

22. MEMOIRS

Those We Honor

Deceased Clergy

John L. Minert, retired minister, was born January 15, 1934 and died on June 14, 2007 at the age of 73. John and Jean Carlson were married on May 29, 1954. Jean passed away on April 1, 1988. John and Ruby were married on April 30, 1989. John has three children, Rex, Michael and Gina Egenberger, and four step-children, Jolanda Junge, James Junge, Jeffrey Meradith, and Jennifer Obermier. John served churches in Wausa, Magnet, Minden, Upland, Lincoln Christ and retired in 1995. A funeral service was held June 18 at Lincoln Christ United Methodist Church.

Kenneth Roy Bailey, retired minister, was born April 2, 1922 and died June 23, 2007 at the age of 85. Roy and Mildred were married on April 6, 1944. They had a daughter, Kandra Hahn and a son, Wesley. Rev. Bailey served churches in the Kansas West Conference, and then came to Nebraska where he served as associate at Lincoln Trinity, associate at Kearney, associate at Omaha First, Omaha Lefler Memorial, Omaha Rockbrook, Omaha Aldersgate, and Omaha Olive Crest before taking leave of absence in 1975 and honorable location in 1980. A memorial was held July 7 in the Lincoln St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Marvin E. Coffey, retired minister, was born February 3, 1935 and died July 21, 2007 at the age of 72. Marvin and Dalva were married August 1, 1959 in Vitoria, Brazil. They had five children, Roseanna Marie Torres-Lins, Sharol Kay Bohl, Dwight Eugene, Giovanni Allen, and Robert Keith. Rev. Coffey served at Inland for six months, Montrose Circuit in West Missouri, Bladen, Inavale, New Virginia, Plano Piloto-Fatima Do Sul in Brazil, Camp Grande, Brazil, Oxford, Hollinger, Trumbull, Inland, Loup Cooperative Parish, Randolph, Winside, McLean, Wauneta, Palisade and Harvard, then retired in 2000 and then served Pauline and Cowles in retirement. A funeral service was held July 25 in the Aurora United Methodist Church.

C. William Bicket, retired minister, was born April 22, 1937 and died September 23, 2007 at the age of 70. He is survived by three children, James, John and Laurie Applegarth. Rev. Bicket served churches in the Missouri West Conference and then came to Nebraska where he served at Palmer, Wolbach, Clay Center Emmanuel, Shickley, Banner, Brady, Eddyville, Oconto and Miller and retired in 2005 and then served Trumbull and Inland in retirement. A funeral service was held on September 27 at Omaha St. Paul United Methodist Church.

N. Joan Ranney, retired minister, was born May 22, 1938 and died November 6, 2007 at the age of 69. Joan and Eugene were married on January 17, 1958. They had two sons, Tim and Keith. Rev. Ranney served churches in Guide Rock, Cowles, New Virginia, Special Appointment in Evanston, WY, Fremont First, Omaha Aldersgate, Lincoln Southminster, Bellevue St. James and retired in 2002. A funeral service was held on November 9 at the Broadway United Methodist Church, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Burial at Garner Township Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

Alva H. Clark, retired minister, was born on March 22, 1915 and died November 25, 2007 at the age of 92. Alva married Edith Yeargan on June 14, 1939 in Pittsburg, KS. Their children are Roberta Edith Daugherty, Joyce Elaine Burgess, and Joan Marie Young. Dr. Clark served churches in Palisade, Chappell, Beatrice, Omaha St. Paul and retired in 1982. After retirement he was employed by the Nebraska Methodist Hospital Foundation first as its Executive Director,

then as the Director of its capital campaign, and still later as the Assistant to the President. A memorial service was held December 1 at Omaha St. Paul United Methodist Church

Anderson "Andy" Kwankin, retired minister, was born at Pauri Garwhal, India on August 27, 1934 and died December 22, 2007 at York, NE at the age of 73. Andy and Elizabeth were married January 25, 1960. They had three sons, Vinit, Alok, and Jyoti; and one daughter, Binita Hmieleska. Rev. Kwankin served churches in North Bend, Morse Bluff, Allen, Dixon, Lincoln St. James, Cambridge, Milford, DeWitt, Pickrell, Red Cloud, Guide Rock, Cowles, Stromsburg, Polk, and Benedict, and retired in July of 2003. A funeral service was held December 26 in York, NE.

B. Roy Brown, retired minister, was born June 16, 1915 in Sioux City, IA and died March 8, 2008 at the age of 92. Roy and Mary Margaret were married September 7, 1943 in Sioux City, IA. He is survived by his daughter, Nancy and son, Steve. Rev. Brown served churches in Iowa, then in Nebraska at Omaha First, Greeley, Wolbach, Columbus, Hemingford and retired in 1975. A funeral service was held March 12 at First United Methodist Church, Phoenix, AZ with burial in Sioux City, IA.

Deceased Spouses

Elizabeth Jean Garrison, widow of Rev. R. Benjamin Garrison, was born November 30, 1924 and died June 6, 2007 at the age of 82. Elizabeth and Ben were married on December 28, 1947 in Sterling Illinois. They had three children, Richard, Thomas and Barbara Anderson. Rev. Garrison served churches in New Jersey, Indiana, Illinois, and then came to Nebraska where he served at Lincoln St. Paul, Lexington and Seward. She was preceded in death by her husband on February 24, 2002. A memorial service was held on Saturday, June 23, 2007 at the Eastridge Presbyterian Church in Lincoln, NE and another in Champaign, IL.

Marjorie Baker Bachenberg, wife of retired clergy Rev. Truman Bachenberg, was born August 17, 1920 and died Tuesday, July 17, 2007 in Sidney, Iowa at the age of 86. Marjorie and Truman were married on December 18, 1954 in Evanston, IL. They had two daughters, Ruth Lagestrom and Rachel Bachenberg, and a son Tim. Rev. Bachenberg served churches in Oakland, Oshkosh, Kowanda, Blue Hill Parish, associate at Fremont, Curtis, Garden Prairie, Osceola, Atkinson, Amelia, Faith Bethel, Havens Chapel, Kearney Faith, Hemingford, and Chester. He retired in 1995. A funeral service was held July 21, 2007 in Sidney, Iowa.

Susan "Susie" Letha (Matejka) (Shores) Kloppenborg, wife of Rev. Neil Kloppenborg, was born March 13, 1953 and died August 16, 2007 at the age of 54. Susie married Robert Shores on August 21, 1971 in Alliance, NE. They had two children, Brandie Latimer and Brian. This marriage ended in divorce and later Susie married Neil on April 9, 1994 in Davenport, Nebraska. Rev. Kloppenborg has served churches in Harrison, Franklin and Macon. A memorial service was held August 21 at First United Methodist Church, Franklin, NE.

Delia Ringenberg Vance, widow of Rev. Milford Vance, was born December 13, 1917 and died on September 5, 2007 at Eagle Lake, TX at the age of 89. Delia and Milford were married on November 30, 1944 at Eustis, NE. They had two children: Rev. Melvin Vance and Ardiith Nelson. Stepchildren are Willie Klemme, Kenneth Vance, Vernon Vance (deceased), and Virginia Geary. Rev. Vance served churches in Huntley, Blue Springs, Rock County, Hastings Emmanuel, Telbasta, Kearney, Fullerton, Eustis, Orafino, Sutton, Norfolk, Geneva, Chelsea, Holstein, Ithaca, Blue Springs and retired in 1964. A funeral service was held September 8 in Eagle Lake, Texas.

Victor Jensen, spouse of clergy member Rev. Mary Jensen, was born October 18, 1922 and died on October 1, 2007 at the age of 84. Victor and Mary were married on June 4, 1950 in Hampton, NE. They had five children, Lorene Prorok, Shirley Tripp, Charles, Meg Becker, and Bill. Rev. Mary Jensen serves the Springview United Methodist Church. A funeral service was held on October 6 in the Springview United Methodist Church.

Martha J. "Jo" Spellman, spouse of clergy member Rev. Warren Spellman, was born July 20, 1924 in Kansas City, KS and died December 13, 2007 at the age of 83. She is survived by her husband and daughters, Linda Seifried and Jeannette Shelbourn. She was preceded in death by daughter Patricia. Rev. Spellman served churches in Wauneta, Grant, Valentine, North Platte, Tryon, Syracuse, Unadilla, Alma, Huntley, Plainview, Crawford Valley and retired in 1989. A memorial service was held December 17 at Milford United Methodist Church with interment of ashes at Lincoln Memorial Park.

Carolee Ann King, widow of Rev. Delbert King, was born September 14, 1933 and died on January 9, 2008 at the age of 74. Carolee and Delbert were married on June 23, 1957. She is survived by seven children, Celia Tran, Vyanne Zink, Tori Hicks, Jantha Jamison, Jared, Joel, and Amanda Shew. Rev. King served churches in Hemingford, Palmer and Mullen. A memorial service was held on January 12 at the Burwell United Methodist Church.

Opal McClure, widow of Rev. Guy B. McClure, was born January 28, 1915 and died on January 24, 2008 at the age of 92. Guy and Opal were married on September 12, 1936. She is survived by two sons, James and Guy. Rev. McClure served churches in Fairview Valley, Trenton, Asbury, Sutherland, Laurel, Belden, Valley, Elk City, and served as administrator of Crowell Home in Blair. A funeral service was held January 28 at Campbell Mortuary in Blair, NE. Burial in the Evergreen Cemetery in Omaha, NE.

Evelyn E. Kennicott, widow of Rev. Glenn Kennicott, was born September 12, 1916 in Karlstad, MN and died January 13, 2008 at the age of 91. Evelyn married Wilbur Anway on June 13, 1938 and together they had three children, Allen, Nancy and Judith. Mr. Anway died in 1965. Evelyn and Glenn were married on July 10, 1976 in Cloquet, MN. Rev. Kennicott served churches in Springview, Norden, Cairo Circuit, O'Neill, Emmett, Tekamah, Decatur, Norfolk First, Fremont, Shelby, and he retired in 1978. A funeral service was held January 16 at the Presbyterian Church in Cloquet, MN.