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Marvin Keith Shuttters, 54, died of esophageal cancer at home in Dayton, Washington on September 28, 2021. He was born to Alvin and Alice Shutters in Ridgway, Pennsylvania on March 24, 1967, joining brother Alvin and sister Karen. Marvin's love of the outdoors began at an early age. He roamed the woods, fields, and streams around the family home in Weedville, either on foot or horseback. Marvin and his siblings spent summers haying and selling vegetables they raised. Hunting with his dad, brother, and sister was one of his favorite activities. He was an avid hunter throughout his life.

Marvin attended Bennetts Valley Elementary School, graduating from St. Marys Area High School in 1985. He earned his Bachelor of Science from Penn State and his Master of Science from Oklahoma State University.

He was employed by the US Army Corps of Engineers for nearly 25 years, most recently at the Walla Walla District where he served as the expert biologist on fish passage and hydro turbine design. His attention to detail and commitment to the Corps were enhanced by his sense of humor and willingness to mentor others.

Marvin married Rev. Linda M. Weistaner on June 6, 1999, and in 2006, they welcomed daughter Sarah. The family, accompanied by dog Felix, enjoyed camping, hiking, and canoeing. Marvin was an attentive father, enthusiastically supporting Sarah in everything she did. He was a steady, deep, and joyful life companion for Linda.

Marvin helped with Dayton's Mule Mania celebrations and belonged to several organizations including the Deutscher Wachtelhund of North America Club and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. He was an active member of First United Methodist Church.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents Alvin and Alice; brother Alvin; infant niece Aileen; uncles William Thacher and Jim Green; and aunt Hazel Thacher. He is survived by wife Linda and daughter Sarah; sister Karen (Chris) Launer; sister-in-law Carrie Shutters; nieces Amanda (Eric) Lattin and Jenna Launer; nephews Ken (Irene) Shutters, Brad Launer, and Matt Launer; aunts Lydia Green, Gail Thacher, and Elaine Yetzer; uncle Charles Thacher; and several great-nieces and cousins.

Burial took place at Dayton Cemetery and a memorial service will be held later. The family suggests that memorial donations be made to First United Methodist Church; 110 S Third St; Dayton, WA 99328; or Touchet Valley Arts Council; PO Box 233; Dayton, WA 99328.
FULL MEMBERS – RETIRED

ROBERT “BOB” CHARLES FRED VAHEY died on November 11, 2020. He was born to Robert C. Vahey and Corrine Perry Vahey, August 11, 1936, in Los Angeles. He was the second of three children, having an older sister Patty by three years and Kathy being the younger by 12 years. He was raised in Southern California, in Manhattan Beach and Glendale. He graduated from Glendale High School, continuing to college at State Universities with undergraduate degrees in Engineering and Sociology; advanced degrees being a masters at Claremont School of Theology, and a Doctorate in Ministry from San Francisco Theology Seminary.

Bob and Barbara Adrian Parker, his partner in ministry, were married in 1960 and for the next 55 years plus, served United Methodist Churches in Western Washington, along with their family. Their children Arnold, Linn, Gena, Paul and Randy also included several foster children along the way. There was always room for dogs and cats! With Bobbie’s Special Education training and teaching background, and Bob’s training in family therapy, children have always been a main emphasis. Both have always said, “just delight in your children, and they will turn out fine.” With loving support and challenges appropriate to their age levels, children do! Bob always had a competitive spirit in sports, his ministry and life; just give it all out there on the playing field called life!

Bob loved to build, especially homes, families, and individuals, often a house along the way, in which to put them. His emphasis being, helping others build relationships and possibilities into their own lives and others’. The primary building blocks are “unconditional love and unmerited grace” with Christ as the mortar holding it all together. He wanted a home for each person, a family of relationships, and Christ always at the table; a big door and windows wide to the world, with a welcome mat on the threshold for each of us! Family and ministry were one with Dr. Bob. “One family,” (our family, plus our church families) participated in the building of the cabin on Shaw Island, in the San Juans. It has been a joy to share, down through the years.

Bob is survived by Barbara (Bobbie) (“Punkin”), Arnold, Linn, Gena (Doug), Paul (Sheri), and Randy (Heidi) with 12 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren, plus his sister Kathy, and several nieces and nephews.

THOMAS CHARLES SLATE was born on August 6, 1918 and passed away on January 20, 2021. He was 102. Rev. Thomas Slate did not marry, but he is survived by a nephew and 5 nieces. Rev. Slate was ordained in 1945 as a member of the Pacific Northwest Conference of the Methodist Church, which later merged with the Evangelical United Brethren to form The United Methodist Church in 1968.

Reverend Thomas C. Slate served the Pacific Northwest Conference in the following appointments: Mt. Vernon; Grace; Tracyton; Tracyton-Brownsville; Anatone; Eatonville; and Morton. He was a Professor at the University of Southern California for 1 year in the mid-60’s and a Professor at Simpson College for 3 years in the late ‘60’s, before returning to the Pacific Northwest Conference to the Eatonville appointment. He retired in 1981.
He was eclectic in his interests, collecting scholarly books on the Bible, Art, and Architecture. An article in the Puyallup News Tribune said his home looked like a library on the inside, as he had chest high wooden shelves that one could walk between with books organized on both sides. His library was massive. Rev. Tom Slate, a beloved part of the Puyallup United Methodist Church community, was celebrated by the congregation and the community in honor of his 100th birthday, at noon on Saturday August 4, 2020, at the church. Despite the pandemic, his beloved church community organized a drive-by celebration, where he sat comfortably under a balloon-festooned canopy, in a festive pope-like party hat and face mask and waved as the carloads came by. Tom was in worship Sunday after Sunday, participated in book studies, and one summer was a storyteller for Puyallup UMC’s Vacation Bible School. His intellectual prowess was undiminished! And he rode his bicycle to Annual Conference when it was in Puyallup. Well done, good and faithful servant!

MILTON WESLEY “WES” ARMS was born on a Sunday, September 3, 1922, in Rosholt, South Dakota to parents Clinton and Lisle Arms. He passed away on March 21, 2021, in Gig Harbor, Washington, at the age of 98. He grew up in the small towns of South Dakota, graduating High School in Burke, SD. Wes did his graduate studies at Taylor University in Indiana, Biblical Seminary in New York and Drew University in New Jersey. Wes met his wife, Florence, in 1947, after coming to Seattle with Florence’s brother, Huby Newton, to work for the summer. The two were married on June 10, 1949, in Tukwila, WA. Florence, the love of his life, and Wesley were married for almost 64 years, until Florence passed away in 2013.

Wes was an ordained pastor for the United Methodist Church for over 70 years. Wes and Florence served congregations in New Jersey, South Dakota, New Mexico, Idaho, and Washington State. He served the PNW Conference at Bonners Ferry, Idaho; Auburn: First; Toppenish-Buena; and Bellevue: St. Peter’s. Throughout his life Wesley was active in teaching and writing. He wrote several religious booklets and had the joy of teaching the Bible in the Philippines. After retirement, he stayed very active in teaching English as a second language in the Tacoma community and getting involved in politics and community affairs. He loved to teach, to read, play in the outdoors, was easy going, had a positive outlook and loved foods (especially desserts!). The family will tell you that you could drop Wes anywhere in the world and he would run in to someone he knew. He never knew a stranger, was willing to help whoever needed help and always saw the good in everyone. He touched the lives of so many people throughout his 98 years, all the way up until the end.

The grandchildren will remember how he believed that dessert should be eaten immediately after dinner, that dinner time prayers of “amen” should always be followed by “awomen” and afternoon siestas are completely normal and expected.

Wes was preceded in death by his parents, Clinton and Lisle Arms, his wife Florence, and
his son Stephen. He is survived by son, Paul Arms (Linda), daughters; Lois Kramer (Pat) and Carolyn Phillips (Kevin), as well as 8 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren. Wes was a wonderful father and grandfather, instilling in each of his children and grandchildren a sense of compassion, tolerance, and kindness, along with a bright sense of adventure.

He will be remembered by many of his colleagues for faithfully staffing the Annual Conference Recycled Theology Books Area, where retired clergy could give away their books to the next generation. The next generation could find entire sets of Barth’s Dogmatics, and various other sorts of costly theology books, and what a treasure hunt it was! He may have retired in 1988, but he was strapping on his book apron every year to staff the book tables, in service to the Conference.

Thank you, Wes, for all the love you shared with us!

JAMES “JIM” ARTHUR GRAHAM, passed away on April 27, 2021, in Walla Walla, Washington. He was born at 11am on November 11, 1938, with the church bells ringing as this was also the 20-year celebration of Armistice Day (now Veterans Day) signifying the end of World War I. Jim’s parents were Joseph and Doris Graham. Jim grew up in Augusta, Wisconsin and attended all 12 years of school there. He was active in sports and music, playing the tuba. Jim’s parents were in the restaurant business. Jim was in that environment as a baby through high school. That is where he learned many of his people skills, later used in business and ministry. Jim attended Wartburg College and graduated in 1960 having majored in Sociology. He attended United Theological Seminary and graduated with a Master of Divinity in 1984.

Prior to seminary he worked in transportation for 21 years for 3M Company. After seminary, Jim spent 30 years in the United Methodist ministry, finally retiring in 2013. Jim married his high school sweetheart in 1958 and they had 2 children. They divorced in 1973. Jim met his wife; Winnie and they married in 1974. One of their joys was exploring many parts of the world through travel. Jim seemed to fall into leadership roles in most of the organizations he participated in. He was co-editor of his high school yearbook, president of his college band, president of Kiwanis, president of his local Experimental Aircraft chapter and he held other leadership positions as well. He was also a member of the Civil Air Patrol serving as chaplain for 30 years, the Masons, EAA, and several church affiliated groups. He lived in the Minneapolis, Minnesota area for 25 years before moving to Cleveland, Ohio.

Jim served Methodist churches in East Clarendon and Montville, OH; Riverview in Pasco, WA, and 13 years as a visitation pastor at Pioneer United Methodist Church in Walla Walla. Jim loved aviation and music. He flew single engine airplanes for 30 years and did flight instruction for 15 of those 30 years. His flying was curtailed by heart problems. In music he played the tuba for 65 years. He played 25 years with the Walla Walla Valley Bands but stopped playing in 2014 as Parkinson’s Disease reduced his mobility. He was always a positive person and faced life challenges well.

He is survived by his loving wife, Winifred “Winnie” (Einerson) Graham; his daughter,
Pamela Talcott, and husband Jerry; his son, Timothy Graham and wife Janine; his sister, Elizabeth Graham; his brother, Robert Graham; grandchildren, Garett and Maren Talcott, Ashley, Abby, Nathan and Megan Graham, and twin great-granddaughters, Isla and Medora Ekerholm; as well as several nieces and nephews. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Doris Graham; and his sister, Mary Keezer.

A memorial service was held at Pioneer United Methodist Church in Walla Walla on Saturday, May 22, 2021, at 2 pm with Reverends Juli Reinholtz and Chuck Hindman officiating. He was laid to rest at Olivia, MN.

CHAPLAIN (LTO) WALTER STANLEY “STAN” BAKER, JR. passed away Tuesday June 22, 2021. He was 86 years old. Stan was born February 10, 1935, in Dunn, N.C. to Mary Gladys Hart and Walter Stanley Baker, Sr. He was called to the Methodist ministry and after completing his degrees at High Point College and Emory University, he served two churches in western North Carolina between 1959 and 1965. He married for the first time and had two children, Walter and Jonell. In 1965 he joined the United States Army, and he served for 20 years as a chaplain. He completed two tours of Vietnam, providing spiritual support to soldiers from all faiths and backgrounds, and was stationed throughout the United States and Germany.

For his service, he received numerous awards, ribbons, and medals including the Bronze Star Medal (4 OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and others.

At Ft. Jackson, S.C. he met Maureen Gayl Schroder, and they were married in August 1976. They raised two children, Darick and Marissa. In 1985, Stan retired from the military as a lieutenant colonel, ending his military career by serving as the chaplain at Madigan Army Medical Center on Ft. Lewis, Wash. After his military retirement, he served United Methodist churches in White Swan and Wapato, Wash., before coming to the Chehalis United Methodist Church where he served from Feb. 1990 to July 1997. In his later life, he was very involved with the Lewis County Veterans Memorial Museum, where he served as a board member since 2006 and as general president from 2010 to 2014.

Stan was known for his quick sense of humor, his southern charm, his unrelenting faith, and his willingness to drop everything to help others. Up until his death he made it a point to visit or call community members in the hospital or long-term care to provide friendship and spiritual support. Stan was an admired member of the community, a confidant and friend to many, and at his core a soldier of devout Christian faith.

Stan was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, JoAnn Cameron; and his son, Walter. He is survived by his beloved wife, Maureen; his three children, Jonell Moore (Jack), Darick (Amanda) and Marissa (Elliot Throssell); and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Following cremation, Stan will be interred with full military honors at Tahoma National Cemetery. A memorial service open to Stan’s community will be held at the Chehalis United Methodist Church, 16 S. Market Blvd (date and time pending).
GORDON LEROY SCHNEE was born on June 26, 1942 and died on August 17, 2021, in Aberdeen, Washington. He was 79 years old. As of that day, he was survived by his beloved spouse, Elaine M. Schnee of Aberdeen, WA 98520 and three children: Roberta “Jean” Long of Puyallup, WA; Tim Schnee of Marysville, WA; and Curt Andreen of Madison, WI. His beloved spouse Elaine died 3-26-2022.

Reverend Gordon and Elaine Schnee served in the PNW Conference beginning in 1979. His record of appointments is as follows: Colby; Bellevue: First, Associate; Chehalis; Seattle: Tibbetts; Seattle: Magnolia; and Auburn: First. In 2008 Rev. Gordon Schnee retired. In retirement, he continued serving, and was appointed to serve Aberdeen: First for a number of years. Reverend Gordon Schnee was a caring and compassionate man who loved his friends and family. His love of family gatherings will be remembered by all who loved him.

Because of the pandemic, no services were held.

MELVIN MATHEW FINKBEINER was born January 2, 1922, on the family wheat ranch near Connell Washington, and died on December 18, 2021, just days short of his 100th birthday at the Wesley Health Center in Des Moines, WA.

Melvin was the eighth child born to John and Lydia Finkbeiner who were devout German Methodists. Five sons became clergy, two sons became farmers and the only daughter drowned in the Columbia River when she was 20 years old.

Mel attended college at Northwest Nazarene in Nampa Idaho for two years. He met Eleanor G. Pease there and they were married June 10, 1942. Mel attained a local license to preach at Melba and Southside Boulevard. He completed undergraduate studies at College of Idaho at Caldwell. Then on to Emory University’s Candler School of Theology. Years later there was graduate work at Garrett Theological in Evanston, IL in 1949, and Union Theological College of British Columbia in Vancouver, B.C. in 1966. (Later becoming Vancouver School of Theology in 1971.) The first parish out of seminary was at Eagle, Idaho where they also began their family: Adina in 1947 and Bruce in 1950. Following that first little church in Idaho, Reverend Melvin and Eleanor served in the Pacific Northwest Conference in the following appointments: Spokane: Hays Park; Vancouver District Superintendent; Richland: Central United Protestant; Spokane District Superintendent; Seattle District Superintendent; and Seattle: University Temple. He retired in 1984. In retirement, he served as the Richland CUP: Associate from 1987 – 1992.

As Rev. Mel Finkbeiner’s family writes: Mel’s call, in time, became the call of Micah “to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with our (his) God.” We are proud and humbled to be his children. We witnessed his ability to get along with many kinds of people, from different economic classes, races, ethnic groups, and genders. He had an uncanny ability to deal with conflict and solve problems. He moved church organizations in debt to solvency. He mentored women out of seminary…He worked with others to move the larger church towards racial inclusivity in choosing Bishops. He also worked on inclusion of gays and lesbians in the denomination. He worked with activist blacks and migrants to right wrongs within the institution of the church. Mel also was involved in
world-wide issues of fairness for the Basque and understanding the Palestinian question from their point of view. A delegation from Seattle of clergy and professors met with Yasser Arafat in Lebanon towards gaining understanding.

His beloved spouse, Eleanor G. Finkbeiner pre-deceased him on March 19, 2015. Rev. Mel Finkbeiner is survived by their children: Adina Tarpley of Vancouver, WA; and Bruce W. Finkbeiner of Spokane, WA.

A Service to celebrate his life was held on April 22, 2022, at 2 pm in the Des Moines United Methodist Church with Bishops Mary Ann Swenson, Elaine J.W. Stanovsky and Rev. Pamela J. Osborne officiating.

ROBERT LEROY “BOB” WALKER passed peacefully on the morning of January 6, 2022: Epiphany. He was 90 years old. He was born on November 26, 1931, to Leroy H. Walker and Catherine Alene (Ritchie) Walker. He married the love of his life, Marjorie “Mardy” Gamon on August 22, 1954, and they were married until her untimely death in July 2003, just shy of their 49th anniversary. He served a distinguished 42-year career as a United Methodist minister, while coping his entire life with hearing loss and low vision/blindness.

Reverend Bob and Mardy Walker served in the Cal-Nevada Conference before coming to serve in the Pacific Northwest Conference in 1968, in the following appointments: Spokane: Corbin-Hays; Spokane: Trinity; Walla Walla: Grace; Aberdeen; Chehalis; Moscow, ID; and Puyallup. They retired in 1995.

He was known for his writing, preaching, fighting for those less fortunate or invisible in society, his humor and love of his family. He was preceded in death by all his nuclear family but is survived by his daughters Beth Viren (Paul) and Carrie Petit (James), and his son, Gene Walker (Darcy). He has 4 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Well done, good and faithful servant. We know you are now safely in the arms of your savior and loved ones in heaven. You will be missed but your impact on all of us will continue throughout our lives.

A service to celebrate Reverend Bob Walker’s life, was held on June 18, 2022, at St. Andrew’s United Methodist Church, in Lacey, WA. The Reverend Denise Roberts and retired Rev. Bob Ward officiated.

JAMES (JIM) EDWIN THUIRER was born in Spencer, Iowa on June 3, 1939, to Merrill and Lucielle Thuirer. He had one brother, John Thuirer of Birmingham Alabama who survives him.

Jim was stationed at Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, WA. He attended Whitworth College in Spokane, WA, and later Iliff School of Theology in Denver CO. He then returned to the Pacific Northwest Conference and became an Elder in 1970. He served two independent churches and 5 Methodist appointments during his 50-year career: Hillyard in Spokane, WA; Calhan, CO; Aberdeen: Central Park; Everett: First, Associate; Rosalia-Thornton; Snoqualmie; Seattle: Highland Park; and Everett: Faith. He retired in 2002 and served Sultan United Methodist Church in retirement until 2004.
While at Snoqualmie United Methodist Church, Jim served the Valley, his church and the City of Snoqualmie as well as the City of North Bend through a successful centennial year. Jim was president of the Snoqualmie Valley Ministerial Association, wrote the Circuit Rider column for the Snoqualmie Valley Record and wrote and published Apprentice Shepherds for a Modern Age. Jim was also honored by the City of Snoqualmie with an official proclamation expressing thanks for his contributions to the centennial of the city and the church.

After retirement, Jim often filled in and volunteered at Wesley Retirement Center. He enjoyed gardening, the Mariners, trains and traveling.

Jim died at Wesley Homes, Des Moines, WA on February 7, 2022. Jim was preceded in death by his second wife, Pamela Cook-Knutson and is survived by his first wife: Marjorie Franson; two daughters and a son: Christal Dixon at 32122 NE 110th Court, Carnation, WA 98014, Teresa Larew of Raymond, WA; and Michael Thuier of Ocean Shores, WA. Also, stepdaughters: Kyly Heppenstall, Karrie Ayers, and Jamie Savage; 10 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He has one brother, John Thuier of Birmingham, Alabama who also survives him.

ROLLIN EARL STIERWALT was born on August 11, 1937, in Lewiston, Idaho to Earl and Alice Stierwalt. He was an older brother to Rita Calbom, husband to Jeanne Stierwalt for 45 years, and a father of three. Rollin and Jeanne were married on August 29, 1959. Rollin followed his heart into ministry and served as an Elder in the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Methodist Church (UMC) from 1962 to 2000. He graduated from the University of Puget Sound (UPS) and from the Perkins School of Theology, and Southern Methodist University. He pastored churches for 40 years!

He pastored at many United Methodist churches including Mill Plain-Fern Prairie; Arlington and Darrington, Yelm, Colfax, Redmond, and Burien: Highline and Bellevue: Aldersgate. He also served as the District Superintendent of the Spokane District, then pastored at his last church: Bellevue: Aldersgate. They retired in 2000.

After retiring, he joined the Kent UMC congregation, and stayed active in the church community. He dedicated his time filling in as a substitute pastor, singing in the choir, and traveling with his wife. While he had a full schedule of church and community responsibilities, he always made time to make people feel loved. By those around him, he was regarded as thoughtful, personable, and warm in his relationships with others.

After Jeanne’s battle with Melanoma ended on September 14, 2004, he moved to Wesley Homes Lea Hill in Auburn, WA in 2005. Rollin passed away peacefully in his sleep from dementia on March 16, 2022. Well done, thou good and faithful servant.

Rollin was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanne and his parents Earl and Alice. He is survived by his three children, Ken, Kristen, and Keri; six grandchildren, Rachel, Jason, David, Nathan, Kalle, and Emily; and three great grandchildren: Connor, Olivia, and Sophia. He is also survived by his sister, Rita Calbom (husband Rev. Leroy), and four nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Rev. Rollin Stierwalt was held on Saturday
July 23, 2022, at the Kent United Methodist Church, officiated by the Reverend John J. Shaffer.

**LARRY EDWIN SPAUR** died in Richland on Friday, April 22, 2022, after a recent diagnosis with multiple myeloma. Larry was born in Didsbury, Alberta, Canada February 19, 1949, while his parents attended Mountain View Bible College in Alberta, Canada. He lived in many places throughout Washington, Idaho and Hawaii. Larry graduated from Filer High School, Filer, Idaho, in 1967. He attended Yakima Valley College while working seasonal jobs to put himself through school. In 1970, he relocated to Blaine, Wash., and met Dawn Nelson when he moved into the house across the street. He was drafted into military service in 1971, and did his basic training at Fort Lewis, Wash. In 1972, Larry and Dawn were married. Dawn joined him in Hawaii, where he spent his tour of duty at Schofield Barracks as a chaplain’s assistant.

After his military service, Larry went back to school at Western Washington State College to get his Bachelor of Arts degree in history. He went on to attend Vancouver School of Theology, where he earned his Master of Divinity degree in 1984. In 1987, he was ordained an Elder in the United Methodist Church. He spent his career serving churches throughout the Pacific Northwest Conference: Dayton; Oroville; Ritzville; Trinity; Camas; Sunnyhside; Lewiston: Orchards.

For Larry, serving the church was more than a job — it was a way of life. After growing up as a pastor’s child and serving as a chaplain’s assistant, he followed God’s call to serve others. Wherever he was appointed, he threw his heart and soul into preaching, youth ministry and visitation. He served as dean for several United Methodist youth camps, and he loved taking youth groups on trips. His last church appointment was to the congregation of Orchards United Methodist Church in Lewiston.

Larry enjoyed spontaneous road trips, fast cars, fishing, and his beloved music. In retirement, he was able to travel internationally with Dawn, his children, and his grandchildren. He was always ready to invite family and friends to an impromptu barbecue. He savored a good hamburger, pancakes and homemade candy and jam. Larry’s greatest joy was his family. He adored his “brown-eyed girl,” Dawn, and rejoiced in their life together as he walked by her side for 50 wonderful years. He was a loving dad to Tanya and Camille and was always present for them. Larry was delighted by and dedicated to his five grandchildren and their interests. He will be deeply missed, but, as he would remind us: “We will meet again.”

He is survived by his wife Dawn Spaur; his older daughter Local Pastor Tanya Spaur Pile (Mathew) and grandchildren Zachary and Zoe; his younger daughter Camille Loomis (Bradley) and grandchildren Bethany, Paige, and Nelson; his younger brother Curt Spaur (Betty); his youngest brother Thomas Spaur, Jr. (Susan); as well as many uncles, cousins, nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his father Thomas Spaur, Sr.; his mother M. Marie Henry Spaur; and his older sister Charlotte Spaur Wheeler. A memorial service was held 10 a.m. May 21, at Wesley United Methodist Church, 14 N. 48th Ave., Yakima.
THOMAS RAY MARTIN was born on June 4, 1935, to the Rev. William M. and Eleanor (West) Martin in Yakima, WA, as the youngest of their five children and Will’s 7 total children, spoiled by all but especially by his closest sisters Pat (Stockman) and Betty (Davis).

Tom met his best friend and future wife, Pat in middle school band class in Sunnyside, WA. In school as throughout life, Tom was often the charismatic lead in school plays and friend-group hi-jinks. Upon marrying shortly after graduation from the College of Puget Sound in 1957, Tom and Pat moved to Denver where he attended Iliff School of Theology. His record of appointments in the Pacific Northwest Conference was as follows: Garfield; Finley; Kennewick: First, Associate; Lewiston: Orchards; Prosser; Pullman: Simpson; Everett: First; Easter WA University as Campus Minister (UMHE); Vashon: Vashon Island. A pastoral exchange to Calne Wilts UK was fit in between Prosser and Pullman appointments. Tom returned to Tacoma for his retirement years, living a few blocks from the University of Puget Sound and a final post-retirement ministry in Aberdeen: Central Park.

Tom was honored as a “trailblazer” by the 2022 Tacoma Pride Awards Committee. He spent 34 years advocating for Reconciling Ministries (https://rmnetwork.org/our-mission/) and campaigning in 11 of 13 international United Methodist General Conferences for full inclusion of LGBTQ peoples. He also led annual Strength for the Journey retreats for persons living with HIV/AIDS and performed same-sex weddings when it was contrary to UMC church law and US law.

After his retirement in 1999 and Pat’s death in 2003, Tom finally felt the freedom to express himself more openly and come out publicly as a gay man. His beloved Steve Lynd was with Tom for nearly 2 decades and was “Grandpa Steve” to Tom and Steve’s sole grandchild Eliza. Reverend Tom is survived by his beloved life partner, Steven Lynd, daughters Julia Martin (Tracy Dillon) of Tacoma and Elin Martin, Elin’s child Eliza Morris, and Eliza’s father Mike Morris, all of Seattle, WA. His best friend and wife, Patricia (Flower), predeceased him in 2003. A memorial service to celebrate the life and ministries of Rev. Thomas Ray Martin was held on Friday, August 19, 2022, at the Mason United Methodist Church in Tacoma, WA.

HAROLD (HERB) EMERSON PARISH was born April 3, 1925, in Rapid City, South Dakota, the fifth child of Robert and Florence Parish. He attended high school at Delavan High School in Delavan, MN graduating in 1942, and went on to join the Navy. He met his wife Izzy in Butte, Montana where he was in the Naval Officer Candidate School at the Montana School of Mines. He served in the Navy as Seaman First Class until 1943 and the end of the war. He became a skilled journeyman plasterer and attended colleges in the summers for 4 years at Central Methodist University and Lower Columbia College. On October 25, 1944, he and Isabel were married. His family describe him as a dedicated, intelligent, and caring man, above all. He loved to share the good news of Jesus Christ with others. He was happily active in the Walk to Emmaus.
Rev. Herb began service to our PNW Conference as a full time local pastor in 1968, and in 1973 became an appointed Associate Member. Rev. Harold and Isabel Parish served in the following appointments: Spokane: Audubon Park, Assistant Minister; Kalama; Harrington-Reardan; Harrington; Deer Park-Wild Rose; Greenbluff; and LaCrosse. They retired in 1990.

In retirement, he continued loving the Walk to Emmaus movement and being on the team in that ministry. He served as a Bible Study Teacher and prayer confidant at Moran Vista Senior Living where he resided. He also loved fishing and playing with his grandchildren.

This beloved grandfather died on September 14, 2021, of Spokane, WA at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane, WA. He was predeceased by Isabel on September 17, 2005. Surviving him are their three children, Tena Cramer, Joe Parish, April VanHamme and 5 grandchildren. A graveside service to celebrate the life of Rev. Harold E. Parish was held Friday, September 24, 2021, at the Loon Lake Community Cemetery. He was greatly loved and will be missed by his family and friends.

**SPOUSES OF RETIRED FULL MEMBERS**

**DOLORES MAE SAUER** was born on January 10, 1928 and died on June 6, 2020. She was the beloved spouse of retired member Reverend Walter K. Sauer. At the time of her death, she was survived by Rev. Walter Sauer, living in Spokane, WA as well as their three children: Miriam Piccard, Spokane, WA; Rebecca Wilson, Spokane, WA and Steve Sauer of Happy Valley, Oregon.

Reverend Walter and Dolores Sauer first served in the EUB Church in the Pacific Northwest Conference in Valleyford, WA; Liberal, OR; Harrington, WA; and Seattle: Green Lake. In 1964 Rev. Sauer joined the Division of Chaplains and served the next 20 years of his ministry, in ministry to service members. They retired in 1984 and moved to Arizona.

A private family celebration of Dolores Sauer’s life was held graveside at Greenwood Cemetery in Spokane, WA and was officiated by Rev. Walter K. Sauer.

**AUDREY CAROL BENNER-CARLSON** was born in Endicott, WA on May 8, 1930, where she lived until her junior year of high school. She then moved to Spokane where she resided until 1965, when she moved to Kent, WA where she remained until her death. She made several visits over the years to Spokane and Endicott to visit family and friends. She was a member of Panther Lake Community Church. Audrey Carol Benner of Kent, WA went home to God early Saturday morning, January 23rd, 2021. She was 90 years young.

Reverend Kenneth Carlson and Audrey Carol Benner were married on June 27, 1994. She is survived by her beloved husband Reverend Ken Carlson in Kent, WA as well as their children: Cheryl and Doug Anderson, Kent, WA; and Mike Carlson, Seattle, WA; and one son from her other marriage: Jim DeJoi of Seattle, WA. She is also survived
by her cousin and best friend, Robert Smick of Spokane; several cousins in the eastern Washington/Idaho area; her granddaughter and husband, Nicole and Stephon Daniels of Enumclaw; her granddaughter and husband, Amber and John Boire of Covington; and her two great-granddaughters, Camdyn Joy Boire and Shelby Mae Daniels, both four months old, whom she met and held. A very happy time for all!

Rev. Kenneth Carlson served in the following PNW appointments: Mabton–Liberty; Benton City; Grangeville, ID; Tacoma: Trinity. He retired, with Audrey, in 1996.

The family had a small family memorial service to celebrate the life of Audrey Carol Benner. She was and is deeply loved and will be greatly missed by her family and friends. She blessed us all with a legacy of Faith, Family, Love, Laughter, and Joy.

IVAN ROBERT KING was born on June 25, 1927, in Far Rockaway, New York, to father Myram and mother Anne (Franzblau) King. He enrolled at Hamilton College at age 16 and subsequently entered the astrophysics graduate program at Harvard University, receiving his PhD in 1952. He married Alice Greene in 1952; they moved to Washington D.C., spent a year in Cheltenham, England, and then lived briefly in Champaign–Urbana, Illinois. They moved to Berkeley in 1964, where their four children grew up. He and Alice divorced in 1982, and she died in 1992. In 2002, he moved to Seattle and married the Reverend Judy Schultz.


Ivan’s career and passion was astronomy. During his almost four decades at UC Berkeley, his walk to Campbell Hall was a daily ritual. Ivan was known for his encyclopedic knowledge and wry wit. He traveled widely throughout Europe, seeking out museums and cathedrals, and shared his love of languages and international cuisine with his family. He read prolifically, listened to opera, and while living in Berkeley, spent many Sundays hiking at Mount Tamalpais State Park.

In Seattle, he continued to work, read, and enjoy time with his family until his last days. On August 31, Ivan Robert King died in Seattle at age 94. He is survived by his widow, Judy; his children, David, Lucy, Adam, and Jane; and their families. There was no service. We are including a link to his on-line obituary sharing his passion and contributions to science: https://www.iau.org/administration/membership/individual/3272/

BETTY JEANNE W. BEEMAN, beloved spouse of retired elder Reverend Paul J. Beeman, died on October 28, 2021, just short of her 95th birthday. Betty was born on November 3, 1926. With graduate degrees in child development and counseling, her guidance was widely sought throughout the Beeman family’s various locations and ministries. In Olympia, she served as Administrative Secretary to the Evergreen State College president, Daniel J. Evans, veteran WA state governor and US Senator. She had also been employed at the US Envelope Company, at Bayview Manor in Seattle, and at Wesley Homes Retirement Community in Des Moines, WA.
Reverend Paul and Betty Beeman served in the Pacific Northwest Conference in the following appointments: Seattle Area Dr. of Public Relations; Seattle: Magnolia and Seattle Dr. of Public Relations; Bellevue: St. Peter’s; District Superintendent Spokane District; Olympia: First; Seattle: University Temple; Everett: St. Paul’s; and Bellevue: Aldersgate. They retired in 1992.

She is survived by Rev. Paul Beeman at Wesley Homes, in Des Moines, WA, as well as their children: Richard T. Beeman, Santa Rosa, CA; Bradley P. Beeman, Hoodsport, WA; Judith S. Graham, Cle Elum, WA; and David A. Beeman, Berkeley, CA.

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Betty Jeanne W. Beeman was held Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 2:00 pm in the Wesley Terrace auditorium, Des Moines, WA.

MARGARET ELIZABETH EDGERTON PRICE 79, of Seattle, Washington, died as a result of the ravages of Alzheimer’s disease on December 19, 2021. Margaret was born on October 29, 1942 in Washington, D.C. Her father, Justin, was a lawyer who was appointed a judge of the District of Columbia in 1966. Her mother, Catherine Adams Griffith, worked as a public-school teacher before her marriage.

Born and raised a United Methodist, Margaret attended Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1964. After graduation, she embarked on her first trip to Europe. Margaret was especially close to her maternal aunt, Elizabeth, her mother’s twin sister. Aunt Libby or “Bootie” as she was known to Margaret was also a Washington, D.C. schoolteacher, as well as an adventurer who loved travel and brought back many intriguing souvenirs. During summers, the family often would drive north to join Libby in Maine.

Margaret returned to the United States and relocated to New York City, where she worked as a clothes buyer for Lord and Taylor, made frequent trips to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and enjoyed the hustle and bustle of city life.

Several years later Margaret returned to the Washington, D.C. area to teach art in the Alexandria, Virginia, school district. She lived with her parents in Bethesda, Maryland, and attended St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, where she would meet Bill Price, a student at Wesley Theological Seminary, who was serving as a youth pastor. He was impressed by her beauty, her smile, her smarts, and – most of all – her kindness. They fell in love, and after a year-long engagement, Margaret married Bill in June 1969.

Bill was ordained a UMC pastor in 1969. After serving at churches in College Park and Bethesda, Margaret and Bill moved to Washington State in 1972. Over the next twenty years Margaret and Bill worked alongside each other at church appointments in Pomeroy, Anacortes, Issaquah, Puyallup and Ephrata. Her belief in a loving and just God was unwavering. There is no better monument to her belief than the fact that the church and congregation she and Bill established in Issaquah in 1983 was christened Faith United Methodist Church.

Margaret loved children and delighted in their creativity, to the great benefit of her and Bill’s only child, Jennifer. Margaret loved her daughter deeply and when Margaret no longer knew who she or Jenny was, hearing Jenny’s voice made her open her eyes and, at
lucky moments, provoked a smile.
Margaret truly enjoyed her career as an elementary school teacher. In Anacortes she taught art and then went on to occasionally substitute teach in Puyallup and Ephrata. Eventually, her passion for children, books, and art came together as a full-time school librarian position at Grant Elementary School in Ephrata, where she taught for nearly ten years. While Bill retired early to live full-time in Leavenworth and work at Marston & Marston, Margaret spent the week in Ephrata teaching. This stint of teaching represented the only time Margaret and Bill were apart until her admittance to a nursing home in the spring of 2019. Margaret was preceded in death by her parents and her brother. She is survived by her husband of fifty-two years, William; her daughter, Jennifer (Christopher); and her granddaughter, Orianna, who loves creating art, hugging bunnies, and reading books as passionately as her grandmother.

We are comforted knowing that Margaret Elizabeth Edgerton Price knows who Margaret Elizabeth Edgerton Price is again.

A memorial service will be held at a future date. Memorials preferred to Alzheimer’s Foundation of America or Page Ahead.

EDWARD LEE ODELL was killed in an accident near his home in Onalaska, WA on January 4, 2022. He is survived by his wife Patsy, children Denise (Pat) Dedman, Lisa (Ethan) Barry, Suzann (Randy) Clark, David Meyer, and grandchildren Jesse Dedman, Kendell Barry and Abigail Barry.

Ed was born March 13, 1941, to Charles and Irene Odell of Waverly, NY, and graduated from Waverly High School. He earned college degrees from Broome Community College, Binghamton University and Colgate Rochester Divinity School. He completed his college education while working full time at GAF in Binghamton, NY and Amphenol Corporation in Sidney, NY, among others. He served as an officer in the US Army and was stationed in Germany during active duty. He continued to serve in the Army Reserves for many years and retired with the rank of Lt. Colonel.

Throughout his life, Ed was dedicated to his faith. He and his family were active members of churches including Community Baptist Church in Port Dickinson, NY and the Afton United Methodist Church in Afton, NY. Patsy Meyer and Ed Odell were married on May 23, 1998. After Seminary, he served as a pastor in Kirkwood, NY and then at Manson United Methodist Church in Lake Chelan, WA.

Ed retired from Pacific Aerospace & Electronics in 2010. He and Patsy remained busy with their farm – raising chickens, goats, and honeybees along with growing fruit and vegetables while still making time for travel and a busy schedule at their local church.

A memorial service was held on February 12, 2022, at Valley of Blessings Ministries. Ed’s friends and family shared memories of his kindness, conversations, and faith. His love of the outdoors and sharing those experiences with his children and grandchildren enriched their lives and provided lifelong memories. Ed could always be counted to be present with multiple cameras to record family milestones. His hard work taking care of home, family and his service to God, his community and his country are an inspiration to all who knew
him.
A burial with military honors was held April 23, 2022, at Tioga Point Cemetery, Athens, PA.

SURVIVING SPOUSES OF DECEASED MEMBERS

VIVIAN VALENTINE (HARRIS) DOOLEY was born on February 14, 1925, in Pico Rivera, California, to her parents Charles and Cora Harris. She grew up in the LA area where she graduated high school. She met and married her husband, Kenneth Dooley, in 1944.

Vivian was a caring and compassionate woman who loved to be with family and friends. Her love of family gatherings and her love of life will be well remembered by all. She had a restless energy to throw herself into anything she saw worth her time and effort. She loved to be in the middle of parties and large family dinners. Vivian's love of God was her deepest commitment, and she shared that love with everyone. During her lifetime she worked as a bookkeeper, both in banking and businesses, and she worked in several small personal businesses where she met and made many friends.

Rev. Kenneth and Vivian Dooley served the Oregon-Idaho Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren before transferring into the PNW in 1957. His appointments in this Conference straddled the 1968 EUB and Methodist union, to be known as the United Methodist Church and were in the following places: Yakima: Westpark; Port Angeles; and Shoreline: Ronald. They retired in 1989 after many years of service.

She is survived by two children, Terry (Diane) Dooley of Port Angeles; son-in-law Timothy (Jean) Konrad of Lynnwood; five grandchildren, Erin Dooley of San Francisco, California, Christopher (Melanie) Dooley of Sacramento, California, Matthew (Christina) Konrad of Bothell, Rachel Konrad of Port Angeles, and Adam Konrad of Ohio; and three great-grandchildren, Abigail Konrad and Caleb Konrad of Lynnwood and Dustin Smith of Port Angeles. Vivian will be greatly missed, but she’s been welcomed to eternal life by her Heavenly Father, and we know that she will be in the middle of that great gathering with all her family and others who preceded her.

JEAN HATFIELD HERSH, surviving spouse of Reverend Edgar C. Hersh, was born on January 1, 1928, and died on Christmas Day, December 25, 2020. Rev. Ed Hersh pre-deceased Jean on November 29, 2015. They are survived by their three children: Ellen H. Post, Bellevue, WA; Jonathan H. Hersh, Seattle, WA, and Andrew H. Hersh, also of Seattle, WA.

Reverend Edgar and Jean Hersh served in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference before coming to the PNW Conference in 1964. He was appointed to the following locations in the PNW Conference: Selah; Spokane: Manito; Walla Walla District Superintendent; Seattle: Woodland Park; and Director of Conference Council on Ministries. He retired in

Family members remember their mom… So many roads, campgrounds, beaches, and journeys near and far that they experienced together. When the children were little, Jean and Ed would lead them in song as they drove for hours and hours in the station wagon that didn’t have the luxury of a radio.

As they took the family across the country camping, they gave their children countless memories – “eating cold cereal at the tailgate of the car in the early morning hours before heading out to the next camp spot…tons of fun setting up the enormous canvas tent… and seeing the sights of this great country.” “Then as we grew older, Dad and Mom continued to build the foundation of the close and loving family that each of us delights in with dinners, conversation, and laughter…so loud and lively that we quickly learned that we’d have to “take a number” and wait our turn to say something!”

Jean Hersh is remembered fondly by friends across the Conference. She was a wonderful friend, and she is missed.

ORA LEE BARTALAMAY Loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Ora Lee Bartalamay went to be with her heavenly father on February 24, 2021. She was born in Clarkston, WA on January 6, 1924, to Homer and Lettie Clark. She was second to the youngest of seven siblings and is survived by her sister Opal, who is 101. She grew up in Cashmere, WA and in high school was crowned Cashmere Princess for the Apple Blossom Festival in 1942. She moved to Wenatchee, WA to attend business college and then worked at the Cashmere Valley Bank. In 1944 she married Richard Brown, moving to Wenatchee where they raised their family. Later and as a single mother with five children, she received a scholarship to attend WVC School of Nursing where she obtained her LPN degree.

She worked as a nurse for five years before meeting and marrying the Rev. Calvin Moore. Their ministry took them to the White Salmon United Methodist Church until his un-timely death in 1977, while he was actively serving the church. She worked as a nurse for 15 years; her special gift was sharing God’s love by caring for people. In 1977 she moved to Spokane, WA where she met and married Ben Bartalamay in 1981. They were married for 30 years until his death in 2011. During their years together sharing retirement, they traveled the entire country in their travel trailer, as well as taking many cruises and even a trip to Germany seeing historic sights, visiting family, and meeting new friends. This brought her such joy, experiencing something she had only imagined. A delight for her was finding those special souvenirs to bring back and share of their adventures.

Ora’s radiant smile lit up a room, her faith in God, her love of family and her sense of humor will forever be remembered. Her steadfast faith was the anchor of her life and in her own words, “My faith has carried me through life ever since I came back to my Savior, Jesus Christ.” Preceding her in death were husband(s), Calvin W. Moore, Benjamin Bartalamay and baby-boy Brown. Ora is survived by her children: Cheryl Reichard, Diane Snyder, Richard Brown, Becky Brown-Strauch and Robert Moore; stepdaughter Sandy
Bartalamay; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to your local women and children's shelters.

**WILMA G. (WELLS) JOHNSON** was born in Lawrence, Kansas August 10, 1925, to William and Elizabeth Wells. She was the third of five girls. Her mother taught them to sing together with Wilma singing alto. She met her husband Ron Johnson at the United Methodist church choir in Lawrence. They sang in every church choir wherever they lived for over 70 years.

Ron was stationed in Lawrence in the Navy, but Wilma followed him to Maine to be married after “D-Day”. After Ron served in WWII, they moved to Evanston, Illinois where Ron attended Garrett Seminary. They then moved to WA where they served the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Methodist Church in the following appointments: Chewelah-Valley-Addy; Lacrosse-Winona; the Editorial Division of the General Board of Education; Associate Director of the Conference Program Council; Director of the Conference Council on Ministries; Ellensburg; and Richland: Central United Protestant Associate. They retired in 1989.

Wilma found herself writing Sunday School curriculum and continued to write for 30 years. Wilma served alongside Ron as the ideal pastor’s wife, which was her own form of ministry. When they retired in 1989, they traveled often in a motor home doing the “grandkid” circuit between WA, CA, and OH. In 1996 they moved to Wesley Gardens in Des Moines WA until her death.

She died peacefully singing along to hymns on May 23, 2021, at the age of 95. She is survived by three of her daughters; Jennifer J. Johnson, Janice J. Washburn, and Judy J. Chase, 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.


Rev. Eric pre-deceased her on November 26, 2012. May was born on June 19, 1927. She was a minister, right along with her husband, and when he retired, she did not stop ministering.

Reverend Eric and May Kallis served the NW Canada Conference and the Northern Illinois Conference (formerly Rock River Conf.) of the Evangelical United Brethren Church before transferring to the PNW Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church in 1960. They served at Spokane: Lloyd Memorial; Lewiston: Orchards; Tacoma: Fircrest; Moscow; Vancouver: First; and Stanwood. They retired in 1990 after many years of service.

Mayda S. Kallis is survived by her daughter Linda (and Ken) Ham of Lynnwood, WA and two grandsons Adam and Eric Sailer.

**RUTH (GREGORY) MCCLURG** was called home on September 5th, 2021, at the age of 101. She was born on June 18, 1920, in Okanogan, WA to parents Burton and Grace (Wenner) Gregory. She graduated from Cascade College in Portland, OR.
It was here that she met her future husband, Nolan McClurg of Bellingham, WA, who was studying for the ministry. The couple lived in Dallas and Boston where Nolan continued his studies before pastoring United Methodist churches in North Dighton, MA, and moving to the PNW Conference to serve in the following appointments: Seattle: Skyway; Seattle: Crown Hill; Tacoma: St. Paul’s; Oak Harbor; Shoreline: Ronald; and Woodinville Associate. They retired in 1981.

Ruth was preceded in death by Rev. Nolan McClurg who passed away in 1992 and their daughter June McClurg Adrian who passed in 2006.

In 2000 at the age of 80, she married an old friend, Bob Rapp. They enjoyed several happy years before Bob’s death in 2004. Ruth was also pre-deceased by her daughter June (James Adrian, Marysville).

She is survived by her sister Olive Urban (Lakeside, CA), sons Philip McClurg (Tucson), Jim McClurg (Vicki, Shoreline) and Scott McClurg (Tokyo), and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Ruth gave her heart to Jesus Christ early in life and followed Him all her days. A memorial service was held at 2pm, October 17th, 2022, at the Courtyard at CRISTA, 19327 King’s Garden Drive N, Shoreline, WA 98133. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Ruth’s memory may be made to World Concern.

**LOIS MILDRED BEAL** surviving spouse of Reverend Carl B. Beal, was born on June 27, 1932, and died on September 29, 2021. Rev. Carl B. Beal pre-deceased Lois on October 19, 2012. She is survived by two children: Eldonna Beal of Puyallup, WA and Brett Beal of Fircrest, WA.

Reverend Carl and Lois Beal served in the following locations in the PNW Conference: Pierce Headquarters; Peck – Cavendish; Deer Park – Wild Rose; Richland: Central; Spokane: Trinity; Orting; Tacoma: Calvary – Tacoma: Grace; Tacoma: Kalevaria; Castle Rock, and Pomeroy. They retired in 1992. No services were held, because of the pandemic.

**ELAINE MAE SCHNEE** was born on September 23, 1942, and attended Springfield High School in Springfield, OR, graduating in 1960. Elaine studied at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon. Elaine and Gordon Schnee were married on April 27, 1963.

Reverend Gordon and Elaine Schnee served in the PNW Conference beginning in 1979. His record of appointments is as follows: Colby; Bellevue: First, Associate; Chehalis; Seattle: Tibbetts; Seattle: Magnolia; Auburn: First. In 2008 Rev. Gordon and Elaine Schnee retired. In retirement, he continued serving, and was appointed to serve Aberdeen: First for several years.

Elaine M. Schnee, beloved surviving spouse of Reverend Gordon L. Schnee, died on March 26, 2022, at the age of 79, at Pacific Care and Rehab in Hoquiam, WA. Her husband Gordon pre-deceased her on August 17, 2021. She is survived by their three children: Jean Long, Shelton WA; Tim Schnee of Marysville, WA; Curt Andreen of Madison, WI, and their families.

She enjoyed her family and was a grandmother who truly and joyfully delighted in playing with her grandkids. She enjoyed playing the ukulele and was thrilled with a gift from
MEMOIRS

RETIRED DIACONAL MINISTER

MAXINE (MIKI) (SHAW) GARRISON CRAIGHEAD retired Diaconal Minister, died on Saturday, December 5, 2020. Maxine was born the last in a family of 5 children and parents, Stanley and Clara Shaw, on December 30, 1928. Her family was a spirited group that always gathered for dinner around the table. The family prayed in Quaker silence before the meal, then celebrated and shared each other's individuality while gathered at the table. In Miki's own words, “If anyone didn't hear the dinner bell or was late, he or she didn't get to eat dessert, so the system worked brilliantly.” She is survived by four children: Bruce H. Garrison of Peoria, AZ; Jane A. Garrison of Tacoma, WA; Kimithy H. Nagel, Tacoma, WA; and Dan H. Garrison, Wenatchee, WA. Her husband Donald Craighead pre-deceased her on September 6, 2017. Miki Craighead served for many years in the PNW Conference. She was the Director of Music at Seattle: Highline; Director of Music at Everett: First; and beginning in 1986, the Director of Music at Puyallup UMC. In 1996, she officially retired but continued to serve Puyallup: First UMC on staff as their organist until she died. Her 63-year career as a minister of music has included director of handbell choirs, adult, and children's choirs in Methodist churches at Fircrest, Portland Oregon, Wenatchee, Bondville, Ill, Chicago, Ill, Tacoma, Seattle, and Everett. She was active as an accompanist for choirs in public schools. She has four grown children, seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren, and was learning about and making quilts for them all. She and her husband Don truly enjoyed their acre and a quarter with gardens of flowers and vegetables, and taking vacations in their RV. A service to celebrate Miki Craighead's life will be held when Covid-19 is under control.

RETIRED LOCAL PASTORS

CAROLYN E. (FREEBORG) KRUPKE passed away on July 27, 2020, in Spokane, WA. She was born in Spokane, WA on July 12, 1928, to her parents David and Gladys Freeborg. She graduated from North Central High School in January 1946. She attended Whitworth College for one year, and then met Carroll Krupke in May of 1947. She then worked for over a year at the Millwood State Bank. Carolyn and Carroll were married on May 8, 1948, and she moved to Reardan where Carroll's career was farming. They had four sons, Randall, James, Terry and Paul. She loved having boys, and the family spent a lot of time laughing, playing watersports, bringing friends, and cooking over fires at their
Carolyn had an experience of God that invigorated her life of faith. She sensed a calling of God, and in 1982 began studying to become a Certified Local Pastor in the United Methodist Church (UMC). After completing the first two years, the Pacific Northwest United Methodist Conference appointed Carolyn as Pastor of Rocklyn Zion United Methodist Church located SW of Davenport. She pastored this church for 10 wonderful years.

During these years, the Conference required that she complete seminary studies. Because of her home situation as a farm wife, she was allowed to do this study by correspondence. She received a diploma at Annual Conference on June 7, 1993. At the completion of 10 years, Carolyn retired in June 1994.

Her active ministry was not ended. She served as visitation Pastor at Spokane Valley United Methodist for a year and a half. She was also appointed as interim Pastor at Sandpoint UMC, Rosalia UMC, Fowler UMC, and St. Paul’s UMC. Her retirement years were pleasant living first in Reardan, then in Spokane at Touchmark. She was a member of Audubon Park UMC.

Carolyn was survived by her husband Carroll Krupke, (at the time of her death) sons, Jim (Maureen) Krupke and Terry (Sue) Krupke. She is also survived by grandchildren Stephanie, Brian, Elizabeth, Joshua, Jeffery Krupke, Toni, Michael Lewis, four great-grandchildren, and a brother Rodney (Alice) Freeborg. Carolyn was preceded in death by sons, Paul Krupke, Randy and his wife Judy Krupke and one brother. Family graveside services were held on Monday, August 3, 2020, at the Reardan Cemetery, led by the Rev. Dale Cockrum.

KATHY LEE MECKLENBURG KRAMER Local Pastor and Director of Rural Ministries Resources passed peacefully on December 5, 2020, at her home in Tekoa from cancer. She died in her comfy chair, holding the hand of her beloved husband, Robert Kramer.

Kathy Lee Mecklenburg was born on January 20, 1947, at Ames, Iowa to Norman and Mae Fern (Rounds) Mecklenburg. She was raised in Mapleton, Iowa, attended schools in Mapleton, graduating from high school in 1965. Following high school, she attended Morningside College in Omaha, Nebraska and received a degree in education and became an elementary school teacher. She taught school until the birth of her two sons, Matthew T. Williams and John J. Williams. She was married to Donald Williams. The family had lived in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, Boise, ID, and Kennewick, WA before moving to Potlatch, ID in 1986, where she became Pastor of Elmore UMC.

Kathy began her service in the PNW Conference as pulpit supply. She officially began as part-time LIMPOP pastor at Elmore United Methodist Church and part-time Campus Pastor at University of Idaho in 1986. Kathy attended St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas. She retired from Campus Ministry in June of 1996 and continued at Elmore UMC full time. In 1998, still serving at Elmore UMC, she became Director of RMR (Rural Ministry Resources) and in 2015 she retired from RMR. She also retired in 2015 but continued to serve at Elmore United Methodist Church in Retired Local Pastor
status, until her death.

As she gained experience and grew relationships, she knew that she was exactly where she belonged, in Elmore with her favorite people on Earth. She sacrificed for and loved the Elmore community beyond description. As life goes on and ebbs and flows, her marriage to Don ended. Time passed and through collisions of career paths, she met, befriended, fell in love with, and married Robert Kramer of Tekoa, WA, Director of Kramer Funeral Home. They shared a keen mutual understanding of each other’s respective career, that of extreme unpredictability coupled with even more unpredictable schedules. This respect and understanding allowed each to flourish in their respective fields.

Kathy is preceded in death by her parents, Norm and Mae Fern Mecklenburg. She is survived by her husband Robert Kramer, her sons, stepson, and many grandchildren: Matt Williams (Holli), Erynn Bellevue (Sean), Danae, Brixton, and Gavin; John Williams (Wanjiru), and Asher; and Adam Kramer (Suzi), Rylee, and Jackson, and hundreds of extended church and community family that she loved and served selflessly and humbly with amazing dedication. She followed her calling to serve God, the Elmore church family, and the community, all the way to the end of her days.

A socially distanced private graveside service to celebrate the life of Kathy Lee Kramer was held on Friday December 11, 2020, at Goldenrod Cemetery in Tekoa, WA. A public Memorial Service will be held sometime in the future when Covid-19 is under control.

RAYMOND C. HANKE Saturday, April 17, 2021, Ray Hanke, loving father, and husband passed on to his heavenly home at the age of 68. Ray was born on July 9, 1952, in Lexington, Kentucky to Howard and Hazel Hanke. Prior to his graduate degrees, he earned a Bachelor of Ind. Studies, Specializing in Print and Broadcast Journalism from New Mexico State University.

He received a Master of Arts in Communications from the University of Kentucky in 1984 and a Master of Divinity from Iliff School of Theology in 1989.

He married his wife, Michelle in 1986 and they had their daughter, Mollie in 1988. Ray was an avid University of Kentucky basketball fan, and he passed this passion down to his daughter, making sure she knew every word to the fight song soon after learning how to talk.

He served as a pastor for many years, coming from a ministry family, and loved the Lord until his last day. He also loved watching his “namesake” show, Everybody Loves Raymond (no matter how many times he’d seen the same episode), family dinners at Cracker Barrel, and was so excited White Castle had made its way to Arizona. He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Hazel, and his brother, George, and is survived by his wife Michelle, daughter and son-in-law, Mollie & Jonathan, sisters Katy and Ilka, and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

The family will have a private ceremony at a later time.

PHYLLIS JOYCE TODD was welcomed by death after a long goodbye of Alzheimer’s on May 25, 2021. She was born in upstate New York on June 21, 1937, graduated from
Alfred University, and later did graduate work at Clairmont Seminary.

She married Robert Morton and brought into the world four children: Bettina (Kim Jordan), Loren (deceased), Roxanne (Doug Eslick), and Shawn (Greta) Morton. Divorce happens. She then married Homer C. Todd, they put their families together, adding Teresa (Kevin Smith) and Mark (Janel) Todd.

Phyllis worked for JC Penny Co. before being appointed as Local Pastor to Port Townsend United Methodist Church, and later to Trinity UMC in Spokane. Phyllis was a dedicated Rotarian and served Spokane in Emergency Preparedness and Volunteer Organizations Assisting in disasters through the United Methodist Committee on Relief for several years.

Phyllis had 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grands. She was a terrific and loving person, wife, mother, grand and great-grandmother, and pastor. She will be forever loved and missed. A service to celebrate Phyllis Joyce H. Todd’s life was held on Thursday, July 29 at 2:00 PM at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, 316 E 24th Ave, Spokane.

MARVIN ANDREW MADDOX retired part-time local pastor, died on May 19, 2022.

Marvin A. Maddux was born on November 30, 1932. He was a graduate of Claremont School of Theology. He and Geri married on August 18, 1951.

Reverend Marvin and Geraldine Maddux served the Pacific Northwest Conference in the following appointments: Bellingham: Eureka; Mt. Vernon: Grace; Kendrick-Julietta-Leeland; Vashon; Alderwood Manor; Alderwood – Mountlake Terrace; Colville; and Custer.

Marvin was known to be generous and wise and was loved by his congregations and communities.

After building his own rustic cabin in the hills of the Okanogan, he spent his last years living his dream of living off the land. His beloved spouse, Geraldine Maddux, pre-deceased him December 12, 2006. He is survived by three sons: twins, Kevin Maddux and family in Custer, WA; Keith Maddux and family in Custer, WA; and Douglas Maddux and family of Tonasket, WA, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His family is missing him dearly.

SPOUSES OF RETIRED LOCAL PASTORS

CARROLL WILLIAM KRUPKE was born July 15, 1925, in Spokane, WA and died peacefully asleep June 26, 2021. He became a Christian as a child and was baptized in 1937 by evangelist Pastor Stocker. He grew up on a farm near Mondovi, WA where he started grade school then transferred to Reardan where he graduated in 1943. He enjoyed his High School years playing basketball with his brother Gordon. Playing the trombone well, his instructor would take him to nearby schools to encourage other students.

Joining the Marine Corps in 1944 he served in the Pacific aboard the heavy cruiser Baltimore, often telling of the battle of Okinawa, seeing the flag on Mt. Suribachi, and searching for survivors in the ocean after the task force lost ships in a horrific typhoon.
After the war he went to college at EWU and in 1948 married Carolyn Freeborg. Returning to the farm they had four sons, Randall, James, Terry, and Paul, eventually celebrating 72 years together.

In 1960–67 he returned to EWU, winter quarters, and earned a degree in Social Work with a minor in Psychology. He soon became the first Juvenile Probation Officer for Lincoln County and established the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Service serving from ‘67–’72.

Carroll served as the Lay Leader of the PNW Conference of the United Methodist Church from ‘72–’76, and was appointed to the Needs and Opportunities Task Force distributing funds for reconciliation for Indians and other minorities, served on the Executive Council of Ministries, the Healing Task Force, was a delegate to the merging conference of Evangelical United Brethren and Methodist churches, a delegate to two General Conferences in St Louis and Dallas, and two Jurisdictional conferences for the Western US, member of the National Hunger Task Force in ’76, and a member of the Methodist Foundation. Carroll went five times to Honduras with the Nazarene Church, Work and Witness program building chapels.

He served on the Board of Directors of Rockwood Manor for 24 years and Morning Star Boys Ranch for 15 years, 4 as chairman. He was a Cub Master and Explorer Post Leader for the Boy Scouts, a committee member of the Farm Home Administration, and treasurer for the WA Crop Improvement Assn. A highlight for Carroll was the privilege of serving on the Executive Committee for the Billy Graham Crusade in Spokane in 1982. Carroll was a people person. He and Carolyn hosted children from Hutton Settlement on weekends to their farm, People to People visitors from Kenya and Liberia, Whitworth Japanese students for weekends in the summer and Farm-City exchanges from Seattle.

Carroll worked hard on the farm, but they always made time for fun with their sons. A hot summer day evening picnic to Silver Lake, and weekends at the cabin on Newman Lake, where hiking, swimming, water skiing, volleyball, and BBQ burgers and hotdogs over an open fire were shared with many friends.

Carroll loved music, Strauss waltzes, patriotic music, German (Oompa) music, and many hymns were special to him. This led them on several trips to Europe, especially Scandinavia, and Northern Germany. His last years were a part of the Touchmark Community in Spokane, where he and Carolyn made many new friends, and enjoyed the care they received after a lifetime of work.

Carroll was pre-deceased by his beloved spouse, Carolyn on July 27, 2020, survived by two sons, James (Maureen) and Terry (Sue), five grandchildren, Jeff (Shawna,) Josh (Laurie,) Elizabeth, Stephanie, and Brian, step grandchildren Michael and Tonya and several great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his parents Erick and Helen Krupke, his brother Gordon, and their sons Randy (Judy) and Paul.

A graveside service was held at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, June 30, 2021, at the Reardan Cemetery, Reardan, WA.

WILLIAM “KEN” BAKER, SR. passed away peacefully at his home in La Conner, WA
on November 6, 2021. He was born in Washington, DC on February 18, 1947, and raised in Camp Springs, MD. Ken graduated from Massanutten Military Academy, Woodstock, VA, and attended Concord College, Athens WV, before marrying Marcella “Marcy” Manken, his high school sweetheart.

Ken had many athletic abilities including football, baseball, tennis, and golf. At Tahoma Valley Golf Course, Ken hit a “hole-in-one” while playing with his two sons in August 2018.

Ken worked in upper-level sales management for the following corporations in the following cities: Itek Graphic Corporation in both Seattle, WA and Chicago, IL; General Binding Corporation in Chicago and Phoenix, AZ; Vulcan Binding Corporation, and Thomas Reprographics in Phoenix.

He loved our country and was a veteran in the DC Air National Guard for 6 years and served two years active duty in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. Ken was a former member of Masonic Lodge 227 in Camp Springs, MD and a 32nd Degree Mason.

Ken was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church and, most recently, at La Conner United Methodist Church, La Conner, WA, where his wife Local Pastor Marcella Baker is serving, in retirement. Ken will be remembered as a man who was devoted to his wife, family, his community, and God. He was a man full of spirit and fun, with a kind heart and a wonderful smile. He gave a firm handshake, supportive hugs, and always tried to find a way to make people smile.

He follows his parents, Hubert Luther and Thelma Jean Baker, in death. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Marcella; and three children, Kenneth Baker “Ken Jr.”, Russell Baker, and Jessica Baker. They have three beloved grandchildren, Natalie, Logan and Kara; and four precious great-grandchildren, Pepper, Madison, Natalie, and Aurora. Ken also leaves behind his older brother, Randall “Randy” Baker, Hughesville, MD; sister, Cheryl Jean Baker, Camp Springs, MD; and younger brother Danny Baker, Princeton, TX.

PAUL F. COTTRELL passed into eternal life on March 16, 2022, in Spokane, WA.

Paul was born November 11, 1929, in Oskaloosa Iowa to Charles and Joyce (Babcock) Cottrell as their fourth child. He grew up on a farm in the town of Mechanicsburg Illinois where he graduated high school. Paul attended Illinois State Normal University, graduating in June 1951 with a bachelor’s in education in Geography and History. He enlisted in the US Air Force in June 1951, became an aviation cadet in September 1951, and was commissioned a 2nd/LT in October 1952. Paul served his country in both the Korean conflict and in Viet Nam and was a member of the Daedalians (a fellowship of military aviators).

Paul and Norma (Kathy) Sloan married in 1957. They served at many bases in the United States and at Goose Bay Labrador, Canada. Paul was retired from the USAF in 1980. They moved with their sons Mark and Jeffrey Cottrell to Spokane, where they lived until 1998. In 1998, they moved to Morton WA where Kathy Cottrell was appointed to serve Morton Community. She retired in 2003 serving Morton and in 2005 was appointed to serve Trinity UMC in Spokane, WA, where they served until 2008, when Kathy retired again.
Paul and Kathy attended Audubon Park UMC for many years, where they sang in the choir and volunteered with the food bank. Paul was preceded in death by an infant brother and an older sister and brother. At the time of his death in March, he was survived by his wife of 65 years, Kathy Cottrell, as well as sons Mark and Jeffrey Cottrell, sister Delores Culver, and several nieces and nephews. Kathy Cottrell died on July 15, 2022. A service to celebrate the life and gifts of Paul F. Cottrell was held on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at Audubon Park United Methodist Church, in Spokane, WA.

LAITY IN THE LIFE OF THE CONFERENCE WHO HAVE DIED SINCE THE LAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

NORIKO YOKOKAWA LAO It’s been hard to write a memorial for Noriko who passed away on September 25, 2020. What we write will not do her justice. She was honored by Whatcom County Housing Alliance with an Energizer Bunny award and that is what she was. When the women in ministry honored her in 2017 with the Ruth Award, a clergywoman, Joyce O'Connor Magee remembered to bring a step stool for her to stand on to see over the pulpit. Noriko was small woman with huge energy and a heart for the world. Trying to track personal information on her was hard – she left no obituary but her life.

She came to United Methodist Women at age 28 by way of Foundry UMC in Washington, DC. She was born and raised in Japan, raised by her mother and grandmother who made risky decisions to be Christian in a country where less than 1% were Christian. She was deeply influenced and shaped by these two women of faith.

She was introduced to the mission of the United Methodist church through the vitality of UMW. She served in both Conference and District leadership positions, as a member of a team to Jurisdictional Conference, and through UMCOR as a Japan Consultant following the 2011 earthquake and tsunami. She always stood for the rights of all people – for immigrants, for children and youth, for women young and old and for the full inclusion within the United Methodist Church of members of the LGBTQ community. She acted globally and locally. Noriko proclaimed “God is the Creator of all people. We are all God’s children. We must carry on our legacy of faith, love in action.”

Noriko Lao set a precedent in sharing. Sharing space in her own home to house people who were homeless. Sharing how to save up so they could get a place of their own. Sharing her strength to help build homes for others. Sharing her entire home, giving all money from its sale to Interfaith Coalition as a legacy gift.

As Noriko was battling cancer, a sudden diagnosis that came in her 80th year she was still sharing. Habitat for Humanity in Whatcom County, reached out to see if volunteers could work on a project in her honor, Noriko named Little House, an Interfaith emergency shelter in need of small repairs to get it move-in ready for a family who was working their way out of homelessness.

So that’s how a dozen Habitat for Humanity volunteers honored Noriko. For two days,
they finished trim, caulked, installed a washer and dryer, weed wacked, and more, getting the house ready for a new family to move in on October 2. Even as Noriko laid in UW Medical Center receiving palliative care, her example of sharing was in full swing, sharing her connection to one organization with another.

Noriko passed peacefully at the end of September. In the few months between her cancer diagnosis and her last breath, she left a legacy gift to Interfaith Coalition, rallied dozens of people to get an emergency shelter move-in ready for families experiencing homelessness and brought further awareness to the crisis of homelessness and the people who are helping those experiencing it work their way out of it.

She celebrated in putting her life into work for others. Her legacy is women in ministry, lay and ordained, education of women, homes for the homeless, advocacy for the LGTBQ community, organization for churches and UMW units, wisdom, and encouragement. Her life lives on in the persons touched by her ministry. As they say, good things come in small packages.

JOANNE MARIE (CARPENTER) KILIAN - LIMPOP Volunteer Lay Pastor

Joanne Marie Kilian went home to be with Jesus on October 6, 2021. She was born on February 18, 1935, to Hilton and Clairdine Carpenter in Cody, NE. They moved to Sedro-Woolley, WA and then to Sunnyside where she graduated in the Class of ’53.

She was a Grizzly through and through, serving on Sunnyside School Board for over 30 years. She regularly attended SHS sports and loved attending events in the auditorium. She took pride knowing that she had been instrumental in the decision to have it built.

Over her lifetime she attended numerous meetings, often using her wry humor to defuse tension or relieve boredom. On February 20, 1955, she married Herman Kilian Jr. They built a successful farm on Bethany Rd where she was more than just a farm wife, but also a helpmate and tractor driver. They raised 3 children, Duane, Cindy, and John.

Her desire to serve Christ led her to involvement with the United Methodist Church both locally and at district and state levels. After her children were grown, she was called to become a lay pastor at Liberty United Methodist Church in Granger where she loved, led, and served alongside her flock, making lasting friendships that she cherished.

A place near and dear to her heart was Lazy F Camp near Ellensburg where she volunteered her time leading summer camps, washing dishes in the kitchen and enjoying winter weekends. She also spent many years on the advisory board and site committees for the camp. She was truly willing to do whatever work was needed.

Because she valued education, Joanne was an active member of PEO. She took pride that her daughter, Cindy, and a granddaughter, Becky, attended Cottey College.

She was predeceased by her husband, Herman, in August 2019, and by a great-grandchild. She is survived by her son, Duane (Elizabeth Allen) of Gresham, OR, Cindy Jensen (Tim) of Yakima, and John (Jean) of Sunnyside; 10 grandchildren: Katie Eylar, Colton, Amy Grimm, Redmond, Janelle Schlichting, Lacey, Sarah Bestebreur, Richland, Becky Rowe and Gail Doyle, Yakima, David Epperson, Chelan, Noah and Elijah Kilian, Gresham, OR, and Miriam Kilian, Boston, MA, and also 15 great-grandchildren.
A celebration of her life was held at 1:30 PM on Saturday, October 16, 2021, at the United Methodist Church, 906 E. Edison Ave., Sunnyside, WA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Lazy F Camp and Retreat Center, 16170 Manastash Rd., Ellensburg, WA 98926.

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DISCONTINUED CHURCHES

FOOTHILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Foothills United Methodist Church began as the Bonney Lake United Methodist Fellowship in the fall of 1989. A group of determined and faithful families recognized that a mission opportunity existed in their community on the plateau of Eastern Pierce County. They began meeting and created a mission design statement presented to the conference committee responsible for new church formation. It was immediately accepted, and events progressed quickly. A pastor was assigned to begin July 1990, a parsonage was purchased, and land for the future church building was secured. Foothills United Methodist Church was consecrated on June 12, 1991.

Foothills quickly outgrew meeting in living rooms and the local library. A move to a local school became costly and inefficient. Then in 1992, the trustees found Finn Hall in Buckley for a “temporary” home until a church building could be erected. Unfortunately, county building permit obstacles and delays precluded the church’s construction due to inflated costs. Finn Hall became home to Foothills for the next thirty years.

The early years in the life of Foothills were a time of anticipation and growth with energy focused on addressing the needs of children both inside and outside the congregation. Christian education for all ages was a priority offered through Sunday School and vacation Bible school. The youth group was particularly popular, drawing teens from three different school districts together for fun and spiritual growth. A preschool was sponsored, and a tutoring program was established for the neighboring elementary school. A generation was raised!

In later years Foothills felt a shift in their call in the community and began a new focus on feeding the hungry. It started by donating to the Bonney Lake and Buckley Food Banks and participating in the annual Pierce County Hunger Walk. The Heifer Project became the annual Lenten service project. Foothills also coordinated with the neighborhood elementary school to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets to their needy families. Finally, after sharing soup suppers at various senior centers, Foothills partnered with the Prairie Ridge community to prepare and serve a community meal for 75 - 100 persons every month. Foothills was small but mighty and generous!

It is evident that Foothills values service to God’s people. They are also a spiritual people and are known as a praying congregation. An example is the One Hundred Days of Prayer Vigil to seek God’s guidance. Pastor Alta Smith committed to praying daily on the church property and invited parishioners to volunteer with her. In the one hundred days preceding Christmas, she was there, rain or shine. She was never alone.

Foothills has always been an affirming congregation. They began the journey to become a Reconciling Congregation in 2012 and were formally acknowledged in 2018.

The people of Foothills want to recognize and express gratitude to those who have provided pastoral leadership through the years. First to Rev. Ray Poindexter and his wife Margaret, who were not officially appointed but were instrumental in the beginning
stages of this church. They were followed by Rev. John Reinmuth and Jan, Rev. Alta Smith and Snoopy, Rev. Michael Smith, Rev. Darrell Reeck and Lucy, Rev. Monty Smith, Rev. Katie Klosterman and Nathan, Rev. Dennis Paschke and Dawn, Rev. Marion Colgan-Moore, Rev. Denise Roberts, Rev. Jeff Shamblin-Mullinix and Steve.

Though Foothills UMC is coming to a faithful completion of service, its people recognize they are being called and sent again to a new place to make disciples for Christ and to love one another.