

**Kentucky-Tennessee District
Memorial Report**

Safely Home

*I am home in heaven, dear ones; oh, so happy and so bright!
There is a perfect joy and beauty in the everlasting light.
All the pain and grief is over, every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever, safely home in heaven at last.
There is work still waiting for you, so you must not idly stand,
Do it now, while life remaineth — you shall rest in God's own land.
When that work is all completed, He will gently call you home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting — oh, the joy to see you come!*

Local Church Lay Member Memorials

5 Stone Church – Elizabethtown KY	—	Lois Kirby
Carrollton Wesleyan Church – Carrollton KY	—	Jean Hackney
Carrollton Wesleyan Church – Carrollton KY	—	David Pepper Sr.
Cloverport Wesleyan Church – Cloverport KY	—	Anna B. Harper
Cloverport Wesleyan Church – Cloverport KY	—	Audrey Voyles Horsley
East Side Wesleyan Church - LaFollette, TN	—	Carolyn Shoupe
East Side Wesleyan Church - LaFollette, TN	—	Charles E. Wilson
First Wesleyan Church - Clinton TN	—	Louise Dean
First Wesleyan Church - Clinton TN	—	Gladys Webster
First Wesleyan Church – Lexington KY	—	Daniel Boone Bach
First Wesleyan Church – Lexington KY	—	Donnie Way
Garvin Ridge Wesleyan Church - Olive Hill KY	—	Lou Ann Bond
Gordon Lake Wesleyan Church - LaFayette TN	—	Mary Scheuermeier
Hitchins Wesleyan Church - Hitchins KY	—	Rev. Bobby J. “Bob” Burton
Junction City Wesleyan Church - Junction City KY	—	Valery Jewel Lay Cox
Monterey Wesleyan Church - Monterey TN	—	Etta Annette Bohannon
Morristown Wesleyan Church - Morristown TN	—	Bill Moss
Morristown Wesleyan Church - Morristown TN	—	Eddie Young
New Life Community - Lexington KY	—	Cherry Carter
New Life Community - Lexington KY	—	Irene Crouch
New Life Community - Lexington KY	—	Carol Mayer
Shelbyville Wesleyan Church – Shelbyville KY	—	Ruby Mae Puckett
Shelbyville Wesleyan Church – Shelbyville KY	—	Wendell Larrabbe
Southside Fellowship Church - Owensboro KY	—	Mark Keeney
Wellman Memorial Wesleyan Church - Louisville KY	—	Ed Trammell
Wellman Memorial Wesleyan Church - Louisville KY	—	Mae Louise Bate Pavey
Wesleyan Christian Center – Owensboro KY	—	Mertie Taylor
Westwood Wesleyan Church - Ashland KY	—	Lucy Francis McNurlin
Winchester Wesleyan Church - Winchester KY	—	William Clifford McCuddy
Winchester Wesleyan Church - Winchester KY	—	Joyce Embs

Ministerial and District Leader Memorials

Rev. Harles V. "Bob" Allred — 92 — 1926-2019

Rev. Bob Allred passed to his eternal reward February 5, 2019 at the age of 92. He was born May 11, 1926 in Clarkrange TN to the late Virgil & Emma Todd Allred. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 70 years Lydia Irene Hayes Allred.

He was a proud U.S. Army veteran, serving honorably in France and Germany during WWII. Rev. Allred pastored Jamestown Wesleyan Church in Jamestown TN and in 2001 founded Lighthouse Wesleyan Church in LaVergne TN. He pastored Lighthouse Wesleyan until 2009 and after his retirement remained an active and vital part of that congregation.

Rev. Allred always had a testimony on his lips and praise in his heart. He was well known as a man of prayer and sought to lead people to Christ through his ministry and personal relationships.

He is survived by one daughter and one son, numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, one great, great grandchild and 3 brothers.

His funeral service was held in Smyrna TN with interment at Mapleview Cemetery.

Joe Tyler Castle — 84 — 1935-2019

Joe Tyler Castle passed into the presence of his Savior on June 5, 2019 at the age of 84. He was born March 15, 1935 in Castlewood, Virginia to Clarence and Nell Castle.

Joe was a United States Army Veteran and a former Transport Driver, retiring in 1993.

While Joe did not serve the Lord in his early years, when he was converted, he served the Lord with enthusiasm and zeal from that point until death. He was saved at Wellman Wesleyan Church in Louisville KY and was a member there at the time of his passing. He served in many leadership roles in his local church and whatever he was asked to do, he did it wholeheartedly! He was someone you could depend on to do whatever was asked and do it well.

He was a longtime lover of Camp Meeting, serving as a Lay Member on the Maysville Camp Board and spending thousands of happy hours working and worshipping on those grounds. He was an active participant in many District events and ministries, serving for several years on the District Board of Administration and District Best Years Fellowship Committee.

Joe never met a stranger. He was quick to make new friends, loved a good joke, was a serial prankster and all-around fun person to be around. He always had a tender heart and sought to please God with his life and actions. He could often be found testifying to God's goodness and saving and sanctifying power. He was quick to seek the Lord in prayer, quick to help anyone in need and active in many acts of service and ministry to those around him. Joe loved the Lord with his whole heart and soul. He loved his church and church family and left behind many friends and family who loved him in return and respected him greatly.

Joe is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Patricia Jones Castle, whom he affectionately called Lucy, 2 daughters, 2 sons, 16 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son and one sister.

A celebration of Joe's life and legacy took place in Louisville KY with his pastor Rev. Steve Johns officiating. Interment took place at Highland Memory Gardens in Mount Washington KY. While he is absent from this body, we are assured he is present with the Lord he served, awaiting a great Reunion some day!

Kathleen Ebright Clarke — 94 — 1924-2018

Mrs. Kathleen Ebright Clarke entered life eternal on November 24, 2018 at the age of 94.

She was born September 20, 1924 in Lexington, Kentucky, the daughter of the late Tensley and Lou Verne Wooten.

With her first husband, Rev. Paul Ebright, she spent many years serving numerous Wesleyan congregations as a devoted and dedicated pastor's wife. She was "First Lady" of the former Kentucky District of The Wesleyan Church during the years her husband was District Superintendent. She served in this role with grace and dignity. She was a fastidious Homemaker and an active leader of Wesleyan Women International.

She served her Lord and church in many other capacities: Children's and Youth Ministry, Pianist, Organist and Choir Director. She was a long-time Commissioned Lay Worker in the KY-TN District of The Wesleyan Church. In retirement, she was an active member and beloved part of Brooksville Wesleyan Church for 24 years.

She is preceded in death by her first husband, Paul Ebright and her second husband, John Clarke. She is survived by special friends, Shirley and Lawson Beckett and many others whose lives were blessed by her sweet spirit and servant heart.

Funeral services were held in Brooksville FL, with her pastor, Dr. Jerry Pence officiating. Interment took place at Florida National Cemetery. She was a joy to know and her memory remains a blessing!

Rev. Bobby Ray Dickerson — 82 — 1937-2019

Rev. Bobby Dickerson passed from earthly life to everlasting life on May 1, 2019 at the age of 82. He was born in Frankfort, Kentucky on April 13, 1937, to the late Walter Jefferson Dickerson, Sr. and Lillian Ell Webb Hulker.

He was married to his loving wife and ministry partner, Shirley Marie Jamison Dickerson for 55 years. She preceded him in death.

Rev. Dickerson pastored many years in the former Kentucky District of The Wesleyan Church serving at the Frankfort, Lewisport, Junction City and Paris Wesleyan Churches. He was known for his genial smile, gracious disposition and love for the Lord.

In addition to his ministerial labors, he retired from Libraries and Archives, Kentucky State Government, after 27 years of service.

He was a member of Frankfort Wesleyan Church at the time of his passing. His funeral was held in Frankfort KY with Rev. Steven Willingham officiating and interment was at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

His three children, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren cherish his memory. Many lives were touched as a result of his faithful service to the Lord.

Mae Louise Bate Pavey — 90 — 1928-2018

Mae Louise Bate Pavey joined the everlasting choir on November 24, 2018 at the age of 90.

She was born on May 25, 1928 to George L. and Rebecca Stone Bate in Greensburg, IN, and grew up on the family farm outside Greensburg. She married Marvin (Junior) Pavey in 1950. They enjoyed 57 years of joyous marriage until his passing in 2008. They resided many years in Louisville KY where they were very active members of Wellman Wesleyan Church. In her early years, Mae traveled with her sisters as the Bate Sisters serving as song evangelists in many churches in the Kentuckiana area.

After marriage she and her husband spent over 50 years in local church music ministry and song evangelism, traveling throughout the country ministering in Wesleyan Churches and other denominations as well. When they retired from Song Evangelism in 2007, the Paveys had ministered in more than 505 different Revivals, 112 Camp Meetings, 225 Weekend Services, 40 plus weddings and many funerals. They traveled more than 390,000 miles for their music ministry. One of the last songs they recorded was their personal testimony – "I Don't Regret A Mile I Traveled For The Lord!"

Mae was a gifted musician and used that talent in many ways in her local church and District activities and services as well. In later years they moved to Lexington KY to be closer to family. They became a much loved part of the First Wesleyan Church congregation at that time.

In addition to her music ministry, Mae also worked for the Enro Shirt Co. and the Jefferson County Board of Education. Known for her quick wit and hearty laugh, Mae was a blessing to be around. She and Marvin influenced many lives with their music and also with their friendship and hospitality.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by one daughter and is survived by 2 sons, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of her life took place in Louisville KY, officiated by her son, Rev. Doug Pavey and Rev. Stephen Richmond. Special music was provided with recordings of Marvin and Mae's own singing and in person musical numbers by Dan and Margie Campbell, longtime friends and former Melodyaires Quartet colleagues. Interment took place in Memorial Gardens West.

While her voice on this earth is stilled, we are sure that the Celestial Choir has another enthusiastic member singing His praises and rejoicing in His presence

Rev. Kirtley Sipple — 93 — 1925-2018

Rev. Kirtley Sipple passed from this life on August 19, 2018 at the age of 93. He was born August 7, 1925 in Owenton, KY a son of the late Luke Sipple and Eva Hessman Sipple.

He was preceded in death by his wife of more than 70 years, Edna Mae Sipple.

Rev. and Mrs. Sipple pastored the Greenup Wesleyan Church in Greenup KY for 61 years. In that time he ministered to and impacted 4 generations of that community. He was known as a hard worker, dedicated pastor and personal evangelist. He enjoyed a good laugh and was a blessing to those whose life intersected with his.

When he was no longer able to pastor, he continued to pray for lost souls and the spiritual growth and development of his longtime church family.

He leaves 3 sons, 1 daughter, 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren to cherish his memory as well as many former parishioners whose lives were blessed by his ministry.

Funeral services were held in South Shore KY with interment at Siloam Cemetery. He is in the eternal presence of the Savior he loved and served and reunited with his beloved wife and companion.

Rev. Dr. Keith James Studebaker — 66 — 1953-2019

Rev. Dr. Keith James Studebaker went to be with Jesus on Sunday, May 12, 2019 at the age of 66. Keith loved learning and enjoyed passing on what he had learned and experienced through teaching both in local church settings as well as in the classroom. He was a fastidious and devoted student of the Word of God. He spent many years in pastorates across the US including serving at Atwood Wesleyan Church in Louisville KY.

He was an ordained minister and professor at Indiana Wesleyan University. He also taught several Educational Advancement Classes for the KY-TN District and was a valued and thorough educator. He had a brilliant mind, loved debate and discussion and sought to minister to others through personal relationships and caring ministry in times of need. He was known for his listening ear and concerned heart. He was always looking for the best way to reach people with the Gospel and connect with the current generation. He sought to be relevant in his ministry and unique and engaging in his approach. He intentionally found those with hurts and problems and endeavored to lighten their load and encourage their heart.

He dearly loved his wife, children and grandchildren and delighted in spending time with all of his family. His loving wife Gloria whom he was married to for 46 years, 7 children, 8 grandchildren, 2 brothers and 2 sisters mourn his passing. He was predeceased by one son, one son in law and 6 grandchildren.

A celebration of his life took place in Jeffersontown KY. His family, friends, colleagues and former students look forward to reconnecting in Heaven!

Rev. Robert Allen Underwood — 78 — 1940-2018

Rev. Robert Allen Underwood went home to be with the Lord December 6, 2018 at the age of 78. He was born October 6, 1940, in Fayette County, Kentucky, a son of the late Curtis and Jessie Boggs Underwood.

Mr. Underwood was an ordained minister for over 40 years serving with his devoted wife Barbara Sue at Wesleyan Pastorates in Falmouth, Owensboro, Carrollton, Garvin Ridge and Soldier KY. He was an active part of District ministries and served several years on the District Board of Administration.

After retirement he continued to serve Garvin Ridge Wesleyan Church by teaching Sunday School and Discipleship classes, leading Bible Studies and serving on the local board. He loved people and sought to witness to everyone with whom he came in contact. He enjoyed going to church, preaching God's Word and telling others about Jesus Christ. He could often be found praising and worshipping the Lord – hands uplifted and voice raised in prayer!

Allen had a great sense of humor and loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. Though his heart was broken by the passing of his wife of 52 years in 2014 and debilitating illness, he continued to find ways to minister to others and spent many hours in prayer. At the time of his passing he was a member of Carrollton Wesleyan Church.

He leaves behind 2 sons, 1 daughter, 5 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and one sister to remember his life and cherish his memory, in addition to the countless individuals whose lives were impacted in some way by his ministry and service for the Lord.

Funeral services were conducted at Garvin Ridge Wesleyan Church in Olive Hill KY and were officiated by his pastor, Rev. JC Bond and Mr. Steven Tabor, one of the young men he had mentored.

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His sister Patsy Curry provided special music. His coffin was draped with the Christian Flag signifying his years of active ministry in the Lord's Army! Interment took place at Evergreen Memorial Garden in Paris KY.

He fought a good fight, kept the faith and finished his course. We rejoice in the crown of life that is now his and the eternal life he is enjoying in his Savior's presence

Rev. Dr. Clarence Eugene White — 87 — 1930-2018

Rev. Dr. Clarence Eugene White of Temperance, Michigan gained life eternal on September 15, 2018 at the age of 87.

He was born in Princeton, West Virginia on October 12, 1930 to Clarence and Ruby (Johnson) White. He graduated from Princeton High School in 1948 and then joined the U. S. Navy, serving during the Korean War 1948-1952. He was 3rd Class Interior Communications Officer, Master of Arms and Police Officer at Sea. Upon his return he met the love of his life Evelyn Louise Barrett and they were married June 1, 1953 in Lerona WV. They were blessed with 65 years of marriage before his homegoing.

Rev. White loved and served His Lord and Savior for over 60 years. He would fondly tell anyone who listened of the time he walked the "sawdust trail" during a tent meeting and gave his heart to the Lord. Rev. White was ordained in the Pilgrim Holiness Church in 1963 and served as a pastor for many years in Pilgrim Holiness, Wesleyan and Independent churches in West Virginia, New York, Kentucky and Michigan. He received his education from Frankfort Pilgrim College, Frankfort, Ind, a Bachelor of Theology and Doctor of Divinity from Fundamental Bible Seminary, Thornton, CO, and Master of Ministry from Bethany Theological Seminary, Dothan, AL. He also received a Honorary Doctor of Divinity from Emmanuel Theological Seminary, Rossville, GA. He most recently pastored Bible Fellowship Church in Monroe MI for a total of 25 years. While in WV he was the Assistant District Superintendent of the WV District of the Wesleyan Church. He was also President of Maybee Camp in Maybee MI.

He is survived by his loving wife Louise, 2 children, 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, 1 great great-grandchild and a sister.

His funeral was held in Monroe MI with interment and full military honors at Roselawn Memorial Park. He poured out his life in service for His Lord and now is in the presence of the Savior he loved and served.