

## XI. MEMOIRS

### THE MEMORIAL ROLL

*In Memory of those persons related to the  
Virginia Conference who died in the last year*

#### With Memoir

**Name of Deceased Clergy, (Date of Birth), & Conference Status** **Date of Death**

#### **Retired Clergy:**

Warren D. Trumbo (01/01/27) RE .....	April 17, 2018*
Charles M. Johnson (12/22/29) RE.....	July 12, 2018
Carol P. Mann (12/08/41) RL.....	August 12, 2018
Carl E. Cosslett (01/28/34) RE .....	September 30, 2018
Tracy R. Bair (12/19/47) RE.....	October 14, 2018
James W. Smith III (09/07/33) RE.....	October 24, 2018
James W. Reynolds Jr. (03/21/25) RE.....	October 30, 2018
Philip G. Godwin (04/06/35) RL .....	October 31, 2018
Edward S. Van Dyck (04/23/47) RE .....	November 03, 2018
Malcolm L .Yaple (03/09/29) RE .....	November 14, 2018
Troy Mickey White (10/24/37) RL .....	December 15, 2018
Henry E. Riley (06/02/32) RE .....	December 18, 2018
Eugene O. Setchel (04/18/31) RE.....	December 31, 2018
Deroy Campbell (09/17/28) RE .....	January 19, 2019
Gerald M. Vaiden Jr. (07/01/35) RE.....	January 22, 2019
David J. Palmer (09/17/27) RE .....	January 30, 2019
Reginald H. Potts III (07/22/24) RE .....	February 13, 2019
David B. Camden (01/23/31) RE .....	February 16, 2019
C. Douglas Pillow (04/01/28) RE .....	March 25, 2019
Calvin Eugene Meek (11/12/48) RE.....	April 1, 2019
William Hepler (04/21/39) RL.....	April 3, 2019

#### **Active Clergy:**

John C. Ward (10/13/68) FE .....	June 24, 2018
Hyung IL Moon (09/08/62) FE.....	July 5, 2018
Rita A. Callis (06/29/53) FE .....	October 5, 2018
Timothy V. Satterfield (07/03/55) FL.....	November 28, 2018

**Key to Conference Status Abbreviations:**

RE - Retired Elder	RA - Retired Associate Member
RD - Retired Deacon	FD - Deacon in Full Connection
RL - Retired Local Pastor	RB - Retired Bishop
PE - Provisional Elder	PL - Part-time Local Pastor
PD - Provisional Deacon	FL - Full-time Local Pastor
RDM - Retired Diaconal Minister	FE - Full Elder
RP - Retired Probationary/Provisional Member	

**Without Memoir**

Name of Deceased Spouse and (Related Clergy's Name) Date of Death

**Spouses of Clergy:**

Dolores H. Jones (Rev. Harry Jones)	April 22, 2018*
Sarah L. Boice (Rev. James Boice)	May 20, 2018*
Susan L. Culpepper (Rev. Robert K. Culpepper)	June 08, 2018
Charles H. Caldwell (Rev. Rita Callis)	June 21, 2018
Sara C. Dawson (Rev. Rick Dawson)	July 28, 2018
Frank A. Fender (Rev. Judith G. Fender)	October 14, 2018
Betty Wadsworth (Rev. Anthony Wadsworth)	November 04, 2018
Peggy Jones (Rev. Leroy Jones)	December 05, 2018
Patricia Hepler (Rev. William Hepler)	December 06, 2018
Kay Mayton (Rev. Wilfred Mayton)	January 22, 2019
Sylvia Shull (Rev. Don Shull)	March 23, 2019
Dorcas Beighley (Rev. Paul Beighley)	April 1, 2019

**Spouses of Deceased Clergy:**

Patricia K. Wilson (Rev. Dale Wilson)	May 06, 2018*
Elsie L. Winfree (Rev. William Winfree)	May 06, 2018*
Gwendolyn Ruckman (Rev. Lee Van Ruckman)	May 20, 2018*
Elizabeth W. Boggs (Rev. Thomas Boggs)	June 19, 2018*
Len Elizabeth Scott (Rev. Frederick Scott)	August 04, 2018
Irene Comer Guill (Rev. Charles Comer)	August 09, 2018
Marlene Dunn (Rev. E. Robert Dunn)	August 20, 2018
Doris Epps (Rev. William Epps)	September 11, 2018
Betty F. Goodson (Rev. Anderson Goodson)	October 05, 2018
Carole Hindman (Rev. William Hindman)	October 08, 2018
Rachel L. Jones (Rev. George W. Jones)	October 17, 2018
Mary H. Gee (Rev. Gene Gee)	November 09, 2018
Marion Hamm (Rev. John Hamm)	December 25, 2018
Marion Moody (Rev. Henry Moody)	January 14, 2019
Dorothy Chidester (Rev. Augustus Chidester)	January 20, 2019
Jane Meloy (Rev. David Meloy)	January 22, 2019
Dovie R. Hedrick (Rev. Roy Hedrick)	February 14, 2019

James Myers (Rev. Jane Myers).....March 12, 2019

*\*Not Reported at 2018 A. C.*

*Updated 04/15/2019*

**Lay Members**

*of the 2018-2019 Annual Conference who have died in the last year*

Edna S. Joyner (1/30/2019) .....Alexandria District  
 Barbara Newhart (2/18/2019).....Alexandria District  
 John (Johnnie) Thomas Morris (3/23/19).....Farmville District  
 Bessie Olivia White (5/4/19)..... Eastern Shore District  
 Steven Snyder (10/18/18) .....Rappahannock River District  
 J. Wyatt Sasser .....Roanoke District  
 Betty Armstrong .....James River District

*Updated 05/20/2019*



**TRACY R. BAIR  
 1947 - 2018**

The Rev. Tracy R. Bair lived a life of love, wry humor, and persuasive speaking. Persuasion was an essential skill first learned by trial and error as the younger brother to two sisters. Tracy earned his B.S. in Math and Computer Science and was in Army ROTC at Oklahoma State University. At OSU, he met “my love,” Karen L. Wills, and they married in August of 1968. Tracy’s more than 20 years of service in Military Intelligence with the U.S. Army dotted the globe. He and Karen were committed to raising their children, Wendy (John) Christianson and Jeff Bair with a sense of adventure and a feeling of home wherever they were.

Tracy received his Master of Computer Science from American University and his Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary, both in Washington, DC. After retiring from the Army, he worked in the computer security field. Tracy was an ordained clergy member of the Virginia Annual Conference and served Liberty/Bealeton and Royal Heights/Joplin, MO. Under Tracy’s leadership, RHUMC was a point of immediate care, response and distribution of help and supplies after the 2011 Joplin tornado.

Tracy loved projects — woodworking and building just about anything. He loved fishing, boating and conversation with his grandchildren: Anna, Megan, Parker, Lauren, and Beatrice. He was a LOUD and devoted OSU fan. He inspired a shared passion for running; family and friends would often run in events together. He loved his family and told them so, well and often.

**RITA A. CALLIS  
 1953 - 2018**

Rita served as a United Methodist minister for 40 years, beginning with her first church in Northumberland County and her most recent appointment at Lakeside United Methodist Church in Henrico. She also served as superintendent for the Farmville District. Lovingly referred to as “Rev. Rita,” she devoted her life to the church and to her community through teaching, counseling and pastoral care.

**DAVID B. CAMDEN**  
**1931 - 2019**

Dave was called to the ministry in 1953, starting in the Southern Baptist denomination. In 1968, he moved to The United Methodist Church where he served until his retirement in 1993.

**DEROY CAMPBELL**  
**1928 - 2019**

Deroy always reminded us that his education began at Cool Branch School in Penhook, VA. He was a graduate of Climax High School, Ferrum Jr. College and Randolph-Macon College. He began his career as a teacher/principal in Franklin County at Dudley Elementary. Deroy proudly served in the Army from 1952-54. He attended Duke University Divinity School and then joined the Virginia United Methodist Conference. He began his ministry at the Axton Charge in Henry County. He served in numerous United Methodist churches throughout the state. Deroy received his Masters Degree from Virginia Tech and became a professor at Ferrum College in 1966 teaching Sociology. However, he continued serving in the United Methodist Church and ended his ministry at Flint Hill UMC, Burnt Chimney UMC and Mount Bethel UMC. He retired in 1992 after 38 years of service.

Deroy made a major impact on many people during his life and will truly be missed by all.

**CARL E. COSSLETT**  
**1934 - 2018**

Carl was a member of the Virginia United Methodist Conference, and Pastor Emeritus of Trinity United Methodist Church in Chesterfield, VA. Carl also served as chaplain for the Petersburg Fire Department.

**PHILIP G. GODWIN**  
**1935 - 2018**

Philip was a dedicated pastor who loved his Lord. Philip was born and raised in Hunting Creek, VA. He loved fishing and duck hunting on the Eastern Shore. After graduating from Parksley High School, he served in the U.S. Air Force with the Military Police. He was commissioned as a Virginia State Trooper, serving 13 years, and was employed with Virginia Power for 20 years, as an investigator.

He was with the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church as a pastor, while attending and graduating from Wesley Theological Seminary. He served Union United Methodist Church, Sign Post United Methodist Church, Onley United Methodist Church and Parksley Baptist Church, all on the Eastern Shore; Welcome Grove Baptist Church in Warsaw, VA; and Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Colonial Heights, VA.

He was a Master Mason for 50 years, Potentate of Acca Shrine in 1990, and Grand Chaplain in the Grand Lodge of Virginia, 2005 and 2018.

**WILLIAM HEPLER**  
**1939 - 2019**

Bill was born on April 21, 1939, in Charleston, S.C., to J. Edwin Hepler and Hildred J. Hepler. He grew up in Allegheny County, Va., graduating from Covington High School. He was a Navy veteran, graduate of VPI and SU, and graduate of UVA, where he achieved a Master's Degree in Education. He also held a Master's of Divinity from Duke University.

He began his career after the military by teaching in Patrick County and later in Rockbridge County. After he received his Master's in Education he started working at the Natural Bridge Learning Center until his retirement from the Virginia Department of Corrections.

Bill was a local pastor with The United Methodist Church for many years in Rockbridge County, Orange County and Louisa County.

**CHARLES M. JOHNSON**  
**1929 - 2018**

LTC Charles Mitchell “Mike” Johnson USA CHC (Ret.) passed quietly after a long illness on July 12, 2018. Mike was born in Tampa, Florida, to Louise and George Norman Johnson. In his 88 years he faithfully served God and country as a U.S. Army Chaplain and United Methodist minister. He earned an undergraduate degree from Clemson, a ministry degree from Emory and an MBA from Syracuse University. After his first charge in Port Royal, SC, and a full Army career as a chaplain, including service in Germany, Korea, and Vietnam, he served as administrator for Virginia United Methodist Homes in Richmond and on the Eastern Shore. Mike is predeceased by his first wife, Jean, and daughter, Susan. A devoted family man, Mike is survived by his second wife, Alice, and four children, Jean, Holly, Mitchell, and Ed. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, his sister Mary Louise and sister-in-law, Grethe. Mike and Alice settled in Annapolis, Md. in 2001 and spent their time traveling, gardening, and enjoying the Annapolis community, volunteering at the Maryland State Archives, the National Archives and Anne Arundel Medical Center. LTC Johnson was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on 21 March 2019.

– *Holly Johnson*

**CAROL P. MANN**  
**1941 - 2018**

Always a faithful servant of the Lord, Carol felt called to the ministry after her retirement from the Social Security Administration in 2000. She went on to become a licensed local pastor for the United Methodist Church serving until 2012.

**CALVIN EUGENE MEEK**  
**1948 - 2019**

Gene, as he was affectionately known, was born in Staunton, Va., to William G. Meek and Minnie Stockdale Meek. In 1977, he married Sue Ann Meek, the love of his life and mother to their two children, Jonathan and Sarah. Gene met Sue Ann on a blind date arranged by a fellow minister, and they were married eight months later.

Early in his life, Gene found deep faith and cultivated his love of the Gospel of Jesus Christ at Fishersville United Methodist Church. He received his call to ministry while attending there. After graduating from Emory and Henry College and obtaining a Master of Divinity from Emory University, he began a 40-year ministry serving nine congregations across the Virginia Conference.

Gene was a wonderful blend of Christian, husband, father, pastor and friend. These aspects of his life were intricately woven together to form a cohesive fabric of person and pastor. His smile and sense of humor endeared him to many. Gene never left his pastoral image behind and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ was his greatest joy! Gene will long be missed and remembered as a fierce friend devoted to his family and one who loved our Lord!

**HYUNG IL MOON**  
**1962 - 2018**

Hyung Il Moon studied vocal performance at Seoul National University and won the prestigious Dong-a Music Competition in 1988. After completing further training at Mannes School of Music in New York, he built an active career in the United States and performed with numerous operas. Sensing a call to ordained ministry, he entered Drew Theological School in 1999 and was eventually ordained an elder of the United Methodist Church in 2008. He currently served as pastor of Susanna Wesley United Methodist Church in Gloucester, Virginia.

He was a pastor of Korean United Methodist Church of Greater Washington and subsequently served Prince Edward Charge in Farmville, Epworth United Methodist Church in Norfolk, and Urbanna United Methodist Church. In addition to his warmth, ready laughter and compassion, he generously shared his gift of music throughout his pastoral ministry. His repertoire ranged from beloved hymns and worship music to his old favorites by Schubert. He was a veteran of ROK Army Special Forces.

**DAVID J. PALMER**  
**1927 - 2019**

A much beloved pastor, friend, and family man, Dr. Palmer served churches in the Illinois and Virginia Conferences in various capacities for more than 50 years. A life-long educator, he served as Dean of Student Education Services at West Virginia Institute of Technology and Dean of Student Personnel Services at Lord Fairfax Community College. His passion for education continued in service to church and community through work and leadership on many boards, agencies and committees. In retirement, he served as chaplain of the Brosville Volunteer Fire Department as well as being very active in St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Danville.

Born in Rantoul, Illinois, Dr. Palmer was educated in the public schools in his hometown. Following his appointment to the Merchant Marine Academy, he served as a Deck Officer USNR in all three theaters during World War II. Subsequently, he received Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees from the University of Illinois, a Master of Divinity degree from Christian Theological Seminary, and a Doctorate from Indiana University.

**C. DOUGLAS PILLOW**  
**1928 - 2019**

The Rev. C. Douglas (Doug) Pillow went with Christ on March 25, 2019 and is now with his family and friends in heaven. He was in ministry for more than half a century, and it can truthfully be said that Doug loved the Lord with all his heart, mind, soul and strength and also his family, neighbors, friends and members of his congregations.

He served many different churches on the Lynchburg District of The United Methodist Church: Motley, Hickory Grove, Mt. Olivet, Wilson, Tyreeanna, Timberlake, Centenary, Amelon and Peakland UMC. He also served at Warwick Memorial in Newport News, Kenwood in Petersburg, Mt. Vernon in Danville and Madison Heights Christian Church, as interim pastor in Madison Heights. He had most recently served at Court Street UMC in downtown Lynchburg for several years during retirement.

Born April 1, 1928 in Campbell County, Doug was the son of the late Charlie and Della Trent Pillow. His daughter Dona Pillow Forehand, two brothers, two sisters and sister-in-law predeceased him. He is survived by his wife Eleanor Smith Pillow. The two met at a Halloween youth party at Parkview UMC in Lynchburg. Eleanor has said that Doug followed her around the party until he finally got her attention. The pair shared the same birthday, April 1, made the same date their anniversary and were married almost 71 years.

They had two children: Dona (Jimmy Forehand II) and Richard D. Pillow (Amy Blanks Pillow); four grandchildren: James Forehand III (Kasey), Sarah Forehand, the Rev. Patrick S. Pillow and Madeline C. Pillow; and two great-grandchildren: Brenna and Nolyn Forehand.

Doug served on many boards and committees within the Virginia Conference during his ministry. He chaired the Committee on Evangelism as well as serving on the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Council on Ministries to name a few. He graduated from Lynchburg College with a Bachelor's in Religion and Sociology. It was a privilege and honor for him to be selected to serve as the president of the Alumni Association for the college, now university, of Lynchburg.

Doug was faithful in ministry and in partnership with others around him whether it was with Eleanor or other clergy and lay members. He had overwhelming pride that his grandson Patrick is following in his footsteps of ministry.

**REGINALD H. POTTS III**  
**1924 - 2019**

Reg served as a pastor for 40 years at various churches in the Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church.

**JAMES W. REYNOLDS Jr.**  
**1925 - 2018**

The Rev. James W. Reynolds Jr. (1925-2018) faithfully served in the ministry of The United Methodist Church for 76 of his 93 years. It was the great work and primary focus of his life. To his colleagues in the church, he was known as particular and

exacting, with an eye for detail and a deep integrity. He was a voice for Civil Rights during a time when such voices were unpopular. He believed deeply in the church and stayed active long into his retirement. He was steadfast in his call and disciplined in his faith.

To his family, he was also known as particular and exacting — we are who we are, after all. His family also enjoyed his mischievous sense of humor: you could count on a twinkle in his eye and an impeccable sense of timing when delivering subtle one-liners. A proud Virginian, he passed on his pride in his home state to his family. Inimitably himself, you might say he passed along a steadfastness of character, as well. His sons, grandchildren and other family remember fondly the gleam in his eye and his love for the proper names of things. We trust that he is now with the Maker who knows and calls his proper name.

**HENRY E. RILEY, Jr.**  
**1932 - 2018**

Henry E. Riley Jr. departed this earth on December 18, 2018, and joined the Heavenly Hosts! Henry graduated from Randolph-Macon College in 1957 and The Divinity School of Duke University in 1961. He became a pastor in 1955 and served churches and held pastorates for 56 years, including District Superintendent in the Farmville District.

**TIMOTHY V. SATTERFIELD**  
**1955 - 2018**

Timothy Satterfield received his Masters of Divinity at John Wesley College and was currently serving multiple United Methodist churches in Martinsville. He previously served as associate pastor of People's Memorial Christian Church in Burlington, a plant church; Grace Fellowship in Raleigh; Trinity Friends Church in Martinsville; and Faith Wesleyan Church in Greensboro.

**EDWARD S. VAN DYCK**  
**1947 - 2018**

The Rev. Edward "Ned" S. Van Dyck passed into the arms of his Savior, Jesus, on Saturday, November 3, 2018, in Harrisonburg, Va. He was born April 23, 1947, in Hampton, Va., a son of Frank H. Van Dyck Jr., and Elisabeth DeBose White, and is survived by wife Carolyn, children Kate (Eugene) and Tim (Lucia), grandchildren, Jed, Mellie, and Winnie, and sister, Leila.

Ned served in the U.S. Navy, attended Pfeiffer University, Virginia Tech and received his divinity degree from Emory. He spent 33 years serving the Virginia Conference, beginning in 1979 at Wesleyan Acres, and then was associate at Chester, senior pastor at Salem (Danville), Dinwiddie, Memorial (Charles City), First (Broadway), Wachapreague-Quinby, Hallwood-Sanford-Saxis, Grace (Roanoke), Mt. Crawford, Amissville, and Lindham-Markham. Ned especially loved living and serving on the Eastern Shore.

Ned retired in 2010 and he and Carolyn settled in Bridgewater and became active in Bridgewater UMC. He was in the church choir and preached some. He was the voice behind "Tater Grump" in a Christmas Eve puppet show, 2014.

Ned loved music and was church organist at Second Presbyterian Church, Staunton, for two years before entering the ministry. He read several papers daily, and watched news programs, as he had strong feelings about the US political climate; he believed in equality and justice for all. Ned was a strong preacher and loved to make his point. He also had a great sense of humor, though very dry and not always understood. Ned is remembered for these and many other things, and we are glad he was part of our lives.

**JOHN C. WARD Jr.**  
**1968 - 2018**

John Carl Ward Jr. was born, 10/13/68, in WV. He attended Marshall University in Huntington, WV, after graduation from Hamlin High in 1987. His calling for the ministry came, and he attended Nazarene Bible College, earning his Associates, becoming an Elder with the Nazarenes. He pastored Nazarene churches until 2003, ending in Christiansburg, VA. He married his first wife, Sherry, and they adopted Makayla in 1999.

In 2001, Sherry's passing prompted John to pray about becoming a United Methodist pastor. His first appointment was in Charlottesville, VA in 2003. He married Kathleen Erikson in 2004. He pastored 10 churches while serving the Virginia Con-

ference. He earned his Bachelor's at Bluefield State, his M.Div at Virginia Union, and began work with his D.Min at Liberty University. He returned "home" in 2017 when he was appointed to Cross Roads UMC in Huntington, WV. He anticipated finishing his D.Min. last fall, but passed away after an unexpected illness on June 24, 2018 (his D.Min. was awarded posthumously).

John loved reading, studying, discussing theology, and posting daily devotionals. His greatest passion was the life-long friendships made in his ministries. He often declared, "The best is yet to come!" For Pastor John, the best HAS come!

### **TROY MICKEY WHITE 1937 - 2018**

Born in Wytheville, VA, he spent most of his life in Roanoke, Virginia. Mickey answered God's calling, retiring from Elizabeth Arden and Eli Lilly, and entering the ministry from Northview United Methodist Church where he was active in the Lay Servant ministries as a trainer/mentor.

He graduated from Duke University School of Divinity, serving pastorates in Floyd, Montgomery and Bedford counties and he last served Parrish Chapel United Methodist Church in Vinton, Va.

Mickey's accomplishments include working with his congregations to start a backpack program for hungry children at Stewartsville Elementary School sending food home with children for the weekend. This program is still active today (Mays Memorial United Methodist Church).

At Parrish Chapel, Mickey started the foodbank program where the congregation provides food to needy families once a month, feeds the recipients a hot meal, and operates a clothes closet.

Mickey established a prayer bead ministry where the congregation made prayer beads for the local cancer center. This program has distributed over 18,000 beads.

Mickey is survived by his wife Norma of 58 years, daughter Cindy and husband Clay, son Michael, grandchildren Mikey and Aidan, Brother Gene and wife Betty, two nieces Julie, Amy and their families; as well as many other loving friends and family.

### **MALCOLM L. YAPLE 1929 - 2018**

How to condense someone's life and work to a smattering of words? Start with the most important message. Malcolm's life was about love—for his wife, his family, his friends, his church, and, above all, for God.

Malcolm was born in Erie, Pennsylvania in 1929 and was a graduate of Penn State University and Candler School of Theology, Emory University. He was married to Ruth Barnes Yaple for 56 years until her death in 2009, and together they had two daughters, Nancy Y. Womick, and me, Leigh Rys. Dad entered the Virginia Annual Conference in 1954, answered the call many times, saying "Here I am Lord," and served churches throughout the Conference for more than 50 years as he "stayed in love with God."

Dad in 2012 wrote a book, *Time to Remember*, in which he described his life and work as a pastor. In addition to the stories of family, friends, and the many "church people" who had a part in his life and ministry, Dad wrote of his beliefs, why he was a Christian, and why it matters. At age 82, Dad wrote, "After all these years, I still believe in the Church. I agree that it is not perfect, but it is an instrument of God's grace and a demonstration of God's love in the world. The Methodist Church, and The United Methodist Church, have provided me with an opportunity to participate actively in that institution known as the body of Christ at work in the world."

Dad was convinced that we are all "Easter people" and that the resurrection message of Easter is the core, the centerpiece of Christian faith. He wrote that, "A new day dawns when the New Testament concludes that there is indeed that new creation where 'there is no crying, nor sorrow, nor pain anymore, for the former things are all passed away.' In that new dawn, we are able to say, always, 'Christ is risen.'"

Dad had a hard time ending his book, perhaps because he knew that the end isn't final and that death, when it came, would not hold him hostage. He was convinced that he would "move to a New Appointment," and he wanted his death to be an Easter for those who gathered.

He wrote, "There, in your mind, you may be thinking of those haunting notes of 'Taps;' but listen carefully, and just perhaps, with the moving Wind of the Holy Spirit, you might then hear the notes of a new beginning called 'Reveille,' and know that eternity is real, truly a proper and fitting benediction for the Service of Death and Resurrection."

"I know in whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." (2 Timothy 1:12)