June 1971   | W. R. Cannon            | W. Carleton Wilson |
| 147 Durham       | June 1972   | W. R. Cannon            | W. Carleton Wilson |
| 148 Fayetteville | June 1973   | R. M. Blackburn         | A. Kimsey King     |
| 149 Fayetteville | June 1974   | R. M. Blackburn         | A. Kimsey King     |
| 150 Fayetteville | June 1975   | R. M. Blackburn         | James H. Coile     |
| 151 Fayetteville | June 1976   | R. M. Blackburn         | James H. Coile     |
| 152 Fayetteville | June 1977   | R. M. Blackburn         | James H. Coile     |
| 153 Fayetteville | June 1978   | R. M. Blackburn         | James H. Coile     |
| 154 Fayetteville | June 1979   | R. M. Blackburn         | James H. Coile     |
| 155 Fayetteville | June 1980   | R. M. Blackburn         | James H. Coile     |
| 156 Fayetteville | June 1981   | W. R. Cannon            | L. T. Wilson       |
| 157 Fayetteville | June 1982   | W. R. Cannon            | L. T. Wilson       |
| 158 Fayetteville | June 1983   | W. R. Cannon            | L. T. Wilson       |
| 159 Fayetteville | June 1984   | W. R. Cannon            | L. T. Wilson       |
| 160 Fayetteville | June 1985   | C. P. Minnick, Jr.      | L. T. Wilson       |
| 161 Durham       | June 1986   | C. P. Minnick, Jr.      | L. T. Wilson       |
| 162 Fayetteville | June 1987   | C. P. Minnick, Jr.      | L. T. Wilson       |
| 163 Fayetteville | June 1988   | C. P. Minnick, Jr.      | L. T. Wilson       |
| 164 Fayetteville | June 1989   | C. P. Minnick, Jr.      | James H. Coile     |
| 165 Fayetteville | June 1990   | C. P. Minnick, Jr.      | James H. Coile     |
| 166 Fayetteville | June 1991   | C. P. Minnick, Jr.      | James H. Coile     |
| 167 Fayetteville | June 1992   | C. P. Minnick, Jr.      | James H. Coile     |
| 168 Fayetteville | June 1993   | C. P. Minnick, Jr.      | James H. Coile     |
| 169 Fayetteville | June 1994   | C. P. Minnick, Jr.      | James H. Coile     |
| 170 Fayetteville | June 1995   | C. P. Minnick, Jr.      | James H. Coile     |
| 171 Fayetteville | June 1996   | C. P. Minnick, Jr.      | James H. Coile     |
| 172 Fayetteville | June 1997   | Marion M. Edwards       | James L. Bryan     |
| 173 Fayetteville | June 1998   | Marion M. Edwards       | James L. Bryan     |
| 174 Fayetteville | June 1999   | Marion M. Edwards       | James L. Bryan     |
| 175 Fayetteville | June 2000   | Marion M. Edwards       | James L. Bryan     |
| 176 Fayetteville | June 2001   | Marion M. Edwards       | James L. Bryan     |
| 177 Fayetteville | June 2002   | Marion M. Edwards       | James L. Bryan     |
| 178 Fayetteville | June 2003   | Marion M. Edwards       | James L. Bryan     |
| 179 Fayetteville | June 2004   | Marion M. Edwards       | James L. Bryan     |
| 180 Fayetteville | June 2005   | Alfred Wesley Gwinn Jr. | James L. Bryan     |
| 181 Greenville   | June 2006   | Alfred Wesley Gwinn Jr. | James L. Bryan     |
| 182 Greenville   | June 2007   | Alfred Wesley Gwinn Jr. | James L. Bryan     |
| 183 Greenville   | June 2008   | Alfred Wesley Gwinn Jr. | James L. Bryan     |
| 184 Greenville   | June 2009   | Alfred Wesley Gwinn Jr. | James L. Bryan     |
| 185 Greenville   | June 2010   | Alfred Wesley Gwinn Jr. | James L. Bryan     |
| 186 Raleigh      | June 2011   | Alfred Wesley Gwinn Jr. | James L. Bryan     |
| 187 Raleigh      | June 2012   | Alfred Wesley Gwinn Jr. | James L. Bryan     |
| 188 Greenville   | June 2013   | Hope Morgan Ward        | James L. Bryan     |
| 189 Greenville   | June 2014   | Hope Morgan Ward        | James L. Bryan     |
| 190 Wilmington   | June 2015   | Hope Morgan Ward        | James L. Bryan     |
| 191 Greenville   | June 2016   | Hope Morgan Ward        | James L. Bryan     |
| 192 Greenville   | June 2017   | Hope Morgan Ward        | James L. Bryan     |
| 193 Greenville   | June 2018   | Hope Morgan Ward        | James L. Bryan     |
| 194 Greenville   | June 2019   | Hope Morgan Ward        | James L. Bryan     |

