

N. MEMOIRS

In loving memory of all the clergy members of the Rocky Mountain Conference and their spouses who have died during this year, these memoirs are submitted. A sincere thanks to family members and others, including the liaison work of Nancy Cox and Jana Collins, who share the information on which these memoirs are based.

Richard A. Vickery, Memoirs Secretary

CLERGY MEMBERS & SPOUSES

Name	Date of Birth & Place	Date of Death & Place
O. Gerald Trigg	05/10/1934, Quitman, MS	05/15/2015, Tupelo, MS
Leonard W. Sammons	07/17/1921, Rooks Co., KS	05/21/2015, Hays, KS
Jin-Hwa Hong	05/11/1943, Seoul, South Korea	05/28/2015, Naperville, IL
William Lee Youngblood	07/21/1924, Wesson, MS	06/15/2015, Boulder, CO
Gwendolyn Clare Cooper	08/16/1927, Madrid, NE	06/16/2015, Colorado Springs, CO
Santos Cruz Cordova	09/14/1941, Rocky Ford, CO	06/17/2015, Phoenix, AZ
John Thomas Bennanzar	04/22/1940, Baltimore, MD	06/23/2015, Aurora, CO
Grace Arlene App	05/24/1916, Huntington Co, PA	08/16/2015, Lakeside, OH
George Houser	06/02/1916, Cleveland, CO	08/19/2015, Santa Rosa, CA
Verla Esther Goff	05/01/1913, Seiling, OK	09/15/2015, Tucson, AZ
Frank E. Harvey	02/16/1929, Parkersburg, WV	11/16/2015, Evanston, WY
Joseph A. Booker	11/18/1923, Grand Junction, CO	11/22/2016, Fruita, CO
Lyle Heimerich	01/22/1934	11/26/2015, Denver, CO
Ernest Ruble Greenwood	07/17/1918, Hotchkiss, CO	12/10/2015, Grand Junction, CO
Everett Matz	07/14/1922, Mott, ND	12/15/2015, Milwaukee, WI
William Simmons	04/03/1934, Dayton, OH	12/24/2015, Austin, TX
Dixie Spangler	06/15/1931, Trotwood, OH	01/01/2016, Denver, CO
Dale McArthur	04/24/1928, Marysville, MO	01/21/2016, Tucson, AZ
Wesley T. Logan, Jr.	05/25/1917, Tranquility, NJ	02/20/2016, Minneapolis, MN
Joseph Uemura	07/03/1926, Portland, OR	03/03/2016, Burnsville, MN
Ernestine Harris	05/30/1940, Cincinnati, OH	03/10/2016, Denver, CO
Carrol L. Greenwood	08/11/1924, Willowbar, OK	04/04/2016, Ogden, UT
Walter John Boige grain	04/09/1928, Remington, IN	05/03/2016, Grand Junction, CO

O. GERALD TRIGG



O. Gerald Trigg was born near Quitman, Mississippi in 1934 to O. K. and Cassie Evans Trigg. He graduated from Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi, from Vanderbilt School of Divinity; Nashville, Tennessee in 1957. He was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. Admitted on probation and ordained a deacon in 1957 in the Mississippi Conference, Gerry was admitted into full connection and ordained an elder in 1959. He served congregations in Caswell Springs and Biloxi, Mississippi.

During the difficult years of racial unrest in the early 1960's, Jerry and twenty-seven other young Methodist ministers wrote and signed a statement entitled "Born of Conviction," which resulted in most of them being told to find pastorates out of state. Jerry transferred to the South Indiana Conference where he served churches in Indianapolis, Clarksville and Greencastle. In 1980 he transferred to the Rocky Mountain Conference to accept an appointment to First Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado where he served for twenty-two years prior to his retirement in 2002.

In 1957 Jerry married Rose Cunningham, whom he met as a debate team member at Millsaps College. They shared the next fifty-eight years in marriage together. To them were born son Mark Gerald and daughter Rose Lorene. They are also survived by four grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Throughout his life Jerry was active in social justice issues and participated widely in the congregations, cities and ecumenical faith communities in which he served. He was known as a tireless voice for those needing to be heard, including minorities and victims of injustice.

Jerry died after a long illness and complications from peripheral vascular disease in Tupelo, Mississippi, on May 15, 2015 at eighty-one years of age.

LEONARD W. SAMMONS

Leonard William Sammons was born in Alcona Township, Rooks County, Kansas on July 17, 1921 into the farming family of William H. and Sarah Emma (Combs) Sammons. After graduating from high school in 1938, Leonard earned a Bachelor's of Arts degree from Fort Hays State University. He taught in public schools in rural Rooks County while also working in retail sales.

Leonard graduated from the Pacific School of Theology, Stockton, California, in 1965. He was admitted on trial and ordained a deacon in 1968 in the Rocky Mountain Conference and admitted into full connection and ordained an elder in 1970. He served as pastor to congregations in Ordway and Pueblo, Colorado; Tooele, Utah; and Eads and Limon, Colorado. He retired in 1982 after twenty years in representative ministry.

On September 1, 1940, Leonard married Nancy E. McGinnis in Hays, Kansas, and they shared seventy-one years of marital life together prior to Nancy's death in 2011. To them were born sons Darrell D., Tracy Lee and Leonard Stevens, daughter Carol Ann. They are also survived by thirteen grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren.

In retirement he enjoyed woodworking and creating coin banks out of post office box doors, which he sold in the thousands at craft fairs throughout the United States. Known as a man of faith, he was devoted to God, his family and the people he was called to serve as pastor.

Leonard died in Hays, Kansas on May 21, 2015 at ninety-three years of age.



JIN-HWA HONG



Jin-Hwa Hong was born May 11, 1943, in the present day city of Seoul, South Korea. For forty-four years he was a pastor in South Korea and the United States. He served the Korean United Methodist Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado for five years from January 1, 1999 through June 30, 2004, having transferred to the Rocky Mountain Conference in 2000.

Jin-Hwa married Duck Hee Hong and to them were born a daughter Samantha and son Caleb. They also had three grandchildren. Jin-Hwa dedicated his life to the service of God in the church and the Korean community. He died on May 28, 2015 in Naperville, Illinois, at seventy-two years of age.

WILLIAM LEE YOUNGBLOOD

William Lee Youngblood was born in Wesson, Mississippi, on July 21, 1924, to merchants Curtis and Edith (Little) Youngblood. He received an undergraduate degree from Duke University, Durham, North Carolina in 1951 and a Masters of Theology degree from the Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado, in 1976.

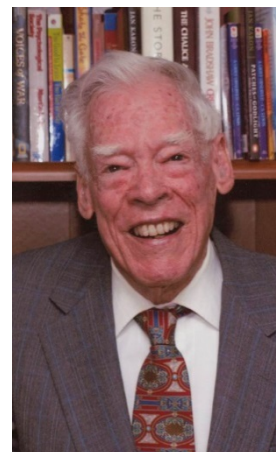
Bill married Betty on June 12, 1950 at White House, Tennessee. They had just celebrated their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary at the time of Bill's death. They parented four children: William Lee, Andrew Parker, Lane and Alan. They also had four grandchildren.

Bill was admitted on trial and ordained a deacon in the Mississippi Conference in 1950. He was received into full connection and ordained an elder in 1952. In Mississippi he served pastorates in Osyka, Foxworth, Hopewell, and Meadville. Bill served in the Alaska Missionary Conference with the Division of National Missions for a three-year term. He transferred to the Rocky Mountain Conference in 1961, serving pastorates in Aurora, Northglenn, Holyoke, Salt Lake City, Boulder, Colorado Springs and Lafayette. He retired after forty years of pastoral service in 1990.

For three decades Bill was a volunteer chaplain at the Boulder Community Hospital. He served on mission teams through the Boulder United Methodist Mission Partners (BUMMP) to Mexico, Honduras, Bolivia, California, Oregon and Mississippi, as well as Denver, Central City, and Rinn, Colorado. He designed and created finger labyrinths for meditation for use in local churches. In addition, he constructed summer cabins.

A lover of the Colorado expanses, Bill was an avid hiker, cross-country skier and cyclist. Bill had a soft-spoken, comforting voice, infectious smile and a warm, inviting presence.

Bill died in Boulder, Colorado, on June 15, 2015, at ninety years of age.



GWENDOLYN CLARE COOPER



Gwendolyn Clare Cooper was born on August 16, 1927, in Madrid, Nebraska, to Andrew and Wilma Adams. She graduated from Madrid High School and went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Business Education in 1948 from Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Nebraska.

During her senior year at Nebraska Wesleyan she met William (Bill) Gerald Cooper. They were married in Madrid in 1949. To them were born three children: Connie, Gerry, and Rich. They also had five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. At the time of Bill's death in 2010 they had shared sixty one years of marital life.

During those early years, Gwen worked as a typing teacher and secretary. After a brief career in public school teaching, Bill entered the ministry and, with Gwen, served pastoral and connectional appointments which took them to Gering, Nebraska, Worland, Wyoming, Pecatonica, Illinois, and Walden, Broomfield, Littleton, Pueblo, and

Lakewood, Colorado.

Upon Bill's retirement, they resided in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and enjoyed traveling throughout the United States in a fifth wheeler as well as traveling overseas. Gwen was loving and giving. She enjoyed being a parsonage hostess and partner in ministry. She loved being part of the local and connectional church and felt she received more than she was able to give.

Gwen died on June 16, 2015 in Colorado Springs, Colorado at eighty-seven years of age.

SANTOS CRUZ CORDOVA

Santos Cruz Cordova was born in Rocky Ford, Colorado on September 14, 1940, to the ranching family of Julian and Charlotte Cordova. He was married to Local Pastor Louise M. Cordova on August 21, 1993 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. He was the father of children Steven, Stacy and Shannon and grandfather of five grandchildren.

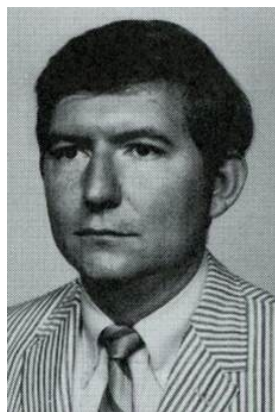
With his wife Louise he served churches in Chugwater and Kemmerer, Wyoming, and Walden, Colorado. He was a volunteer in mission to Nicaragua, the Bahamas, Brazil, Guatemala, the Rosebud Indian Reservation, Mississippi (in Hurricane Katrina relief) and to Ordway, Colorado. He received the Rocky Mountain Conference Quiet Disciple Award in 2004 and entered into four years of Disciple Bible Study training. He volunteered for local food banks and in feeding the homeless.



Cruz loved hunting, fishing, numismatics and the raising, buying and selling of Quarter Horses.

Cruz died of Lou Gehring's disease in Phoenix, Arizona, on June 17, 2015, at seventy-five years of age.

JOHN THOMAS BENNZAR



John Thomas Bennazar was a native of Baltimore, Maryland and a 1963 graduate of the Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado.

Tom was ordained a deacon and admitted on trial into the Rocky Mountain Conference in 1963 and ordained an elder and received into full conference membership in 1966. He served pastorates in Olathe, Steamboat Springs, Oak Creek, Colorado Springs, Longmont, Alamosa and Edgewater, Colorado. He was Utah Counselor for Mission in the late 1970's and the Rocky Mountain Conference Administrator Coordinator prior to retiring in 1994.

Known for his spontaneous joy and humor, Tom had the ability to form deep and steadfast friendships throughout his pastoral and administrative career. In the words of another, Tom knew "both the pain and the ecstasy" of living. Tom died on June 23, 2015 in Aurora, Colorado.

GRACE ARLENE APP

Grace Arlene App was born in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, on May 24, 1910 to James and Martha (Morgan) Gifford. On July 28, 1937 she married the Reverend Donald B. App who preceded her in death in July, 1979. At the time of his death Grace and Don had been married forty-one years.

Grace shared with Don as he was pastor of former Evangelical United Brethren congregations in Pennsylvania and Ohio and upon union served the United Methodist church in Torrington, Wyoming. Don also served as Council of Ministries Director for the Rocky Mountain Conference. Grace and Don parented daughters Linda (deceased) and Janet and son Lynn. They were grandparents to six grandchildren and great-grandparents to nine great-grandchildren.

After relocating to Dayton, Ohio, Grace worked at the conference headquarters and at Landis Meats. During these years she enjoyed cooking, gardening, sewing and sharing time with her family.

Grace died on August 16, 2015 in Lakeside, Ohio, at ninety-nine years of age.



GEORGE HOUSER



George Houser was born on June 2, 1916 in Cleveland, Ohio, into the Methodist parsonage family of Otto Henry and Ethel (Mills) Houser. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Denver, Denver, Colorado in 1938. He attended Union Seminary, New York, New York from 1938 - 1941. He received a Masters of Divinity degree from Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois and an honorary doctorate from Antioch College, Santa Barbara, California.

George was admitted on trial and ordained a deacon in 1939 and received into full connection and ordained an elder in 1943 in the Colorado Conference, serving initially as pastor in Norwood and Eagle, Colorado. He served as staff for the Fellowship of Reconciliation for fourteen years. He organized the first bus boycott against

discrimination in interstate travel in 1947 for which he was recognized with the Jefferson Award by the Council Against Intolerance in 1948. He developed materials for training in nonviolence workshops.

In 1952 he organized and became executive director of the American Committee on Africa in New York, New York, an organization dedicated to the elimination of apartheid. For this work he received the Republic of South Africa's Oliver R. Tambo Award. He retired in 1981 and spent subsequent years traveling to Cuba to deliver medical supplies, leading groups to South Africa and speaking, writing and demonstrating against war. George was a pacifist and civil rights activist who advocated racial equality across decades and continents. He had a remarkable ability to work with leaders and technicians in many areas. His judgment was highly regarded.

In 1942 in Chicago, Illinois, George married Jean Williams. They had been married for seventy-three years at the time of his death. To them were born daughter Martie and sons David, Steven and Thomas. He is survived also by nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

George died on August 19, 2015 in Santa Rosa, California at ninety-nine years of age.

VERLA ESTHER GOFF

Verla Esther Goff was born on May 1, 1913 in Seiling, Oklahoma, to the farming family of James E. and Flossie May Ruth. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky.

Verla married the Reverend Reginald Frank Goff in Huntington Park, CA, on October 14, 1936. At the time of Reginald's death in 2002 they had been married for sixty years. To them were born son James Reginald and daughter Ruth Ellen. She is also survived by one grandchild.

The couple served congregations in Tremonton, Utah and a nineteen year pastorate at Worland, Wyoming. For the next thirty years they conducted national and international schools of prayer, prayer retreats and ashrams. They took mission tours to South America, Hawaii, Korea and Japan and a three month world tour to nine countries. While in India, Verla had a private audience with Mother Teresa which was one of the highlights of her life.

She was a church school and Bible teacher for thirty years, and was an accomplished church musician. She had life-long passion for missions and opened her home to countless visitors and students from around the world. She was known as a woman of prayer.

Verla died on September 15, 2015, in Tucson, Arizona, at one hundred and two years of age.



FRANK E. HARVEY



Frank E. Harvey was born on February 16, 1929, in Parkersburg, West Virginia to Charles and Gladys Harvey. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Eastern Nazarene College, Quincy, Massachusetts and his Masters of Divinity degree from Boston University School of Theology, Boston, Massachusetts in 1960.

Ordained a deacon and admitted on trial into the New England Conference in 1958, Frank transferred to the Rocky Mountain Conference in 1960 and was ordained an elder and received into full connection. Across twenty-three years he served First Methodist Church in Greeley, Colorado, Faith Methodist Church in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and United Methodist churches in Yuma, Aspen, Statton-Siebert, Pueblo (Vineland), and Limon, Colorado.

Frank is survived by children Cicely, Todd, Jason and Javan (deceased) and one grandchild. Frank's pastoral ministry was marked by a social justice sensitivity, pastoral

empathy and welcoming hospitality.

Frank died on November 16, 2015 in Evanston, Wyoming at eighty-six years of age.

JOSEPH A. BOOKER

Joseph A. Booker was born on November 18, 1923 in Grand Junction, Colorado to grocery store owners Adam and Josephine Booker. He graduated in 1983 from Texas Wesleyan University of Fort Worth, Texas with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Joe married Josephine in Fruita, Colorado and they parented four children: Florence, Sharon, William and Alma. They also enjoyed seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. As a local pastor he became an associate member of the Rocky Mountain Conference in 1960. He served congregations for thirty years including Colorado charges of Grand Valley/DeBeque, Norwood and Ellicott/Rush. In Wyoming he served Medicine Bow/Hanna. He retired in 1992.

As a consummate volunteer, Joe was active as a senior companion, he delivered Meals on Wheels, wrangled at the Heifer Ranch, provided victims assistance and conducted worship services at various skilled care facilities. Among Joe's enjoyments were conducting street evangelism, fishing and social gatherings with local community members.

Joseph died in November 22, 2015 in Fruita, Colorado, at ninety-two years of age.



LYLE HEIMERICH



Lyle Heimerich had a long career as a dentist and was an active member of the Evanston Church, Denver, Colorado. Late in his professional career, Lyle graduated from the Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado with a Master of Divinity degree. He was commissioned and received on probation in 1996 and ordained an elder and received into conference membership in 2002 in the Rocky Mountain Conference.

He was appointed in extension ministries as a chaplain at the Aurora Care Center, Aurora, Colorado for three years. He received retired status in 2004. Lyle died on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2015, in Denver, Colorado.

ERNEST RUBLE GREENWOOD

Ernest Ruble Greenwood was born on July 17, 1918 in Hotchkiss, Colorado as the only child of the dairy farming family of Harold Curtis and Winfred Ruble Greenwood. Born with very poor eyesight, Ernest attended the Colorado School for the Blind, which instilled in him a strong sense of independence and a drive to achieve and survive.

He returned to the Hotchkiss dairy farm. After two unsuccessful cataract surgeries, Ernest became totally blind. But despite this seeming limitation, he still performed all the chores on the farm, letting his hands, rake and pitchfork do what his eyes could not.

In 1983 Ernest met the Reverend Doris Bingham who was pastor of the Hotchkiss and Crawford United Methodist churches. They were married on March 4, 1984. Ernest became an active participant in, and an extension of, Doris' pastoral ministry in both western Colorado and Commerce City. In retirement they were active at the Crossroads United Methodist Church, Grand Junction, Colorado. They had been married twenty-five years at the time of her death in 2009.

As the oldest of eleven cousins, Ernest was the patriarch of his family, whose solid wisdom, desire to stay in touch and his incredible memory provided a special force in the lives of family members.

Ernest died on December 10, 2015 in Grand Junction, Colorado, at ninety-seven years of age.

EVERETT W. MATZ

Everett W. Matz was born on July 14, 1922 in Mott, North Dakota to the farming family of Otto A. and Cora E. Matz. Serving in the armed forces during the Second World War, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service.

He received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota in 1947; a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Boston University School of Theology, Boston, Massachusetts in 1950; and, a Masters in Guidance and Counseling from the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, Wisconsin in 1970.

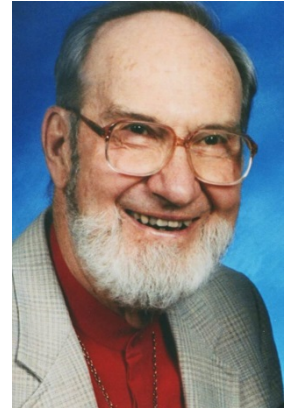
Marrying Dorothy on May 21, 1950 in Boston, Massachusetts, they parented three children: Hulda, Janice and Leslie. They were grandparents to four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Everett and Dorothy shared sixty-two years of life together at the time of her death in 2013.

He was ordained a deacon and admitted on trial in 1949 and ordained an elder and received into full membership in 1951 in the North Dakota Conference. He transferred to the Colorado Conference in 1953 and served pastorates in Hotchkiss, Delta and Golden, Colorado.

Much of Everett's professional career was spent as Academic Counselor in the College of Business Administration, the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Through these years he was appointed as a supply pastor by superintendents to rural east central Wisconsin charges including Borth/Poysippi and Fox Valley.

With Dorothy they volunteered for several years in national parks, primarily at Casa Grande Ruins, Arizona. He would often serve as vespers leader for the village at Manor Park Retirement Center in Kennewick, Washington in which he and Dorothy settled in retirement. He was active in delivering Meals on Wheels in the area and served as Dorothy's primary caregiver during the years of her declining health.

Everett died on December 15, 2015 in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin at ninety-three years of age.



WILLIAM SIMMONS

William Herbert Joseph Simmons was born on April 3, 1934 in Dayton, Ohio to James and Leslie Simmons, one of five children. He grew up with a love of music and played both the trombone and accordion in high school. He attended Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois.

Bill was ordained a deacon and admitted on trial in 1958 and ordained an elder and received into full membership in 1960 in the Ohio Conference. He served three solo and staff appointments prior to transferring to the Rocky Mountain Conference in 1966. He served pastorates at Hugo and as Minister of Education and staff minister at First Church, Boulder, Colorado, and Christ Church, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Entering into the arena of higher education, Bill served as staff to the Utah Commission on Higher Education, as Dean of Students at Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan and as Director of Learning Skills and Director of Academic Support Services for Westminster College, Salt Lake City, Utah. He retired in 1996 with thirty-seven years of ministerial service.

While at Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, Bill met and married Marilyn Theodora Blomgren. They had been married forty years at the time of her death. They parented three children: Lorie, Matthew, and Jenny. They were also

survived by seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. After Marilyn's death, Bill met and married Renee Eulalia Wardrum. They shared ten years of marital life together.

A lover of the outdoors, Bill had a passion for hiking, canoeing, hang gliding and riding road bikes and motorcycles.

Bill died on December 24, 2015 after an eleven year battle with Multiple Myeloma in Austin, Texas at eighty-one years of age.

DIXIE J. W. SPANGLER



Dixie J. W. Spangler was born on June 15, 1931 in Trotwood, Ohio to Leonard and Gertrude Wogaman. Leonard was an industrial plant manager. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts in 1956 and from Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia with a master's degree in education in 1971.

Dixie married John D. Spangler on February 3, 1951, and they shared sixty-four years of marital life together at the time of her death. They parented two daughters: Anne Elizabeth and Susan Rebecca. They also enjoyed two grandchildren.

Throughout her professional career she was a public school teacher, becoming a leading educator of reading. She was named teacher of the year for the Aurora Public Schools, Aurora, Colorado and to the Phi Delta Kappa Society, an honor society of education. In retirement she appeared on stage in front of young audiences in plays and performances as "Mrs. Story Pockets." She enjoyed music, her home and garden and education beyond the classroom.

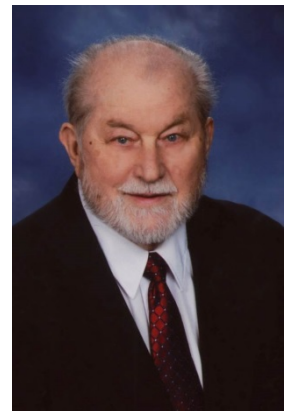
Remembered for her sense of humor and dedication to learning, she was gifted in small group dynamics as she guided committee members to "stay on task" and accomplish set agendas. She was an active member of the University Park Church, Denver, Colorado.

Dixie died on January 1, 2016 in Denver, Colorado at eighty-four years of age.

DALE E. MCARTHUR

Dale E. McArthur was born on April 24, 1928 in Maryville, Missouri to active Methodist laity Carl A. and Rosa McArthur. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Missouri Valley College, Marshall, Missouri, in 1967 and a Master of Divinity degree from St. Paul's School of Theology, Kansas City, Missouri in 1970, from which he received the Ray M. Brady Award in preaching.

Ordained a deacon and admitted on trial in 1968, Dale was ordained an elder and received into full membership in the Missouri West Conference in 1970. He served two three-year rural appointments prior to transferring to the Rocky Mountain Conference in 1970. Over the next twenty-two years, he served, restored and built new congregations in Colorado and Utah, including the Colorado congregations of Parker, Valley Vista in Denver, Jefferson Avenue in Wheat Ridge, Smoky Hill in Aurora, and Lafayette. He also served the Utah congregations of Hilltop in Sandy, the congregation in Copperton and First United Methodist Church of Salt Lake City. He retired in 1992 with twenty-eight years of service, marked by a passion for ministry to young adults and the elderly.

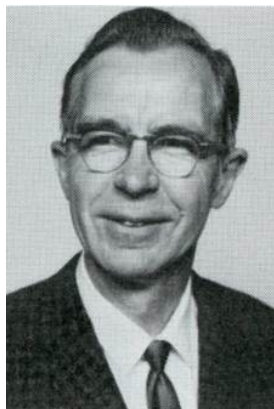


Dale married Joan Grate in Plainfield, Illinois. To them were born three children: Alan, Lynda, and Kevin. They are also survived by four grandchildren.

Dale loved to work with wood and created many gift items.

Dale died on January 21, 2016, in Tucson, Arizona, at eighty-seven years of age.

WESLEY T. LOGAN, JR.



Wesley T. Logan, Jr., was born on May 25, 1917 in Tranquility, New Jersey into the Methodist parsonage family of Wesley T. Logan, Sr. and Blanche Sheppard Logan. He graduated from Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York with a Bachelor of Arts degree magna cum laude in 1938 and Boston University School of Theology, Boston, Massachusetts with a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1941.

Ordained a deacon and received on trial into the Troy Annual Conference in New York in 1940, Wesley was ordained an elder and admitted into full connection in 1941. He served appointments in New York, Vermont and Trinidad, Colorado, accepting the retired status in 1980 with forty years of pastoral service.

Wesley married wife Edith in September, 1940 in Boston, Massachusetts and they shared forty years of marital life together prior to her death in 1981. To them were born sons Richard D. and James D. Logan. They also enjoyed two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

grandchildren.

In addition to being his high school valedictorian, Wesley was a member of academic fraternal society Phi Beta Kappa, the fraternal order of Freemasons, and Kiwanis International. He enjoyed singing in musical theater and choral ensembles. He was a person of immense rectitude and a prodigious memory.

Wesley died on February 2, 2016 in Minneapolis, Minnesota at ninety-eight years of age.

JOSEPH NORIO UEMURA

Joseph Norio Uemura was born on July 3, 1926 in Portland, Oregon and grew up in Denver, Colorado to an immigrant Japanese family that included seven sibling sisters. His father, The Rev. Seijiro Uemura had graduated from Kimball College of Theology at Willamette University. As a Methodist minister, with his wife, Hana Morishita Uemura, he established and developed Methodist churches in Washington, Oregon, and Colorado.

Joseph graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Denver, Denver, Colorado in 1946, with a Masters of Theology degree from the Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado in 1949 and with a Doctor of Philosophy degree in the field of philosophy from Columbia University, New York, New York in 1958. He received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa in 2000.



Joseph was ordained a deacon and admitted on trial into the Colorado Conference in 1947 and ordained an elder and received into full membership in 1949. He served one year each as an associate at Asbury Church, Denver; Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education and Conference Director of Youth Work between 1947 and 1950. He taught philosophy for forty two years at Westminster College, Salt Lake City, Utah, Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, and Hamline University, St. Paul, Minnesota. He received the first Professor of the Year award by the General Board of Higher Education in 1993. Joseph authored five books, including an autobiography, and he founded and edited two academic reviews.

He married Maye Mitsuye Oye on September 10, 1949 in Yellow Springs, Ohio. To them were born son, Wesley Makoto and daughter Charissa Keiko. Together they shared fifty-one years of marriage at the time of Maye's death in December, 2000. He married Nancy Jane Whiteside on September 25, 2004 and lived his remaining years with her in Burnville, Minnesota.

A voracious reader, Joseph was a great lover of the arts and was a lifelong practitioner of calligraphy. He inspired over a hundred students to pursue careers in teaching and took pride in cultivating an appreciation for deep conversation in young people and peers. Joe's greatest joy and satisfaction was observing his students carry a love of philosophy on into their lives.

Joseph died on March 3, 2016 in Burnsville, Minnesota at eighty-nine years of age.

ERNESTINE HARRIS



Ernestine Harris was born in Cincinnati, Ohio to James and Loveless Smith on May 30, 1940. She graduated from Hughes High School and continued her education at Poro School of Beauty Arts, Cincinnati, Ohio and Metropolitan State College, Denver, Colorado. She was one of eleven siblings.

She worked in a number of industries until 1982 when she formed Airport Concessions, Inc. (ACI) which she owned and operated until her semi-retirement in 2005, but remained active in the company until her death.

Ernestine married King Hezekiah Harris on May 28, 1960 in Ohio. They came to Denver, Colorado on their honeymoon and remained through the fifty-five years of the marital life together. Together they had six children: Winifred, Joy, Lee, Anthony, Ka-Tanya and Michael (deceased); thirty grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren.

She was a member of Scott United Methodist Church and volunteered at St. Luke's Hospital, Denver, Colorado. She contributed extensively to charitable organizations including the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and World Vision.

Sewing, gardening, cooking and reading were among the activities and hobbies she enjoyed. Ernestine's most enduring quality was her ability to listen to persons. She developed an empathetic heart that would leave one feeling that one could make it after a conversation with her. No matter what the issues, she had the ability to make others feel they could be more than they initially felt they could be.

Ernestine died on March 10, 2016 in Denver, Colorado, at seventy-five years of age.

CARROL L. GREENWOOD

Carrol L. Greenwood was born on August 11, 1924 in Willowbar, Oklahoma to Charles Franklin Photon and Bonnie Maude Nall. She graduated from rural Public Schools near Keyes, Oklahoma in 1942, and was one of the first team members on the Girls Basketball team. She attended and graduated from Amarillo Business College, Amarillo, Texas; Oklahoma City Methodist University, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in religious education and was certified by the State of Utah in elementary education. She taught for fourteen years at Gramercy Elementary School, Ogden, Utah prior to her retirement.

Carrol married Bronston Melvin Greenwood on April 6, 1947 in Keyes, Oklahoma. She served with him in numerous Methodist churches in Colorado and Utah, including First Church, Ogden and Trinity Church, Kearnes, Utah. They had been married for fifty-seven years at the time of Bron's death in 2005.

Enjoying outdoor activities and spending winters in Overton, Nevada with family and friends, Carrol's hobbies included sewing, reading, vegetable gardening and flower raising. She loved being with and supporting extended family members.

Carrol died on April 4, 2016 in Ogden, Utah at ninety-one years of age.

WALTER JOHN BOIGEGRAIN

Walter John Boigegrain was born in 1928 at his grandparent's home in Remington, Indiana to Walter I. and Leone H. Boigegrain, and was raised with his two sisters in South Bend, Indiana. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1949 from DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, a Master's of Divinity degree in 1953 and a doctorate in theology in 1961 from the Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado. He served for nearly four decades as a trustee of the school and was named the 1972 Alumnus of the Year by his Iliff Alma Mater.



In 1950 he and wife Pat were married and shared sixty-six years of marriage prior to his death. To them were born children Rebecca, Walter Scott and Barbara. They also had five grandchildren.

Walter was ordained a deacon and admitted on trial in the Colorado Conference in 1951, and ordained an elder and received into full membership in 1954. Across forty-one years he served as pastor in Rifle, Westminster, Lakewood, Park Hill, Denver, and Wheat Ridge, Colorado. He was appointed to the Grand Junction District as superintendent for the years 1972 - 1978. He took the retired status in 1992, but then went on to serve interim appointments at St. Andrew UMC, Littleton, and First UMC and Redlands UMC in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Having a passion for the Methodist Church, Walt served the connection at many of its levels of ministry. It was he who initiated the Rocky Mountain Conference Lay Pastors School in Denver. A life-long learner, he was frequently at the forefronts of social justice movements in the communities in which he served involving his congregations in race relations, advocating for adequate housing and international relations. He will be remembered as "a dynamic spiritual leader" and "a unifying force in conflict situations." He enjoyed woodworking, biking, the mountains and music.

Walter died on May 3, 2016 in Grand Junction, Colorado at eighty-eight years of age.