

XI. MEMOIRS

THE MEMORIAL ROLL

In memory of those persons related to the Virginia Conference who have died in the last year.

With Memoir

Name (birth date) Status *Date of Death*

Retired Clergy:

Eugene J. Parrish (08/10/27) RA	June 06, 2013
William A. Jester (09/14/32) RE.....	June 19, 2013
Omar R. Fink (05/29/18) RE.....	June 22, 2013
Marilyn L. Spencer (08/16/43) RE	June 25, 2013
Robert J. Bull (10/21/20) RE	Aug. 31, 2013
Roscoe M. White (01/02/18) RE	Oct. 23, 2013
Howard C. Smith (06/28/26) RE	Oct. 28, 2013
Raymond S. Kelley (08/20/25) RL.....	Oct. 29, 2013
John B. Morris (04/26/50) RE.....	Nov. 13, 2013
Robert F. Hardy III (01/25/22) RE	Nov. 21, 2013
Anderson D. Goodson (08/25/23) RE	Nov. 21, 2013
James W. Unruh (11/06/23) RE	Dec. 4, 2013
Rogers S. Lauder milk (02/04/37) RE	Dec. 24, 2013
Henry S. Moody (01/22/26) RE.....	Jan. 13, 2014
Ralph Stalter (05/28/21) RA.....	Jan. 16, 2014
Thomas L. Walthall (09/27/22) RL.....	Feb. 6, 2014
William F. Quillian Jr. (04/13/13) RE.....	March 4, 2014
Thomas R. Boggs (11/23/24) RA	March 8, 2014
William H. Smith (03/03/27) RE.....	March 19, 2014
Ralph J. Wimmer (12/19/21) RL	March 25, 2014
Patricia M. Bain (10/19/42) RE	March 31, 2014
Ralph E. Monroe (08/07/28) RA	April 06, 2014
Margaret L. Mitchell (11/13/47) RL.....	April 15, 2014
W. Roberts McIvor (06/15/46) RE.....	April 15, 2014
Dermont J. Reid (07/03/20) RE	April 20, 2014
James K. Meadows (05-01-39) RL.....	April 23, 2014
Dale M. Wilson (11/25/32) RE	April 29, 2014

Key to Conference Status Abbreviations:

RE - Retired Elder	RA - Retired Associate Member
RL - Retired Local Pastor	RB - Retired Bishop
PE - Probationary Elder	PL - Part-time Local Pastor
FL - Full-time Local Pastor	RDM - Retired Diaconal Minister

Active Clergy:

Charles A. Shumate (01/29/61) FE.....	Dec. 6, 2013
Kenneth J. Jackson (01/12/51) FE	March 10, 2014
Cheryl L. Simmons (12/14/55) FE	March 22, 2014
Mary M. Jones (02/14/59) FD.....	April 18, 2014

Without Memoir

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

Spouses of Clergy:

Jeffrey M. Foster (Rev. Keiko Foster)	July 12, 2013
Charles Townsley Sr. (Rev. Norma Townsley).....	Sept. 16, 2013
Alice Ritter (Rev. James N. Ritter).....	Sept. 21, 2013

Suzanne McMahan (Rev. William McMahan)	Oct. 16, 2013
Barbara Draper (Rev. James Draper)	Nov. 12, 2013
Julie K. Peters (Rev. John Peters)	Nov. 14, 2013
Judy C. Cook (Rev. Marvin T. Cook)	Dec. 4, 2013
Bonita Leavitt (Rev. Charles Leavitt)	Jan. 3, 2014
Jo Marilyn Palmer (Rev. David Palmer)	Feb. 5, 2014
James A. Sims (Rev. Betty Jo Sims)	March 17, 2014
Linda Sandifer (Rev. W. Ray Sandifer)	March 17, 2014
Virginia C. White (Rev. James D. White)	March 23, 2014
Eva V. Eutsler (Bishop R. Kern Eutsler)	May 25, 2014

Spouses of Deceased Clergy:

Emily L. Hoke-Mays (Rev. James T. Mays)	April 27, 2011*
Virginia H. Barnes-Widgen (Rev. A. Parker Barnes)	June 17, 2013
Marjorie D. Quinlan-Hundley (Rev. Ronald Quinlan)	June 20, 2013
Lois R. Foley (Rev. Lemley P. Foley)	June 25, 2013
Emily V. Reynolds (Rev. William J. Johnson)	July 06, 2013
Edna C. Johnston (Rev. Joseph S. Johnston)	Aug. 26, 2013
Vernelle Ports Long (Rev. Jenus G. Long Jr.)	Sept. 17, 2013
Gladys M. Kelly (Rev. Joseph A. Kelly)	Oct. 6, 2013
Winifred Thomas (Rev. William Thomas)	Oct. 25, 2013
Ethel T. Turner (Rev. Archer R. Turner)	Nov. 8, 2013
Lucy M. Watkins (Rev. Royal B. Watkins)	Jan. 28, 2014
Jessie Stanley (Rev. Wilson Stanley)	March 21, 2014
Charlotte Croll (Rev. Donald Croll)	April 11, 2014
Sallie Ann Hardy (Rev. Robert Hardy III)	April 16, 2014
Kathleen Thompson (Rev. Lawrence Thompson Sr.)	April 21, 2014
Charlotte Cooley (Rev. Arthur Cooley)	April 29, 2014
Elsie Kellington (Rev. John Kellington)	May 4, 2014
Mildred Lambdin (Rev. Alvin Lambdin)	May 9, 2014

*Not Reported at 2012 A. C.

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Lay Members

of the 2013-2014 Annual Conference who died in the last year

Mark C. Leatherman (12/17/13)	Trinity UMC, Alexandria District
James Arlington Sims (3/17/14)	Mizpah UMC, Fredericksburg District

MEMOIRS

PATRICIA M. BAIN

1943 - 2014

The Rev. Patricia M. Bain, 71, of Norfolk, died March 31, 2014. Pat was a graduate of Radford College, Hollins College and Wesley Theological Seminary. Throughout that time, she was a wife and mother of three children. She was always active in The United Methodist Church and raised her children with solid beliefs. Pat served in many capacities, from pre-school teacher to Sunday School teacher, to youth group organizer. Pat took groups of kids to places they had never been, including skiing at Massanutten and Holy Land USA with the YACS (Youth Active in Christian Service) program. She was active in women's groups and often volunteered within community organizations.

Pat was briefly sidetracked when she was diagnosed with lymphoma, a type of cancer, in 1989. Throughout the course of her treatment, which included chemotherapy and a bone marrow transplant, her faith never wavered. She obtained full remission and finished her education.

She was thrilled to begin her ministerial career in 1992 at Mount Carmel/Trinity/Millwood Charge in the Winchester District; followed by Gladys in the Lynchburg District; and Cumberland and North Amelia in the Farmville District. On

those busy Sunday mornings when she had three services in three different places, she could be seen driving in full robe and sash all around town. Her kids called her the “flying minister.”

Easter was her favorite time of year. At her memorial service, her good friend Marj made a small wooden cross with chicken wire around it. This is something Pat would do for every Easter season. The wood and wire, usually around eight feet tall, would be on grand display in front of her churches, representing the Lenten season — a time of sadness, rough and dark. On Easter Sunday, Pat would provide cut flowers to the parishioners, and encourage them to place the flowers among the holes in the chicken wire. By the end of the day, the wooden cross was hidden, being reborn into a beautiful display of God’s love.

Pat’s health declined over the years, and she was placed on incapacity leave in 2003 and retired in 2008. She moved into the Lydia Roper Home in Norfolk, and was supported and assisted by their staff who helped to meet her needs.

Pat’s youngest daughter, Cathy, lived nearby and always visited and took Pat out to do her favorite things — eat and shop! Pat also took great delight in spending time with Cathy’s children, two young girls who could always get a laugh out of “Granny.” Pat also enjoyed seeing her other children and five other grandchildren, especially at Christmas when everyone would get together to visit. Pat had a host of friends, all of whose lives she greatly affected.

Her two best friends, Marj and Sylvia, played a constant role in Pat’s life over a more than 20-year span. Pat was always bragging about going out with them, to special places like Busch Gardens and their favorite restaurant, Mi Hogar. Her friend Ted always helped when he could, with a ride around town, or picking up her favorite things. Her friend Barb took her to church and her women’s group. Pat touched so many in her lifetime, and her spirit continues to be present with all who knew and loved her. A celebration of life service was held April 5 in Norfolk.

THOMAS ROBERT BOGGS

1924 - 2014

The Rev. Thomas R. Boggs, 89, died March 8, 2014 in Lynchburg. He served in World War II, receiving two Purple Hearts in battle. Born in Bret, W. Va., he began his ministry in West Virginia in 1958 serving five churches. He moved on to North Carolina, then in 1966 came to Virginia. He received his education at West Virginia University, Chicago Evangelist Institute, Louisburg College, Ferrum College and a four-year course of study at Duke University. He was ordained deacon in 1961, elder in 1963 and associate member in 1969.

Serving the Lord was the love of his life. He asked me to go with him to preach Sunday, a couple of weeks before his death. He had finished preparing a sermon to preach. The second love of his life was golf. He and the Rev. Ed McClain were partners for 25 years. Both were very good.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, in 30 years of marriage, both serving their lives together in the service of our Lord. Tom felt retirement meant to keep on working at what he loved most by taking on a part-time appointment. He loved life.

Submitted by his wife, Elizabeth Boggs

ANDERSON DAVIDSON (“A.D.”) GOODSON

1923 - 2013

Anderson D. “A.D.” Goodson, born Aug. 8, 1923, in Ward, W.Va., son of a coal miner, slipped away to join the Army at 16 with a friend. His basic training was in Fort Knox, Ky., and he was then sent to Valparaiso, Ind., for instruction to be a telegraph operator. He was shipped overseas to Ireland on the Queen Mary, and then to North Africa, where he served until his hearing was damaged by the bombing. He returned to the states hoping to be employed by the railroad but it was not possible because of his hearing impairment, so he enrolled in West Virginia Tech and graduated with a BS in teaching. He was employed by Webster County School System. Due to Betty’s health problems, he returned to Oak Hill, W.Va., where he opened a cabinet shop. It was during this time a teaching position opened at the Miller School of Albemarle, outside of Charlottesville, and due to difficulty in obtaining materials for cabinet-making, he decided to take the teaching position which included teaching a Bible class.

While there, he attended and joined Batesville United Methodist Church, started speaking in church and became interested in becoming more than a layman. During this time, our daughter, Kim, was born, and to add to this excitement, a door opened for A.D. to become a pastor on the Flint Hill Circuit.

This was just the beginning of the many churches he would serve, such as the First Church in Charlottesville as the director of youth work, pastor in Nelson County, Clarksville, Lawrenceville, Front Royal, Hampton, Franklin and Mecklenburg County, serving two churches — Providence and Trinity. At each of the churches he served he made improvements, as it was his joy to leave every place better than when he came, whether it be in remodeling, building a parsonage, making crosses, building a communion table and cabinets, just to name a few.

A.D. had a great love for God, his family, his country and everyone from all walks of life. He had many God-given talents and hobbies such as teaching, preaching, carpentry, golf club making, gardening and artistry which opened up so

many doors for him, and he met so many wonderful people. To know him was to love him. One of A.D.'s greatest joys was to see and be part of individuals becoming lay leaders or entering the ministry. He had bragging rights on several. He considered Rev. Thomas T. Markham Jr. to be his "first son" in ministry.

Getting older with bone and skin problems slowed his actions, but he continued to be jolly, enjoyed the church, civic activities, Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion and parades.

A life story seen through the eyes of wife, Betty, wishing to say thanks to all friends who helped him in his life adventures in Virginia Conference, the American Legion, and all who crossed paths with him.

Love of God's great blessing for all.

Rev. Goodson is survived by his wife of 66 years, Betty Fisher Goodson; his daughter, Kim Goodson Clary, and her husband, Ed, of South Hill; a sister, Gloria Webb, of West Virginia; and two grandsons: Mike Clary and wife, Jennifer of Church Road; Dane Clary and wife, Shelley, and great-granddaughter, Kinley, of Bedford.

ROBERT FLETCHER HARDY III

1922 - 2013

R. Fletcher Hardy III, my daddy and the pastor of my growing up years, was born in Chester in 1922. During his childhood, the family followed his father's railroad jobs, moving from place to place. They settled in the Brosville community, near Danville. Dad met the love of his life, Ann Arnn, and after he returned from World War II, they married in 1946.

When the call to full time pastoral ministry came, he and Mom moved to Wilmore, Ky., to attend Asbury College then Asbury Theological Seminary. During his seminary years, he pastored Rock Bridge Methodist Church and People's Chapel. He completed seminary then returned to the Virginia Conference and was ordained Elder in 1957. He served a variety of parishes. He started his ministry in a five point charge, served as a Conference Evangelist, and even served the same appointment twice. His appointments included: Oakland (Dry Fork), Stokesland (Danville), Locust Grove (Salem), Fox Hill Central (Hampton), Madison Heights (Madison Heights), Pleasant Grove (Figsboro), and Harmony (Cascade)

Dad deeply loved people and followed Jesus' example of meeting needs wherever he encountered them. He often brought strangers into our home offering a meal and a place to sleep. He provided meaningful work and a safe place of recovery for many people working through difficult life journeys.

Dad loved to preach and felt a special call to evangelism. He preached many revivals in churches all over Virginia and across the Southeast. He was also deeply committed to challenging people to deepen their faith through Bible study, prayer and service to others. He was instrumental in equipping many men and women to answer God's call to full time ministry.

Dad's work with a retreat center in the Blue Ridge Mountains, grew from his commitment to nurture believers in their faith. He envisioned a place where children, young people and adults could all rest in the beauty of God's creation and nurture their faith through conferences, retreats, and camps. Dad invited others to join in this work and Higher Ground Christian Retreat Center took shape. While continuing to serve pastorates, Dad recruited family and friends to give resources and labor to develop this ministry. As a result of my father's faithfulness, Higher Ground Christian Retreat Center still exists in ministry today.

Above all, Dad was committed to his family. Mom and Dad raised seven children together. We all knew that Dad loved us deeply. He supported our dreams and helped us achieve them. He and Mom celebrated with us when life brought great joy and walked with us through our most unimaginable sorrow. We always knew they were praying for us every day and ready to help us in any way they could. As their health began to fade and we stayed with them each night, bedtime always meant hymn singing and prayer for all the concerns of the family and close friends.

Robert Fletcher Hardy leaves behind a legacy of deep love for God, for his family and for The United Methodist Church.

Submitted by Margaret Hardy Snider

KENNETH JULIUS JACKSON

1951 - 2014

Kenneth Julius Jackson was born Jan. 12, 1951 in Greenville, S.C. Ken was the second of five children born to James and Phyllis Jackson. During his early years he lived with his parents and four siblings, his aunt and uncle and their six children and his maternal grandparents. He attended St. Anthony's Catholic School and Joseph E. Beck High School. He was a member of John Wesley United Methodist Church in Greenville.

After graduating from high school, Ken attended South Carolina State University, where he played the tuba in the marching band, one year traveling to California to play in the Tournament of Roses Parade. He was also played on the Jazz Band and travelled to Mexico. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. He graduated from college in 1973 and moved to Roanoke to work as the District Executive for the Boys Scouts of America. In 1976 he transferred to Northern

Virginia to become the District Executive for the Alexandria District. It was through the Boy Scouts that he met Gail Bell, who was in charge of youth programs for Hopkins House.

Ken was fond of telling how he met Gail on Monday and asked her to marry him on Thursday of the same week. They were married in July, 1977. Their first child, Elizabeth, was born in September, 1978.

During the next year Ken decided to answer his call to the ministry and enrolled in Wesley Seminary in Washington, D.C. During seminary, Ken served two student pastor appointments, working with the youth at Washington Plaza Baptist Church and Herndon United Methodist Church. After graduating from seminary Ken was appointed to serve Asbury UMC in Newport News, Virginia. He was ordained an elder in 1984. Christopher and Kara were born during his tenure in Newport News. In 1987 the family moved to Highland Park in Richmond. In 1990 Ken was appointed to Franconia UMC. In 1994 Ken became the superintendent of the Lynchburg District. In 2001 the family moved back to Northern Virginia where he served as senior pastor of St. Matthews. In 2010 Ken was appointed as the District Superintendent of the Alexandria District.

During his ministry Ken served on the following conference committees: Virginia United Methodist Pensions, Inc., Joint Committee on Review, was Chair, Commission on Religion and Race, Board of Ordained Ministry and Conference Council on Finance and Administration. Ken was a General Conference delegate in 1996, 2000 and 2004, a Southeastern Conference Jurisdictional delegate in 1996, 2000 and 2004, and an alternate SEJ delegate in 1992, 2008 and 2012.

Ken's always ended his sermons with "And all God's children say Amen."

WILLIAM "BILL" ALBERT JESTER

1932 - 2013

The Rev. William "Bill" Albert Jester was born Sept. 14, 1932, in Suffolk, the son of Carl Franklin Jester and Mary Stephenson Jester Lewis. Bill is survived by his best friend, constant partner and devoted wife of 55 years and three months, Katie Curry Loflin Jester, of Roanoke, who he affectionately called "Kay." Their marriage (March 15, 1958, in Asheboro, N.C.) was a testimony of unconditional love. He is also survived by their son, W. Albert Jester Jr., and his wife, Angelique; two grandchildren: Brandon Albert Jester and Faith Armindy Jester of Uniontown, Ohio, near Akron; an older brother, C. Franklin Jester, Jr., of Franklin; a step-sister, Patricia Jester Apperson, and her husband, Norris, of Newport News.

Bill graduated from Randolph-Macon College with a BA in 1955, where he was a member of Theta Chi fraternity and Pi Delta Epsilon (Honorary Journalism.) He received a Bachelor of Divinity from Candler School of Theology, Emory University in Atlanta in 1958; and a Master of Divinity, also from Candler, in 1972. Both Bill and his wife, Kay, are members of the "1836 Society of Emory University." Bill became a member of the Virginia Conference in 1956 and was ordained an Elder in 1960, in full connection. He served with distinction for 40 years prior to retiring in 1996.

Through the grace of God, he ministered in the name of Christ at: Buckrow Beach, Hampton (1958-59), Peninsula District; Broadway (1959-60), Winchester District; Rappahannock Charge (1960-62), serving Flint Hill, Washington, Sperryville and Willis Chapel churches in Charlottesville District; Rhodes at Afton (1962-64), Charlottesville District; Beth-Horon at Natural Bridge Station (1964-66), Staunton District; Wayne Hills and Oak Hill (1966-69), Staunton District; Grace at Middletown (1969-76), Winchester District; Hites Chapel (1975-76), Middletown; Singers Glen Charge (1976-80), Harrisonburg District; Brookville (1980-84), Lynchburg District; Market Street (1984-86), Winchester District; Trinity at King George (1986-94), Ashland District; Grace at Rollins Fork (1996-1998); Luray (1994-96), Harrisonburg District. After retiring in 1996 and moving to Roanoke, Bill served part-time at Lawrence Memorial at Bent Mountain (1996-2011).

At all of the appointments, a net gain was realized in membership and worship attendance. All "Prior-claim and World Service Apportionments" were paid in full at all of these churches every year! Preaching the Word of God was top priority, and Bill enjoyed weaving into his messages "stories and illustrations" and "solos by his wife." Bill (and Kay) became well-known to all of their many friends and loved ones as the organizers who created lasting and profound friendships in the neighborhoods where they lived and in the churches they served. This was evident on March 15, 2008, when more than 150 friends and former church members attended their 50th wedding anniversary celebration dinner, hosted by their son and his family, held at Lawrence Memorial UMC.

Bill loved to grow roses, and during the growing season, there were roses in a vase every day in their kitchen window. He was a loving and nurturing husband, and he spoiled their five dogs: Waga, Blaze, Gold, Peppy and Blondie. His life was filled with service to his Lord, Jesus Christ as he followed his calling to many churches in Virginia. His calm and inner-strength and his supportive and loving wife, Kay, helped many churches learn the real meaning of being a "Christ-filled community." His wit endeared him to many, and he was always one who had a joke or story to tell. His unfaltering spirit blessed all of those who came to know this gentle giant of a man. Since 1996, Bill loved living in their home in Roanoke surrounded by wonderful neighbors and friends. Upon retirement, Bill placed his charge conference membership at Greene Memorial UMC in Roanoke. They became active members of the Paul Coffey Sunday School class. Bill filled in teaching the class when needed, and they enjoyed serving the church as greeters, serving communion and supporting the

Greene Memorial Fine Arts Series.

Bill left a legacy of faith and love. His life was an inspiration and his memory a benediction. As some people journey through life, they leave footprints wherever they go. Footprints of kindness, love, courage, compassion, humor, inspiration, joy and faith. Even when they are gone, we can still look back and clearly see the trail they left behind — a trail bright with hope that invites us to follow. Bill left all of us this trail to follow him to Jesus.

Submitted by Kay Jester and the Rev. Jim McClung

MARY MARGARET COOK JONES

1959 – 2014

On Good Friday, Mary Margaret Cook Jones, pastor of Motley and New Bethel Churches in Hurt, died in the parsonage she loved amid the community she cherished and felt called to serve. Mary is survived by spouse Dale; sons Matthew and Mark, and Mark's wife Jen; mother Margaret "Peggy" Cook; sisters Colleen Hewitt, Bonnie Cook, and Rebecca Miller; and numerous other family members.

Mary was an active member of St. Luke UMC in Lexington, Ky., when God called her to full-time ministry. She enrolled in Lexington Theological Seminary and in 1994 graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary. In late 1995, she moved to Virginia Beach to become director of Christian Education at Thalia UMC. In 1997 she was consecrated as a diaconal minister in the Virginia Conference.

Mary's ministry at Thalia was appreciated by those within and beyond the congregation; in 1999 she became minister of Outreach at Virginia Beach UMC. In 2000 she was ordained deacon. At Virginia Beach UMC, Mary developed a singles ministry, worked with the evangelism team and other committees, did counseling and had primary responsibility for cultivating new members. She met with new or prospective members, led classes in basic Christianity, and conducted new member orientations, helping those unfamiliar with United Methodism understand the UMC. Bob Cofield, senior pastor for four of Mary's 10 years at Virginia Beach, noted that "Mary could identify with the youth of the church as easily as she could with the older members." Bob remembers Mary as a team player and "a very caring person who wanted to make sure that she provided a meaningful ministry for the members of the church she served. She felt that if the staff could not work together effectively, then how could we expect the members of the church to do so." Always an avid animal lover, Mary volunteered at the local animal shelter and occasionally adopted homeless pets. She also helped with Emmaus and Chrysalis retreats, was a counselor with Tidewater Pastoral Counseling, and wrote some articles for the *Virginia United Methodist Advocate*.

In 2009, Mary was appointed as pastor of the New Bethel/Motley Charge. The Rev. Larry Davies, Mary's district superintendent, remembers getting lost taking Mary to the two churches. "Mary simply laughed and took it all in stride." With her first visit, she had a strong sense of God's call to these churches and their community, affirmed by her DS: "She knew God called her to serve New Bethel UMC and Motley UMC on the Lynchburg District, and she served them both with gusto. Not only did all the church members know who she was, the whole community got to know her quickly. She had a huge heart for people, whether they were members or not and she was known as the 'Pastor who cares.' If you didn't see her personally, you would soon hear from her on Facebook."

Mary's second year and the first part of her third year at Motley/New Bethel were complicated by cancer surgery, radiation and chemotherapy. However, she missed only two Sundays during that time, continuing to preach, teach, baptize new Christians and receive new members, and leading New Bethel in constructing a long-discussed fellowship hall. Davies noted "even when she was sick and unable to visit, she kept up correspondence with everyone."

After a season of restored health, Mary's cancer returned with a disabling vengeance in 2013. Dick Daily, who stepped out of retirement to serve alongside Mary at Motley and New Bethel during the final year of her life, aptly described her: "Mary and I forged a strong and mutually-supportive bond in a very short time. That was easy with Mary; she would let you be yourself, love you for who you are, and help you walk in faith to reach your highest level of service. Though she was truly a 'country girl' at heart, she was comfortable in any crowd, but, by her own accounting, was best in one-on-one conversations. Mary was a terrific counselor, and through the years of her ministry in the Church she had a significant role in helping many individuals rise up out of adversity and find their God-directed path. Mary found her calling, and she invited others to discover theirs. Mary's greatest gift in ministry was her great capacity to love, which was also her greatest asset as a friend, colleague, wife, mother, daughter, sister and Soldier of the Cross. I use that last phrase to describe her because she showed us all how to live and how to die. She was one of the most devoted Christians that I have ever met...nothing phony or pretentious in her. She was humble, funny, told the truth, and held your hand and your heart. Like the many friends, colleagues, parishioners, and family, it was my great joy to have known, loved and been loved by Mary Jones."

*– Dale Jones, with Rev. Robert F. Cofield Jr.,
Rev. Larry E. Davies, and Dr. Richard A. Daily*

RAYMOND SIDNEY KELLEY
1925 - 2013

The eternal spirit of the Rev. Raymond S. Kelley, Retired, left the earthly body on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2013, at his home in Ironto. He was the son of the late Raymond Ashler and Bertha Stewart Kelley. He is survived by his immediate family: wife of 65 years, Joyce, of Ironto; daughter, Shirley McDonald and her husband, Paul, of Lawrenceville, Ga.; son, Capt. Michael R. Kelley, USCG, Ret, and his wife, Joanne, of Palm Harbor, Fla., and three grandchildren: Brittany Nahman and her husband, Chris, of Los Angeles; Chase Kelley, a college sophomore at Northeastern University in Boston; and Rowan Kelley, a high school sophomore in Palm Harbor.

Kelley certainly didn't plan to become a minister. He left home to go to work at age 13 and at 18 was drafted into the Army. He was trained as a medic stateside but upon arriving on Utah Beach at Normandy in 1944, he was handed a rifle and "volunteered" to be an Military Policeman. He was wounded in Germany and carried both physical and mental scars until his death. He returned to high school after his discharge and graduated with his wife in 1949.

In the small Methodist Church in Elliston, on a rainy night in September of 1957, he heard Rev. Ed Taylor preaching and he responded to the message, the subject of which he could not recall. In early 1963, he felt that God wanted him to "go and preach the gospel" and he received his license to preach from the Locust Grove United Methodist Church. He pursued and successfully completed the required five-year Methodist Course of Study while working full time in production management, and also pastoring the four-point Rich Valley Circuit in Smyth County. He was ordained by Bishop L. Scott Allen at the 1970 Holston Annual Conference at Brainard UMC in Chattanooga. He continued his education by attending religion courses at Wytheville and New River Community Colleges, and continuing education units offered by the conference and district. From early childhood he had a passion for reading anything he could find and in his later years was comforted by his collection of reference books surrounding him.

In 1963, he received a call from the district superintendent to fill in on the Botetourt Charge. At the annual conference in 1964, he was appointed to the Alleghany-Piedmont Charge, now known as Alta Mons UMC. During his years there, he moved to Marion to accept a position with Brunswick Corp., but continued his appointment for two more years, driving back and forth from Marion to Shawsville (160 miles round trip) on Sundays for services and to visit the sick. He was appointed as a part time minister to the full time, four-point Chatham Hill Circuit in Rich Valley in the Holston Conference in 1968.

In October 1972, he left his employment with Brunswick to go into the ministry full time. He accepted an invitation to minister to the Christiansburg Circuit. He remained there until appointed to the Pembroke Charge in 1975. He remained at Pembroke until 1990, when he retired. He held many revival services during this time and at one time preached 18 weeks consecutively, driving every night as far as to Floyd, Appomattox or Rocky Mount.

After retirement, he accepted part-time appointments with various churches in the New River Valley and continued preaching for another ten years until his health began to decline. He continued teaching the adult Sunday school class at White Memorial UMC in Shawsville until his failing health made it impossible to do so.

During his years at Pembroke he was honored as the Virginia Conference "Rural Pastor of the Year" in 1978. He was not only the church's minister, but his loving care and concern for all people caused local church and community leaders to call him "the community's pastor" and "the shepherd of the hills." His reference books were donated to Pembroke's First UMC library, and to pastors throughout the Virginia Conference who expressed an interest in them... much to the chagrin of his son who had to carry the boxes to the car.

Rev. Kelley loved God and His people with a special emphasis on little children and those who may be hungry; significant donations were received and have been distributed to local organizations in his memory. The colorful birds, squirrels, deer, rabbits and God's other "critters" that came to visit him each day now come to comfort his family.

ROGERS STATON LAUDERMILK
1937 - 2013

Rogers Laudermilk was born Feb. 4, 1937, in Covington. He graduated from Covington High School in 1956 when he then moved to Waynesboro to work at the General Electric plant, where he worked for several years, during which time he and Katherine were married. He also worked in automobile sales before beginning a successful career in real estate until being called to the ministry.

Rogers and Katherine were members of Calvary UMC in Stuarts Draft, where Rogers was active teaching Sunday School. During this time, he felt a desire to serve others and answered his call to ministry. The Rev. Buddy Wright helped guide Rogers through the process.

Rogers was licensed to preach in September of 1974 and ordained a deacon June 14, 1977, by Bishop Kenneth Goodson. He attended and completed course of study at Duke Divinity School, then attended Ferrum College and transferred to

Longwood College, where he earned degrees in history and education. Rogers was ordained elder June 18, 1990, by Bishop Tom Stockton. Rogers began serving in the Staunton District and over his career served the Farmville, Harrisonburg, Danville, and Winchester Districts. He retired in 1996.

Rogers enjoyed music and singing with his son and granddaughter. He always said music was just as important in worship as the preaching. He was also a great storyteller and gave many memorable sermons. Rogers was always involved in building projects and ministered to Brown Chapel in the Farmville District when their church was destroyed by a fire. He also served on the Camp Overlook Board of Directors. Rogers knowledge of the Bible was amazing. He enjoyed teaching Bible studies and mentoring others into ministry.

Rogers was also involved in emergency services beginning in Waynesboro in the 1960s and continued that work serving with the Buckingham Volunteer Rescue Squad as well as a member of the Stephen City Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company. He had an interest in amateur radio holding a general license with the FCC, call sign W4CK4. He enjoyed history of all kinds as well as the outdoors. He loved hiking, camping and taking long walks.

A celebration of life service was held at Little Mountain UMC in Frederick County, and a committal service followed in the Little Mountain Cemetery.

WALTER ROBERTS (BOB) MCIVOR

1946 - 2014

Walter Roberts (Bob) McIvor was born June 15, 1946, in Petersburg to Roberts and Sylvia McIvor. He attended a few years in the Petersburg school system and then his family, which now included his sister Kathryn, moved to Dinwiddie County where he graduated from Dinwiddie County High School.

During his youth he received and accepted a call to the ministry. He attended Randolph-Macon College and graduated in 1968 with a Bachelor of Arts. Bob then went to Georgia to attend Candler School of Theology at Emory University, where he graduated with a Masters of Divinity in 1971. While attending Candler, he met Suzanne Tapley, whom he married in June 1970.

The first year of marriage he served a student appointment in Suwanee and then came to the Virginia Conference after graduation and served his first appointment — the Surry Charge. He served other churches and in 1974 and 1978 their sons, Matthew and Jonathan, were born. In 1979, Bob joined the Navy as a chaplain. After serving at sea, on shore with the Marines, and overseas for three years, he retired from the Navy in 1994. He then served local churches in the Virginia Conference before his retirement from the conference.

Bob had an intuitive mind and a sense of humor that served him well in counseling and in preaching. He cared very much about those he served and preached the gospel in an eloquent manner. He served on the Board of Ordained Ministry and took this position very seriously. He was a builder; the education building at Beech Grove UMC in Suffolk was built during his pastorate.

Bob died on April 15, 2014, after a lengthy illness that he endured with grace and dignity.

Submitted by Suzanne McIvor

JAMES KERMIT MEADOWS

1939 -2014

James Kermit Meadows, 74, of Mocksville, N.C., died Wednesday, April 23, 2014, at his home. A native of Raleigh County, W.Va., he was born May 1, 1939, to the late James O. Meadows, Jr., and Marjorie Moody Meadows. He was a graduate of Stoco High School in Coal City and St. Leo College.

He had been a resident of Davie County in North Carolina since 2002, was a member of the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church, and attended Hardison United Methodist Church.

He served proudly for 20 years in the United States Air Force, achieving the rank of Senior Master Sergeant. Following his military career, he worked in an administrative capacity with the U.S. government until his retirement in 1995. He retired in order to answer the Lord's call to become a United Methodist minister. He served five churches in the Staunton District. Although formally retired from the ministry since 2002, he continued to serve the Lord through his daily activities. At the time of his death, he was employed by the Davie County school system.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 56 years, to whom he was totally dedicated, two sons, one daughter, eight grandchildren, as well as other extended family members.

He loved God, his country and his family to the nth degree. He was a role model to many. Loved by all who knew him. His physical presence will be missed but he will never ever be forgotten as he was simply "a good man."

MARGARET L. MITCHELL**1947-2014**

Pastor Margaret “Peg”, retired elder, died April 15, 2014 at home in Alexandria. A celebration of life service was April 25 also in Alexandria.

Peg Mitchell was born in Cleveland, Ohio on November 13, 1947 to Glenn and Mildred Nottingham. She graduated from Sharpsville Joint High School in 1965. She received a BA in Library Science from Slippery Rock State University in Slippery Rock, Pa., in 1972. She attended a summer filmmaking program at New York University in the class of 1975. She was ordained deacon in 1998. She attended Virginia Union University Theological Seminary in Richmond, earning a Master’s of Divinity in 2004. She served the God she loved 15 years in the ministry including: Pine Grove/Wesley Chapel UMC in Winchester, the Warren Charge in Front Royal and the Axton Charge in Martinsville.

In 2007 she had to go out on medical disability and in 2013, she retired and was looking forward to spending more time with family. She was hosting a Bible study at the retirement community where she was living, continuing to bring the word of God to many people.

Peg was a great woman and knew how to bring people to the Lord. She will be missed and heaven has certainly gained an angel.

She is survived by children: Tessa (and husband Kevin) Sanborn of Springfield and Clayton (and wife Anita) Mitchell of Alexandria. She is survived by five grandchildren: Chrystopher, Cassidy, Bethany, Abigail and Hannah.

Memorials were asked to be given to churches in Peg’s honor.

RALPH EDELLE MONROE**1929 - 2014**

The Rev. Ralph Edelle Monroe, a retired United Methodist minister from Sharpsburg, Md., had fought with failing health for a decade and finally succumbed and went home to be with Heavenly Father on April 6, 2014, in Richmond. He was 85.

Monroe served the West Virginia, Virginia Conference and Baltimore-Washington conferences over more than six decades in the ministry.

Any task which Rev. Monroe was given he carried out with dignity and professional ability. In his retirement years he volunteered his service as clergy for the Washington County Maryland Hospital Association, and provided historical information to the Tolson’s UMC Chapel Restoration Project.

Tolson’s Chapel is a historic African-American church located in Sharpsburg and the boyhood church of Rev. Monroe. It is also a place of site-seeing near the Antietam Battlefield. Rev. Monroe was dedicated to both the church and the community his intelligence and charisma won for him friends in all walks of life.

Monroe is preceded in death by a daughter, Sara Avon Monroe, and son, Thomas Robert Monroe. He is survived by his wife, Louise McCann Monroe, a daughter, Michelle Monroe-Willis, son-in-law Charles Willis, and one dog grandson Charleston of Chester, Virginia. He also has several nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and colleagues who will be missing him.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 2 Timothy 4:7.

HENRY S. MOODY JR.**1926 - 2014**

Henry S. Moody Jr., born on Jan. 22, 1926, and died on Jan. 13, 2014. He was the second of five children born to Henry S. Moody Sr. and Louise Childress Moody in Richmond. Educated in Richmond Public Schools, he graduated from John Marshall High School in 1943. He volunteered for military service in the Army Air Corps. Henry had a love for flying and wanted to become a pilot. Because of an abundance of pilots, he was trained to be a gunner on a B-17 bomber. His size designated him to be a ball turret gunner. After 35 missions over Germany, he returned home. The war ended soon after. Henry took advantage of the G.I. Bill and attended the University of Richmond, majoring in accounting and business. While still in school, he was married to Marion MacMillan on June 4, 1949. They had met at their home church, Berryman. They were soon blessed with two girls.

After graduation, Henry went to work for Esso Standard Oil for eight years. He learned to fly and purchased a plane with a friend and played semi-pro baseball. Near the end of the eighth year with Esso, Henry felt God’s call to quit his job and study for the ministry. He was obedient, after a struggle of about three months. He entered Union Theological Seminary in Richmond and received his degree.

Henry’s first appointment was to Central Chapel, now Huguenot Road UMC, Richmond District. His assignment was to survey the Bon Air area for a new church. His next appointment was to St. Matthews in Goochland County. From there he moved east of Richmond to Willis Church in Glendale. His next appointment was to Mount Pleasant in Roanoke.

He was then sent to the Harrisonburg District to serve Evangelical in Elkton. From there he went to Sledd Memorial in Danville. After that, he returned to the Roanoke District to serve Central UMC in Salem, where he retired in 1991. Immediately after retiring, Henry was asked to serve Locust Grove for 10 months. It was a pleasant time in spite of his being in the mood for retirement.

Henry will be remembered for his great love for Jesus and his close walk with the Holy Spirit. His love for his family and his flock, his generosity, as well as his humility, endeared him to so many people. Many have said that they could see Jesus in him. He loved life and had a great sense of humor.

Henry is survived by Marion, his wife of 64 and a half years; daughters, Beth E. Moody and Christy M. Davis and her husband, Wayne; their sons, Cameron, Andrew, and Corbin and his wife, Deborah Davis. He is also survived by two of his sisters, Genevieve Long and Sandra Richardson, and his brother, Ronald H. Moody.

A memorial service was held on Jan. 17, 2014, at Central UMC in Salem. The Rev. Kristen Holbrook used many of the words that Henry himself had written for his own service, inspiring others to be more loving and humble. Even in his death, just as in his life, Henry wanted Glory to be given to God, not to Henry Moody. Praise God!

JOHN B. MORRIS

1950 - 2013

The Rev. John B. Morris, 63, of Williamsburg, passed away on Nov. 13, 2013.

Morris graduated from William & Mary, and went on to Duke Divinity School, where he graduated with his Masters in Divinity. He served as minister in 12 churches for more than 40 years in Virginia and in North Carolina. He loved helping and blessing people. He loved his grandchildren, and his family remembers his sense of humor, and how much he loved to learn and teach. He gave his time to hospice organizations in Williamsburg, where he received one of the first awards for Spiritual Advisor.

Rev. Morris is survived by his wife of 35 years, Bettie Morris; children, John T. Morris (Laura), Jennie Morris Martin, David B. Morris, and Ellie Morris; grandchildren, Amber, Chase, Dane, Olivia, and Xavier; parents, Barry and Betty Morris; brothers, Howell Morris (Laurie) and David Morris (Deirdre); sister, Lee Anne Saslavski (David) and a large extended family.

EUGENE JACKSON (JACK) PARRISH

1927 - 2013

Eugene Jackson Parrish (Jack) was born on Aug. 10, 1927, at Nortonville, in Albemarle County, the youngest of five children of Louis Cranston Parrish and Mamie Wood Parrish.

Jack graduated from Broadus Wood High School in 1945. In the fall of that year he joined the U.S. Merchant Marines and took training at Sheepshead Bay in Brooklyn, N.Y. After finishing training and earning his Coast Guard Certification, he sailed on many different ships, mostly Liberty Ships of World War II vintage. Various ships carried him to ports in England, France, Germany, Italy and North Africa.

After leaving the U.S. Merchant Marines, he attended the Nashville Auto Diesel College and opened his own auto repair shop at Nortonville until 1954. He was then drafted in the U.S. Army. After basic training in Fort Jackson, S.C. he was sent to Germany, where he spent 17 months in the 704th Ordinance Battalion. After being discharged and returning home to Nortonville, he began working at the Charlottesville Auto Parts Corp. After several years he worked his way up to becoming part-owner and vice president of the company. When the business was sold he and his wife, Glory, leased and operated a small grocery store (called Markwood) located between Nortonville and Earlysville for a couple of years.

Jack had been very active in Bingham United Methodist Church, in Nortonville, after his marriage to Glory Roach in 1957. He served as Sunday school superintendent and teacher, and also as a lay leader in the Charlottesville District. In 1973, he was appointed to fill in as a local pastor at Mount Chapel UMC near Ruckersville. Not realizing at the time that the Lord was preparing him for future service, he thought he would be there for only a few weeks, but the conference appointed him pastor at Mount Chapel for 1974-75. Then realizing that God had called him, he began to prepare for the education he needed. He attended Piedmont Virginia Community College in Charlottesville and Rappahannock Community College in Glens. He got his seminary training at Duke Divinity School.

Jack became affectionately known as "Rev. Jack" during his ministry. He served on the Schuyler/Green Mountain Charge in Nelson County; the West Mathews Charge at Mobjack in Mathews County; then served at Ebenezer UMC at Oldhams in Westmoreland County. His last full time appointment was Weyers Cave UMC in the Shenandoah Valley before retiring in 1994.

Rev. Jack stayed very busy in retirement for many years, being pastor at Mount Vernon/South River Charge for a while as well as filling in for other pastors as needed. He preached many revivals (which he really liked doing) not only at Methodist churches, but also at Baptist and Brethren churches. He filled in as pastor for while at Stanardsville Baptist Church

until they hired a Baptist pastor.

Jack was a family man and a “people” person. He was always friendly and he never met a stranger. He loved pitching horseshoes, playing Scrabble and going to University of Virginia women’s basketball games. He was an avid Virginia Cavalier fan of both basketball and football. He was a former member of the Weyers Cave Ruritans and a member of the Albemarle Ruritan Club. He enjoyed bluegrass, country and especially gospel music. He was a member of the Piedmont Virginia Fiddle & Banjo Association.

Jack went to be with the Lord on June 6, 2013, after a long battle with Alzheimer’s.

Jack is survived by his wife of 55 years, Glory Roach Parrish of Charlottesville; three daughters: Diane Bunyea and her husband, Matt, of Ruckersville; Marcia Parrish of Charlottesville; and Becky Sadler and her husband, Barry, of Dutton. Also surviving him are three grandchildren: Kelly Smoker and her husband, Philip, of Keswick; Brandon Bunyea and his wife, Sarah, of Stanardsville; and Jessica DeHoux and her husband, Josh, of Foster; and five great grandchildren: Tyler, Will, Mason and Lily Bunyea and Jackson DeHoux.

Jack was a loving husband, devoted father and grandfather, and is greatly missed by his family. We look forward to our reunion with him in Heaven one day.

-His family: Glory, Diane, Marcia & Becky

SHIRLEY ANNETTE POMEROY

1949 - 2013

S. Annette Pomeroy was called home by her Lord and Savior on Aug. 6, 2013, at 64. She was born in Morgantown, W.Va., to Theda and Willis Pomeroy. Family was very important to her. Her daughter Sara-Ann Pomeroy was dearly loved. Annette also stayed close with her sister Donna Guseman, and brother Kent Pomeroy and their families.

After teaching in West Virginia for a few years, S. Annette attended Duke University to acquire her Masters in Religious Education. She continued to seek knowledge and training throughout her life and acquired certifications in Older Adult Ministries and Accounting.

She served the Christian ministry as a Diaconal minister and Certified Director of Christian Education for 33 years in both the West Virginia and Virginia conferences. Congregations served include St. Marks UMC and First UMC, Clarksburg in West Virginia, and Larchmont, Community, First UMC Newport News and Crenshaw in Blackstone. In retirement, S. Annette became an active member of Warwick Memorial UMC, Newport News.

S. Annette was active on several committees and boards. These included the Virginia Conference Board of Ordained Ministry’s Certification Committee, Peninsula District Committee on Ordained Ministry, the conference Board of Diaconal Ministry, Peninsula District Council on Ministry, and conference Christian Educators Fellowship.

S. Annette touched many lives throughout her life and work. She gave her life to her family and the service of the Lord. She is greatly missed by everyone she touched.

CHARLES ASHBY SHUMATE

1961 - 2013

The Rev. Charles “Chuck” Ashby Shumate was the oldest son of Carolyn and David Shumate.

Chuck planned to be a doctor and his siblings Tammy and Mike were shocked that he switched to ministry. His grandmother was praying for a preacher in the family and was thrilled.

Chuck married the love of his life, Joyce. Their love and family quickly grew, giving birth to five daughters in six years. Chuck and the Shumate family served seven appointments in the Virginia Conference: Asbury Memorial: Bachelors Hall, Oak Hall Charge: Oak Hall, Fairview: Lynchburg, Amelon: Madison Heights, Morrison: Newport News, Market Street in Onancock and Haygood, Virginia Beach.

In 2013, Chuck was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. When he found out he was dying one of the first things he said was, “This might mean I get to meet my Maker in whom I’ve professed my faith a little sooner.” Chuck lived every moment to the fullest, playing with his grandchildren, watching the sunsets, harvesting vegetables from his gardening, eating cupcakes, and always finding a way to make others laugh. Even in moments of great pain, he would respond to the question, “How are you?” by saying, “So far so good!”

Charles dedicated his life to serving the Lord. He was an amazing husband, father, and pastor. Chuck was an amazing person who knew how to dream big, love deeply, and give selflessly. He lives on through his loving wife of 32 years, Joyce; his daughters: Sherri, Kimberly, Jennifer, Chrystal, Heather; son-in-laws: Dan, Matt, Mark, Brendan; grandchildren: Joey, Bradley, Riley, Maggie, Zoey; siblings Tammy and Mike, and an amazing group of extended family and friends.

WILLIAM F. QUILLIAN JR.
1913 - 2014

Dr. William F. Quillian, Jr., died March 4, 2014, at Westminster-Canterbury where he and his wife have lived since 2003. He was born on April 13, 1913, in Nashville, Tenn. His parents were Dr. and Mrs. William F. Quillian. His father was a Methodist minister whose career was mostly in educational (president of Wesleyan College in Georgia) and church administrative positions. He had one sister, Christine Quillian Searcy, whose husband, Dr. Hubert F. Searcy, was president of Huntingdon College.

Dr. Quillian graduated from Emory University with the A.B. degree. He continued study at Yale University, receiving the B.D. and Ph.D. degrees. He was awarded the Day Fellowship by Yale, enabling him to spend a year in study at Edinburgh University in Scotland and at the University of Basel in Switzerland.

He has been awarded the following honorary degrees: LL.D. from Ohio Wesleyan University, Hampden-Sydney College and Randolph-Macon College, Litt.D. from Emory University and L.H.D. from Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

He is survived by his wife of 74 years, Margaret Weigle Quillian, a Vassar graduate and the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Luther A. Weigle, her father having been formerly dean of the Yale Divinity School, and four children, William F. Quillian III (Tina) of Lynchburg; Anne Acree Quillian of Atlanta; Katherine Quillian Solberg (Terry) of Cody, Wy.; and Robert M. Quillian (Sue) of Olympia, Wash. Also surviving are a niece, Jane Searcy Sheffield, eight grandchildren: Laura, Quint, Adam, Teague, Kimberly, Mary, Joshua and Elizabeth, and five step-grandchildren: Chris, Craig, Dawn, Eric and Grant — along with numerous great-grandchildren and step great-grandchildren and one step great-great-grandchild.

An ordained United Methodist minister, Dr. Quillian's career was mostly in education. He began his career in education as assistant professor and then professor of Philosophy at Gettysburg College from 1941 to 1945. In 1945 he was appointed professor of Philosophy at Ohio Wesleyan University. In 1952 he became president of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, now known as Randolph College, a position which he held until retirement in 1978.

Following retirement, he accepted employment as senior vice president in what was then Central Fidelity Bank (now Wells Fargo Bank), a position which he held for 10 years. Immediately upon retiring from the bank position, he was appointed the first executive director of the Greater Lynchburg Community Trust. He served in that position for 10 years, retiring again in 1998.

Throughout his career he was active in civic and philanthropic endeavors; positions held included president and director of the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce; board member, president and campaign chair of the United Way of Central Virginia; director of the Lynchburg General Marshall Lodge Hospital; director and president of the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center; president of Point of Honor, Inc.; director of the Lynchburg Museum System, of Family Services of Central Virginia, of the Lynchburg Metropolitan Red Cross Chapter, and of the Adult Care Center; Member of the Development Advisory Committee of the Virginia Legal Aid Society; member and vice chair of the Board of Governors of the ATO Fraternity Foundation; and Director of The Westminster-Canterbury Foundation.

Other recognitions and awards include The Jackson Davis Award for Distinguished Service to Higher Education given by the Virginia Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (1979); The Brotherhood Citation from the National Conference of Christians and Jews (1972); The "Dink" Cloyd Award for Service to The Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce (1987); The United Way's Virginia Whitehouse Award for Outstanding Community Service (1992); The Hunton YMCA's Distinguished Community Service Award (1992); The Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce's Pro Opera Civica Award (1992); the 1989 Governor's Award for Volunteering Excellence; The Mayor's Award of Excellence (2001); and the Greater Lynchburg Community Trust Quillian Award, established in 2011 with Dr. Quillian as first recipient.

Quillian was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa, the American Philosophical Association, the American Academy of Religion, the Society for Values in Higher Education, and the American Association of University Professors. Publications included *The Moral Theory of Evolutionary Naturalism* (Yale Press, 1945), *Evolutionary Thought in America* (Yale Press, 1950), *Voices from R-MWC* (Warwick House Publishers, 2010), and numerous articles for philosophical, educational and religious journals.

The recreational love of Dr. Quillian's life was the game of golf, at which he was, if not the best, at least the most persistent in striving to shoot his age, which, but for knee and hip problems in his latter years, would no doubt have been another of his accomplishments.

No one had ever met him who was not immediately drawn to him because of his natural charm and grace. His love for his family, college and community was deep and abiding, and he lived by the principle that doing the right thing in all situations was not simply the correct choice, but the only choice. In the words of Cab Calloway, like Minnie, Dr. Quillian "had a heart as big as a whale."

DERMONT JAMES REID**1920 - 2014**

The Rev. Dermont James Reid, 93, died April 20, 2014. He was born on July 3, 1920, in Thomasville, N.C., to the late Hugh and Emma Reid and grew up in Burlington. He was predeceased by a son, Kenneth David Reid. He is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Tennie P. Reid; a daughter, Carol R. Ward and her husband Rudy; granddaughters, Christina Ward Sulzer, and her husband Tom, and Carrley Reid Norton and her husband Ryan; and his great-grandchildren, Hudson and Ann Harper Sulzer and Brody Norton.

After graduating from high school, he served in the U.S. Air Force before starting his quest to become a Methodist minister. He obtained a B. S. degree from Elon University and a degree in Divinity from Duke University. Before graduating from Duke, he started his career in Haw River, N.C. After graduating, he served churches in Elizabeth City, Burlington, Laurinburg, Henderson and Greenville in North Carolina; Wichita, Kansas; and Red Wood and Staunton in Virginia before retiring. After retiring, he and Tennie returned to Burlington.

CHERYL LYNN SIMMONS**1955 - 2014**

Cheryl was born Dec. 14, 1955, to Thomas and Betty Simmons in Baton Rouge, La. Her father, who passed away six months before her death, was a retiree from the United States Navy.

Cheryl went to her heavenly home on March 22, 2014. She is survived by her mother, Betty and sister, Terri Cook and husband John. Cheryl accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized when she was eight years of age. She was dedicated to her calling to serve the Lord. She loved people and especially children, and recalled often their dedication and baptism.

Cheryl graduated from Bayside High School in Virginia Beach. She went to Louisiana College and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Music, Summa Cum Laude. She then went to the University of Louisville in Kentucky to work on her Masters in Music. She attended one year and felt the call to go into the ministry. She graduated from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville with a Master of Divinity in Religious Education. After seminary she was a Baptist Student Union intern in Roanoke. While there she was ordained by the Calvary Baptist Church in 1982. She served two Baptist Churches as an associate: First Baptist in Waynesboro and Vienna Baptist in Vienna. She then served as associate pastor at Arlington UMC in Arlington. On June 12, 2000, she was recognized by the Virginia Conference as an elder. She served Bethlehem in Unionville, Salem, Rhoadesville, Community in Virginia Beach, Central in Hampton, First UMC Fox Hill and West End in Portsmouth.

Cheryl was recognized five years in Outstanding Women of America. Her life bore witness to her dedication to the Lord and to the people to whom she ministered. She was a caring and generous person. She served on the Ethics Committee and was chair of the Virginia Annual Conference Planning Committee. Emmaus weekends were very special times for her.

She is greatly missed by her family and all who loved her. God saw fit to take Cheryl to be with Him at an early age, but her legacy will live on for many years in the lives she touched. Our loss is heaven's gain.

HOWARD CABELL SMITH**1926 - 2013**

Howard Cabell Smith was born on June 28, 1926, in Martinsville. He was the son of a Methodist minister, the Rev. Ernest C. Smith, who served in the Virginia Conference for more than 50 years. Growing up in a pastoral family, Howard experienced firsthand the joys and challenges of being a part of the United Methodist Church.

Howard graduated from Concord High School in 1944. Before he could undertake any of his college or career goals, he received a draft notice and was assigned to the U. S. Army. Howard was sent to basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C, and later was stationed in Germany and other parts of Europe as World War II came to a conclusion. After returning to the U.S., he enrolled at Ferrum College in the fall of 1946.

While a student at Ferrum, Howard had many accomplishments. From 1947-1948 he was vice president of the student body and a member of the Veterans Association. He was also captain of the basketball team in 1948, being voted most athletic the same year. Howard completed his two-year studies there in May 1948. While at Ferrum, he met his future wife, Gaytha Alma Whitlock, and they were married in 1950. This union yielded two children, Patricia and Paul Smith.

Howard later enrolled at and graduated from Virginia Southern Business College in Roanoke. He completed classes there in accounting and bookkeeping. He fully expected to have a long, successful career in the business field, but while attending his brother Aaron's church, Villa Heights Methodist in Roanoke, Howard felt the call to full-time ministry and pursued a different career path. He later completed religious studies at Bridgewater College in 1961 and then attended Westminster Theological Seminary in Westminster, Md. He entered into the Virginia Conference as elder in 1963.

Howard served the following charges: Page, Mount Solon, Stanley, Broadway and New Hope in the Shenandoah Valley;

Bassett Memorial in Bassett, and Basic in Waynesboro, retiring from there in 1991. Howard also held several district and conference positions. He was a member of the Regional Board of the Roanoke United Methodist Home and a member of the conference Board of Church and Society.

Howard died Oct. 28, 2013, and is survived by his daughter, Patricia Mitchell; son, Paul Smith and wife, Vickie; and granddaughters, Erin Leigh Stemick and Ashley Page Smith, as well as several nieces and nephews. Gaytha preceded Howard in death on Sept. 12, 1999.

During the course of preparing this memoir, the Rev. Harley Bender, a close, personal friend of Howard's, shared some of his memories of their friendship. Harley recollected a time in 1994 when he suffered a heart attack and was out of the pulpit for several months. He stated, "While I was recovering Howard filled the pulpit for me without any pay or compensation other than the goodwill of the people and my deepest appreciation. Howard also came to visit me every day and brought me my mail."

He recalls Howard as being an avid golfer and always immensely enjoyed playing with him on a weekly basis as they both loved the game so much they wanted to play that often. Harley further stated, "I will always remember him as a true and special friend and an excellent minister for the Lord, Jesus Christ and as a loving and caring pastor. He was a person of high integrity and devotion to the Lord. Through this relationship Howard endeared himself to me forever."

Growing up as the nephew of Howard, I recollect fondly spending many Christmas seasons and other holidays with him and his family. Due to the untimely death of my father (Rev. Aaron D. Smith) at a young age, Howard and I developed more of a father-son relationship in his later years. I remember Howard as proclaiming great faith in the Lord, having an enjoyable sense of humor, and always being able to give great advice on whatever subject matter was being discussed. At every church he ever served, the congregation profited immensely, both spiritually and financially. Howard was able to put his business skills and spiritual guidance to good use at every charge, particularly at the New Hope appointment, where a new sanctuary was constructed under his pastorate.

One special memory I have of Howard and Gaytha was how they were such devoted fans of the Atlanta Braves and were certain never to miss a telecast of their games when they aired regularly on Atlanta's TBS network. I don't think there was a happier day for them both than when the Braves reached their pinnacle by winning the 1995 World Series.

Howard is certainly one to be missed. His gift of ministry to the Virginia Conference will be long remembered by all of those who knew him. He did a good job at every appointment he served and is still praised for guiding many churches during some difficult times. I am a better person for having Howard as my uncle and, like all others, rejoice in the fact that God has called him home to his eternal reward.

-Jonathan O. Smith

WILLIAM HENRY SMITH

1927 - 2014

The Rev. William H. Smith, 87, of Appomattox, died March 19th, 2014. He was born in Dayton, Ohio on March 3, 1927, of the late Mary Elizabeth (Edwards) and William Henry Smith, Sr.

A Navy veteran, he served in World War II aboard the USS Walter X Young. After attending seminary at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, William founded and served as minister at Sleepy Hollow Community Church in Falls Church from 1953-1965. After working in education and human resources for several years, William returned to the ministry in 1988 as pastor at New Hope UMC until his retirement in 1992.

He was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy, in 2006. He is survived by his sister, Helen Armentrout (Lewis) of Timberville, his children, Michael (Debbie), Sue (Buck), Timothy and Jennifer, ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

MARILYN LEE GAYLORD SPENCER

1943 - 2013

Marilyn Lee Gaylord was born on Aug. 16, 1943 to Olive and Everett Gaylord. Marilyn loved animals of all kinds all her life, and as a child even to the point of carrying a blind chicken around in her bicycle basket.

Marilyn started her ministry activity early by play-preaching in the pulpit as a child while her mother cleaned the church. She was active in civic events, and academics. She loved tumbling athletics and was adventuresome. In her youth, Marilyn was active in 4-H and won several national awards. Marilyn attended Marietta College and was struck blind in her freshman year with M.S. It was at a church communion that she again received her sight. Graduating from college she moved to Sacramento, Calif., to become a medical technologist and met her husband. They were married July 30, 1966. The couple moved to North Dakota for her husband's graduate school, where their son and daughter were born. They moved to Durham, N.C. for three years and then to Woodbridge in 1976. Marilyn was active as a National Zoo volunteer in her spare time, and she was working as a microbiologist until her retirement to become a minister.

While serving in a Northern Virginia hospital and helping an AIDS patient to deal with his affliction, she felt her call-

ing for the ministry. Marilyn entered Wesley Seminary and received graduation in May 1997. She first served as associate pastor at Bethel Church in Woodbridge until 2000, and during a Vacation Bible school event, entered the ranks the few who had kissed a camel. While at Bethel she was active in Emmaus and often served as the pastor for the women's walks. She was active in mission work and took her high school groups to Mexico to help build additional facilities at a border church, and then to several rebuilding projects in our inner cities. She worked as a volunteer in free medical clinics and Volunteers in Mission to Jamaica.

A second assignment in 2000 was the Gordonsville-Barboursville charge until her retirement in 2006.

In addition to preaching the gospel, a few of the highlights of her leadership during this period included leading a group of parishioners to help the rebuilding efforts following the Katrina disaster; establishing a food pantry and a community based rebuilding program for the less fortunate in the community.

Following her retirement in 2006, she and her husband became Virginia Master Gardeners in Prince William County and she took on an active role in helping to raise her three grandchildren. She remained extraordinarily active with her family, her community and the church, right up to her passing into God's hands from lung cancer on June 25, 2013. She is lovingly survived by her husband, her son and daughter and her three grandchildren.

Marilyn was a minister for the community as well as her own parish and family members. She always had time to listen to someone and give them support, and was loved by her parishes and many in the surrounding communities. Although Marilyn will be surely missed by all who knew her, she was always humbled in the knowledge that her Savior's open arms were ready to welcome her home at the end of life's journey.

As remembered by her husband, Henry Spencer

JAMES WALKER UNRUH

1923 - 2013

The Rev. James Walker Unruh died on Dec. 4, 2013, in his home in Blackstone. He was a Methodist minister in the Virginia Conference for 40 years. Unruh was a graduate of Randolph-Macon College in Ashland and Union Theological Seminary in Richmond. He was also a veteran of World War II.

Rev. Unruh was born in Richmond on Nov. 6, 1923. His parents were the Rev. John Garland Unruh and Elsie Murry.

He is survived by: his wife of 62 years, Anne Temple Unruh; and his two children, James Walker Unruh Jr. of Chapel Hill, N.C. and LuAnne Unruh of Louisa. He was predeceased by his two brothers, John Garland Unruh and the Rev. Oliver Murry Unruh.

ROSCOE MARVIN WHITE JR.

1918 - 2013

Marvin served the Virginia Conference and many of its churches for more than 42 years. He retired in 1983. In August of that year, he was asked to serve as the interim pastor at St. Mark's UMC. In June of 1984, he stepped back into retirement.

Before Marvin retired, he served 12 churches all across the Virginia Conference: Christ Church, Newport News; Bethany UMC, Hampton; Charles Wesley UMC, McLean; McKendree UMC, Norfolk; Thrasher Memorial UMC, Vinton; Epworth UMC, Exmore; Herndon UMC, Herndon; Providence UMC, Dare; South Covington UMC, Covington; Shenandoah UMC, Shenandoah; and Bishop Memorial, Richmond. While serving at Shenandoah, he married Bettie Marie Albert. Together they had three children, Roy, Lisa, and Kim, at three different appointments.

Marvin was the son of Dr. Roscoe M. White, a pastor and educator; and Edith Denny White, an officer in the conference Women's Society for Christian Service (UMW). Marvin was the grandson of Bishop Collins Denny, a bishop of the M.E. Church, South.

Marvin was a quiet, gentle soul who excelled at calming turbulent churches and turbulent people. He sought no recognition or honors other than being known as a pastor who served God and God's church. His son Roy has said, "Once I asked Dad, 'Dad, what do you think is the unforgiveable sin?' Dad paused then said, 'I guess the only unforgiveable sin is to refuse to believe you can be forgiven.'"

Marvin accepted people for who they were. He never judged anyone. When racial strife erupted in Virginia during the Civil Rights years from 1956-1968, Dad did not hesitate to include and acknowledge people of all races. This sometimes created problems for some of his church members and some of the leaders, then, of the Virginia Conference. These were the days of resistance to integration and fear and distrust of civil rights for all races. Through it all, Marvin quietly practiced his beliefs and by example tried to bring his people into the light of faith and love. When many conference leaders waffled over how to respond to Dr. King's call justice and love, Marvin was already practicing justice and love, quietly, in his parish ministry. His example helped many to change their attitudes and grow in faith, hope, and love. He was a quiet, hard working, compassionate pastor, serving God and the church.

DALE M. WILSON
1932 - 2014

The Rev. Dale M. Wilson, 81, died April 29, 2014, at Heritage Pointe, Warren, Ind. He was born in Richmond, Ind., the son of the late, Harmon and Nellie (Beasley) White and was later adopted by Marion and Florence (Harris) Wilson. He graduated from Richmond High School (class of 51), went on to earn his Bachelor's degree from Oakland City University and Master's degree from Christian Theological Seminary. On July 3, 1960, he married Patricia Ottinger, in Indianapolis.

Rev. Wilson was a pastor with the Northern Indiana and Virginia Conferences of the United Methodist Church after beginning with EUB churches. He was also a healthcare chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond, Va., and Nanticoke Memorial Hospital in Seaford, Del.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Patricia Wilson, a son, Nathan, of Arlington; a daughter Kathryn Conley, Mechanicsville; two grandchildren, Kathryn (Kacy) Marine, and Samantha Conley; a brother Howard White; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Lowell White, Kenneth White, Ron Wilson and a sister Betty Mitchell.

He was a kind and jolly man who persevered to complete his goals in life.

RALPH J. WIMMER SR.
1921 - 2014

The Rev. Ralph J. Wimmer, Sr., loving husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather, 92, of Boones Mill, died March 25, 2014. He was born Dec. 19, 1921, to the late Claude A. and Nellie M. Wimmer. He was also preceded in death by his sisters, Frances White, Helen Reid and Margaret Nolan; and brother, Carl Wimmer.

Ralph was a graduate of Jefferson High School, received a Bachelors degree from Roanoke College, a Masters degree in Education from Virginia Tech, a Masters Degree in History from Radford College and completed the course of study for the UMC through correspondence and attended Duke Divinity School.

Ralph Served his country in World War II as a member of the United States Army. He taught in Roanoke City School System, was a professor of American History at Ferrum College for 35 years, served as chaplain in the Boones Mill Lions Club. He was also a photographer at many weddings over the years and enjoyed taking photographs of his family, which are a treasure.

One of his favorite hobbies was being a beekeeper, locally known as Ralph's Honey, which many felt was the best honey in Franklin County. Ralph also loved driving for Abbott Bus for several years. He and Dot took several trips around the United States during his time as a driver.

Ralph was known to so many people as an United Methodist minister, having served Bent Mountain, Catawba, McDonald, Shiloh, New Hope and for 35 years at Boones Mill UMC.

He was also a member of Isaacs Lodge #29 AF & AM of Boones Mill, Raised to Master Mason in 1965, was Worshipful Master of Isaacs Lodge #29 AF & AM in 1970 and 1997, District Deputy of 39th Masonic District in 1975 and Grand Master of Masons of Virginia in 1984. He was a member of Roanoke Valley Shrine Club, member of Kazim Shrine for 45 years and he was a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and Past Master. He was a member of Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Virginia.

Ralph is survived by his wife of 65 years, Dorothy B. Wimmer; their children, Ralph Julian Wimmer Jr., and his wife, Claire; Jeanne Wimmer Banks and her husband, Marshall; Cyndee Wimmer Holland; Sandra Wimmer Funk and her husband, Tim; son-in-law, Dennis Holland. He is also survived by eight grandchildren, Jennifer Cribbs (Wayne), Jason Wimmer (fiance Katie), Miranda Banks, Joshua Banks, Mariah Banks, Cole Holland, Carrie Holland, Sarah Funk; two great-grandchildren, Madison Cribbs and Jordan Cribbs.

The family would like to offer special thanks to Tim Funk, his son-in-law, dear friend and caregiver for Ralph, to the personnel at Pheasant Ridge Nursing and Rehab Center who were so kind to Ralph and his family during his brief stay there, hospital personnel at Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital and Roanoke Memorial Hospital, and to the members of the Boones Mill Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Ralph was a wonderful and loving husband and father and his whole family will miss him so much. The family takes comfort knowing that he lived a wonderful and full 92 years of life and that he is now in Heaven with his parents and siblings and with his heavenly Father. It is also a comfort that he is no longer suffering, but has been made whole again.