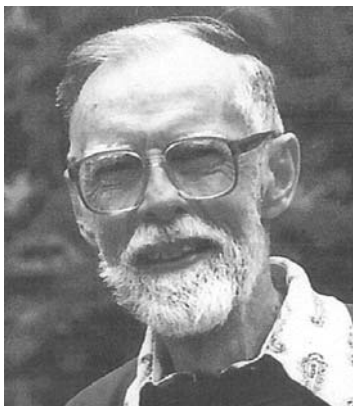


## MEMOIRS: 2006 – 2007

### CLERGY



**Daniel Dorchester Allen**

A third-generation Methodist minister, Dan was a distinguished educator, missionary, and pastor. He was born in Hartford, CT on August 4, 1925 to the Rev. Frederick Crosby and Ruth (Dorchester) Allen. His grandfather, the Rev. Liberace Dorchester, served churches in St. Louis, MO, Scranton, PA, and Simsbury & Hartford, CT. Dan began his education in a one-room school in Pleasant Valley, CT, after which he attended high school in Meridan, CT and Brooklyn, NY. He graduated in 1943 from Yale and Yale Divinity School with a BD. He later did graduate work at Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX, and Boston University, earning an STM in 1956.

While at Yale, Dan met Ram Singh and “was captivated” by his stories of India. When The Methodist Board of Mission invited 50 young people into training for a three-year missionary assignment, Dan accepted. In June 1949, Dan was ordained on the same day as both deacon and elder under the “Missionary Rule” by Bishop Oxnam of the New York Conference. Dan was immediately sent to work with the youth at Butler Methodist Church in Delhi, India, as a new member of the Delhi Conference. The following year he married the daughter of Methodist missionaries to India, Betty Stuntz, whom he had met at missionary training and who was teaching at the Delhi School of Social Work. During their 20 years in India, Dan was appointed by the Bishop to several diverse positions, seemingly whenever a major vacancy or an emergency occurred. Dan became an associate pastor in Old Delhi, taught physics, geometry, and Bible at high schools, served as District Superintendent twice, managed two boys’ schools, and as Vice Principal at Baring Christian College supervised the construction of seven major buildings after a flooding disaster. Finally typhoid fever damaged his health to the point where he had to return to the United States in 1969.

Dan then served churches at Warehouse Point (now East Windsor), CT, for 6 years, Quincy, MA for 7 years, and Stafford Springs/Crystal Lake, CT, for 7 until his retirement in 1989. He also served on the Conference Board of Global Ministries. He attended many UMW meetings and taught several times in the School of Christian Mission. After his retirement he helped with special education at Tolland Middle School (CT) for 12 years; delivered Meals on Wheels in Vernon, CT, helped teach the adult class at Rockville UMC, visited many patients in hospitals, nursing homes, and their own homes, held membership in the Supper Group of people from Pakistan, and attended interfaith groups and educational events.

Throughout his ministry, Dan was an avid student and teacher of the Bible, delighting in rediscovery and sharing of scriptural truths, many of which he lived out. According to the eulogy delivered by the Rev. Richard Garland, Dan was “almost a Renaissance man:” a teacher of many subjects, boat-builder and sailor, ham radio operator, choir member, square dancer, and photographer, as well as family man and host to many friends. Dan is also remembered as a gentle, compassionate, and faith-filled man who, according to his son Eugene, “made everyone feel special.”

After a period of declining health due to ALS, Dan died on January 29, 2007, at the University of Connecticut Medical Center. Two memorial services were held: the first on February 8, 2007 at Rockville (CT) UMC, with the Revs. Henrietta Aiello officiating, and Richard Garland giving the eulogy; the second on February 15, 2007 at Cheshire UMC, with the Rev. Stephen

Volpe (NY Conference) officiating, with the Revs. Ross Lilly and C.V. Thomas participating. At Rockville, Dan's granddaughter was organist, with special music by his 4 children and 11 grandchildren. Dan is survived by his wife, Betty, of 56 years; two sons: Kenneth and his wife Peggy of Cheshire, and Eugene and his wife Sandra of Hingham, MA; two daughters: Janet Machula and her husband Paul of Glove, AZ, and Martha Dickinson and her husband Tom of Youngstown, OH; a brother, Robert, of Richland, WA; a sister, Barbara Vonderheide of South Woodstock; 11 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.



### **Harry A. Bartlett**

Remembered by many as a man of courage, good humor, and love for people, especially the less fortunate, Harry was born on March 6, 1935 in Ponemah, NH to Elgin and Alida (Glover) Bartlett. He grew up on a farm and learned farming and 4H skills. Graduating from High School in 1955 Harry worked for several local businesses, eventually becoming interested in church work. Finally, his pastor convinced him to further his education, so he left New England for Kendall College, Evanston, IL, completing an AA degree in 1964. He then earned his BA at Baker University in

Baldwin City, KS.

While at Baker, Harry was student supply pastor at Vinland UMC, followed by a summer at Hoyt & Mayette UMCs. He earned a local pastor's license, and in 1966 entered Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston. During the next two years, he was student supply pastor at Alden Community UMC (IL). However, in 1968, due to ill health, he and his new wife Carol moved back to New Hampshire to serve Trinity UMC in Colebrook. During that time, he earned his Licentiate in Sacred Theology from Bishop's University in Lennoxville, PQ. As part of his New Hampshire ministry, Harry worked with the Colebrook 4H Club, Webelos Scouts, the Civil Air Patrol, and REACT. He became an avid CBer, with many contacts over a 200-mile area. Developing an interest in photography, Harry built a darkroom in the Colebrook parsonage, where he and several others learned the craft. He also helped develop a children's clothing factory, becoming sewing instructor and quality control manager for Manchester Mfg. Co. in Colebrook.

During the next seven years, Harry became a school bus driver and a guard at the Coos County Jail, where he touched the lives of many young people and inmates. Joining the United Church of Christ, Harry served as Interim Pastor of Monadnock Congregational Church in Colebrook and First Baptist Church, No. Stratford, NH. Finally, in 1980, he decided to go back to seminary at Gordon Conwell, So. Hamilton, MA. He did his student practicum at Hollis (NH) Congregational Church, and was ordained in 1983 at Monadnock Congregational Church, Colebrook. He then became Pastor/Teacher of the shared ministry of Berlin UCC and UMC and Errol Congregational Church, serving there until 1990. While in Berlin, Harry was also chaplain of the Coos County

Nursing Home, chaplain of the Berlin Fire Department, and secretary of the Berlin Rotary Club. Active in IOOF, Harry became Sovereign Grand Chaplain of the World in 1986-87, having the privilege of leading prayers at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, DC.

Harry then served Immanuel Community Church, Concord, NH for two years, after which he was called to serve St. Stephen's UCC, Haubstadt, IN. Due to a stroke and multiple difficulties, he

retired in 1998. Two years later, the Bartletts moved to Round Lake, IL where Harry volunteered service at the Community Church, as well as serving as supply pastor at Zion UCC in Carpentersville, IL until retiring again in 2005. According to his wife, he "loved people, doing craft projects, gardening, his beloved dog, cat and birds, and riding his Rascal scooter. His love and humor for all things of life sustained him through many difficulties and triumphs." The text of Matthew 25:35-40 provided the major theme for his ministry.

Harry died from complications following heart surgery on September 18, 2006 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, IL. Celebrations of his life were held at St. Peter Church, Lake Zurich, IL, and at Milford (NH) UMC on September 26, 2006. Burial was at Meadowview Cemetery, Amherst, NH. Harry is survived by his wife of 42 years, two sisters: Doris Gallagher of Milford, NH and Hazel Scott of Amherst, NH; his sister-in-law, Lesly Kovac, of Round Lake, IL, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

### **Charles Hodges Benson Jr.**

Honored as one who gave "voice to those who had none," Charles was born on June 7, 1930 in Baltimore, MD to Charles J. Sr and Marie Medinger Benson. After graduation from Baltimore City College in 1949 he worked for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1954. While stationed at Ft. Devens, MA he met and married Celeste Haimbach.

After discharge, Charles entered Bangor Theological Seminary from which he graduated in 1960. During those years he served churches in Milo and Bar Harbor, Maine. Charles also commuted to Farmington State Teachers College, where he earned a B.A. in education. He then served as local pastor for two years in Richmond and taught second grade in Farmington. In the summer of 1961 he attended school for supply pastors at Boston University School of Theology. After his ordination as deacon in 1961 he served at Monticello, becoming a full member of the Maine Annual Conference at his ordination as elder in 1964. He then served churches in Lincoln and Sanford, Maine.

In 1970 Charles was appointed to the Ecumenical Institute of Framingham, MA. And relocated to Chicago the following year. He worked with community leaders in the depressed north and west sections for church and community revitalization. In 1974 he moved the Institute's offices to Anchorage, Alaska, and began work with the Fairview Community. He held the first town hall meeting there, wrote the first bylaws of the town council, helped found the Fairview Community Patrol, and worked to develop several neighborhood parks including Fairview Lions and Sitka Parks. After retirement from the ministry in 1978, he worked for the Alaska Department of Natural Resources until 1999.

Leading an active and full life, Charles was a dedicated community volunteer, working with the Federation of Community Councils, Fairview Community Council, Anchorage Literacy Projects, Salvation Army Older Alaskans Program, and coaching reading at Fairview Elementary School. He also enjoyed sports, music, and outdoor life in Alaska.

After a long illness, Charles died on April 16, 2007 in Anchorage. A memorial service took place at the Anchorage Senior Center on April 21, with the Rev. William Choate officiating. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Celeste; their children, Charles III, Paul, Rebecca Hepker and Michael; and eight grandchildren.



### **William Leroy Bradley**

Parish minister and Army chaplain for many years, Bill was born in Worcester, MA, on April 7, 1929 to Merle K. and Awilda M. (Holly) Bradley. He graduated from the University of Connecticut, and Boston University School of Theology.

Bill served churches in Old Mystic & Noank, CT. (1949-50), Mapleville & Glendale (1951-52), Park United Church in Fall River, MA (1953-54), Edgartown, MA (1955-57), Fairhaven (1958-67), and Hingham (1968-71). He then became Chief Probation officer at Barnstable (MA) Probate and Family Court until his retirement in 1990. During these years he was also a chaplain in the Army Reserves. He graduated from the US Army Command and General Staff College, and retired as a Lt. Colonel with 27 years' service. In addition, he was a 50-year member of the Masons.

Bill died on May 6, 2007 in New Bedford. He was survived by his step-son, George M. Amaral of Maidenhead, England; a step-granddaughter, Valdirene of London, England; and several cousins. He was predeceased by his second wife Virginia in 2006, his first wife Barbara and a son Frederick.



### **Kenneth Bradfield Campbell**

Brad, as family and friends called him, was born on March 14, 1936 in Greeley, Colorado to Kenneth Gale and Betsey (Bradfield) Campbell. He earned a B.A. at Nebraska Wesleyan University, a B.D. at Iliff Seminary in Denver, and an STM in pastoral counseling at Boston University School of Theology in 1963.

During his years at BUSTH Brad began ministry at Milton Mills & Sanbornville, NH. In 1965 he was appointed to First UMC, Methuen, MA where he remained until 1970. He then joined the United Church of Christ. Brad founded and led Agape Chapel in Lowell and Chelmsford, MA. until the mid-1980s. He then became Activities Director at Suburban Manor, Acton, MA, until his retirement in 1998.

Shortly thereafter, the Campbells relocated to Delaware, Ohio, Martha's childhood home. Brad was active in Jewish-Christian activities, attending a Messianic synagogue and traveling to Israel. His death came suddenly on January 5, 2007. A memorial service was held at William Street UMC, Delaware, with the Rev. Sharon Beattie and Rabbi Howard Silverman officiating. Burial was in the family plot in Greeley, CO. Besides his wife Martha, Brad was survived by their five children: Peter Campstrom of Oakhurst, CA, Kenneth Campbell of Burlington, MA, Douglas Campbell of Powell, Ohio, Betsey Driscoll of Chelmsford, MA, and Mary Shetler of Lowell, MA, and eleven grandchildren.



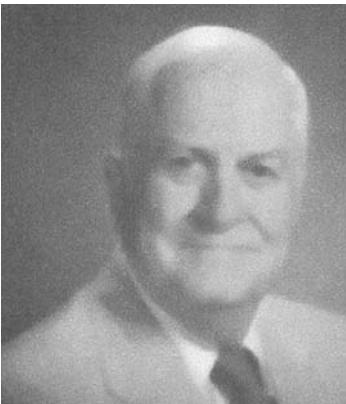
### **Ernest R. Case**

Pastor on radio and television as well as in several communities, Ernest was born in 1919 in Rock Hill, NY to Andrew and Wilhemena (Denton) Case, descendent of Mayflower passenger Stephen Hopkins. Ernest graduated from Albany State Teachers College and Boston University School of Theology. He married Glendys Bickford in 1946.

Ordained deacon in 1945 and elder in 1947, he served churches in West Chelmsford, Framingham, Waltham and Belmont, MA While a Waltham, he designed the rose stained glass window. From 1976 to 1986, Ernest was Pastor of the First Radio Parish Church of America, based on Portland, ME. During those years he served on many Conference boards, most notably in leadership of the Commission on Archives and History. He was also a member of the Board of the Red Cross and other community agencies.

Upon retirement in 1986, the Cases moved to Penney Farms Retirement Community in Florida, spending their summers in Islesboro, ME. Ernest continued his interest in history, genealogy, poetry, stained glass, stamps and coins. He was also a published writer.

Ernest died on July 22, 2006 in Islesboro. A memorial service was held at the Penney Retirement Community Church on August 5, with burial in Islesboro. Ernest was survived by his wife Glendys of 60 years, who died less than four months later, three daughters: Derreth Roberts of South Berwick, ME, Valerie Hahn of Columbia, SC, and the Rev. Casey Collins of Peaks Island, ME; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



### **Clovis A. Frame**

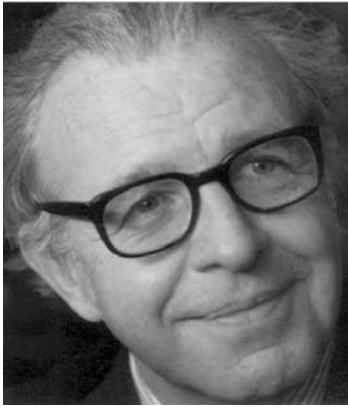
Parish minister, teacher and navy chaplain for 50 years, Clovis was born on July 28, 1914 in Salesville, Ohio, the son of Ralph E. and Flora M. (Young) Frame. He graduated from Lore City (Ohio) High School in 1932, and then studied Bible and music at Moody Bible Institute. He earned a BD in history t Muskingum College, and an M.Div. at Boston University School of Theology. Clovis had been student supply pastor at McKendree Circuit and Cambridge, East Side, but during seminary served Cranston Street UMC in Providence, RI In the year he graduated, 1942, he married

Dorothy Mildred Carr, was ordained both deacon and elder in the Northeast Ohio Conference under the special Disciplinary provision for military chaplains, and became an Ensign in the US Navy.

Clovis served for twenty years during World War II and the Korean War aboard the USS Prometheus and the USS Leyte, and at naval bases on Saipan, San Diego, Portsmouth, NH. Retiring as Commander in 1962, he earned a Master's degree in history at Ohio University in 1965. He then taught history at Ricker College, Houlton, ME (1965-1974) and a year at the University of Maine at Presque Isle. During these years he served the Monticello UMC, Houlton Baptist Church, and Hogdon UMC, the latter for 17 years until retirement in 1985. He maintained his interest in young people and singing in church and community choirs.

"A gentleman and a scholar to the end," Clovis died in Houlton on May 15, 2006, the day after his 64th. wedding anniversary. His funeral was held in the Hogdon UMC, Houlton, with

Marilyn Rohdin officiating. Burial was in Hogdon Cemetery, Houlton. Clovis was survived by his wife Dorothy; two sons: Robert Eric and Bruce Aln; a daughter, Pamela Mae Galda; and two grandsons. He was predeceased by his brothers Cleland E., John C., James W. and his sister Gladys F. Curtis.



### **William Blair Gould**

Distinguished for his career as professor, administrator, and author, Bill was born on April 22, 1924 in Los Angeles, CA to Earle and Marguerite (Brown) Gould. He earned a BA at Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, and an M.Div. at Union Seminary, New York City, for which he was awarded a Boston Globe scholarship. He then earned a PhD in Theological Philosophy at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He also took courses at American, Oxford, and Yale Universities. In the middle of his college years he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served three years in North Africa.

After ordination in the New York East Conference, Bill served churches in Brooklyn, East Meadow (1952-55), and Middletown, NY (1955-58). In 1959, he transferred to the Nebraska Conference and became Director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Nebraska, where he organized the Methodist Chapel and student center. In 1963 Bill became Director of the Office of Campus Ministry. He also designed and administered International University and World Change conferences for the University Christian Movement, the Methodist Student Movement, and Newman International. Invited to become a member of the General Board of Missions, he arranged national and international student study programs. In 1967-68 Bill was Professor and Chairman of the Department of Religious Studies at Bradley University, Peoria, IL. He then moved to Washington College for two years as Dean and Professor of Philosophy and Religion. Returning to parish ministry in 1971, Bill served as pastor of Asbury UMC, Warwick, for five years. During those years, he designed and led workshops in organizational development for clergy and lay leaders of the Southern New England Conference. As Chairman of the Commission on Faith and Order of the Rhode Island State Council of Churches, In 1976 he became Professor of Religion and Philosophy at the University of Dubuque, retiring in 1991. From 1976 to 1991, he also gave seminars in professional ethics and current issues in philosophy for clergy and laity. He was a diplomate of Frankel Institute, and published books on Bonhoeffer and Frankel. Continuing to teach after formal retirement, Bill served as Adjunct Professor of Philosophy at Union Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio. From 1994 to 2006, he lectured at Duke University Institute for Learning in Retirement.

Remembered as "a witty observer of mankind, religion, and politics; a gentlemen," Bill died on September 21, 2006. His funeral took place on October 10 at Binkley Memorial Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, NC. A military service was also held at Arlington National Cemetery. Bill was survived by his wife of 51 years, Natalie R. Gould, of Pittsboro, NC.



### **William Oscar Grunden**

Remembered for his humor and helpfulness, Bill was born on June 27, 1927 in Mt. Vernon, NY, the son of Walter and Hannah Grunden. During World War II, he left high school and lied about his age to join the US Navy. He served in the North Atlantic on a destroyer escort on convoy duty, and was honorably discharged as a petty officer third class. Returning to civilian life, he completed his GED, and eventually met and married Loretta Brown, whom he married in 1952.

Bill then graduated from Hope College, Holland, Michigan, and attended Asbury Seminary in Louisville, KY. He was ordained in 1954 and began pasturing in Lexington, KY. The following year, the Grundens returned to New England to pastorates in East Glastonbury and Stafford Springs, CT, Providence, RI, and Martha's Vineyard in 1968.

After retirement, Bill and his family moved to their cottage in Trinity Park, Oak Bluffs. They became well known as the proprietors of the Wigwam Paper Store. Bill served as chaplain of the Oak Bluffs Fire Department for 26 years, served as a volunteer fireman, captain, and fire investigator, and attended the FBI Arson School in Quantico, VA. His fondness for the Vineyard was evident as he drove tour buses and enjoyed fishing. His keen interest in card games, especially bridge, prepared him to publish "The Weak Two System," a book on bridge strategy, in 1975.

Loretta died in 1991 after a long illness. Later, Bill met and married Betty Cheever of Wimauma, FL. She also became ill and died in 2004. Bill followed them on February 28, 2007 at Sun City Center, FL. A memorial service was held on August 18 at Trinity UMC, Oak Bluffs. Bill was survived by three sons: Paul of Falmouth, MA, David of Oak Bluffs, and Wesley of Cave Creek, AZ; three step-children: James Cheever, Thomas Cheever, and Joy Rogers; a brother, Charles of Falmouth; and many nieces and nephews.



### **Charles David Hoyt**

Grandson of a Methodist minister, the Rev. Charles Oscar Perry, an influential role model and mentor, Charlie was born on July 10, 1932 in Portland, Maine to David William and Elsie (Perry) Hoyt. He earned a BS at the University of Maine in Orono in 1954 and an M.Div. at Boston University School of Theology in 1959. .

Meanwhile, he began ministry in Vanceboro in 1956, followed by Hamden and East Dixmont in 1959-60. He transferred to the New England Southern Conference to serve churches in Portland and Warehouse Point (1961-63). The next four years, 1964-6 were spent at school. From 1967 to 1973, he served in Baltic & Versailles, followed by Brockton, 1974-75, Chicopee Falls and Springfield, 1976-77, Gloucester, 12978-82, and Bourne/Catamet in 1983. Taking a leave of absence Charlie moved to New Hampshire, where he did extensive volunteer work until he retired in 1985. He enjoyed reading, Bible study, sewing and knitting, painting, and photography. He is remembered as energetic and loving life.

Charlie died on August 31, 2006. A memorial service was held on September 14 at Havenwood Retirement Center, Concord, NH. Charlie was survived by two sisters: Jean Tauscher of Perry, GA and Laurel Blaney of Santa Cruz, CA. one nephew; four nieces; and many great nephews and nieces.



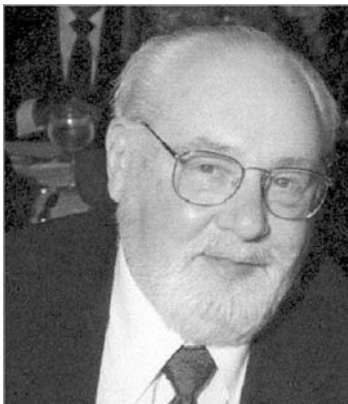
### **Yeager Hudson**

Professor of Theology and Religion for many years, Yeager was born on August 14, 1931 in Meridian, Mississippi to Dr. William Ernest and Effie Elizabeth (Yeager) Hudson. Yeager graduated with honors from Millsaps (Methodist) College, Jackson, MI in 1954. He worked his way through college by preaching and bookkeeping. In December 1953 he married Louise Hight, his college sweetheart. In the year following graduation, Yeager pastored three little churches in Mississippi, and was ordained in the Mississippi Conference. He then won a scholarship to begin study toward a PhD at Boston University School of Theology. In 1959, he was invited to become a student teaching assistant in the Philosophy and Religion Department of Colby College, Maine. He spent two years there and joined the Maine Conference. In 1961 he returned to Boston to complete his PhD.

Relocating to Colby College in 1963, Yeager resumed his teaching of religion and philosophy. He spent his first sabbatical in India thru a Fulbright Scholarship. During another in 1985 he spent one semester as teacher-in-residence at six colleges in the highlands of Sri Lanka, followed by a second semester in Nepal and Kashmir doing research for a book, "Emerson and Tagore: the Poet as Philosopher", which was published in 1988. An avid scholar and author, Yeager edited several other books.

In 1999, Colby College honored him for his 40 years service.

Retiring after 50 years of ministry in 2004, Yeager and Louise moved to Georgetown where they had spent summers at Indian Point. During the winter of 2007 they rented an apartment in Topsham, where Yeager died on April 21, 2007. His funeral was held on April 28 at the Bath UMC, with the Rev. Beverly Blaisdell officiating. Burial was at Mountainside Cemetery, Georgetown. Yeager was survived by his wife Louise of 53 years; two sons: Paul B. of Georgetown, ME, and Gareth Y. of Cincinnati, OH; and five grandchildren.



### **Donald Edward Jones**

Pastor, teacher, traveler, and musician, Don was born on February 23, 1929 in Springfield, MA to Edward and Pearl (Agambar) Jones. He graduated from Springfield Technical High School in 1947 and attended the US Naval Academy for two years. Feeling a call to ministry, Don earned a BA in philosophy at Amherst College in 1952. He entered Boston University School of Theology, and was ordained in the mid-1950s. He began his ministry in 1956 at First UMC, Marlborough, and then served in Framingham until 1967.

That year Don became professor of philosophy, religion, and psychology, as well as coordinator of religious affairs at the former Dean Junior College, Franklin, until his retirement in 1991. He then lived in Needham and Cotuit before moving to Norwell in 1998. Don enjoyed the outdoors, especially sailing and hiking. He was remembered as a person of many gifts and talents, including humor, generosity, wonder, and presence.

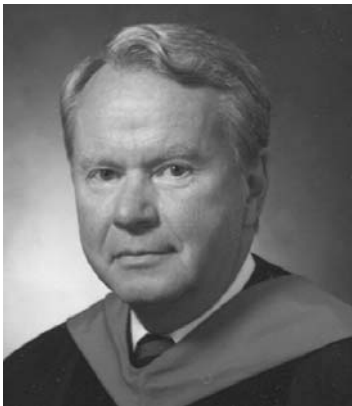
Don died on June 16, 2006 of a viral attack at New England Medical Center, Boston. A memorial service was held on June 24 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Scituate, with the Rev. Landon Lindsay presiding. Don was survived by his wife of 54 years, Patricia (Beale) Jones; two sons: Timothy of Boston and Christopher of Natick; a daughter, Pamela Healy of Norwell; three grandsons and a granddaughter.



### **Benjamin A. Laird**

Benjamin was born on December 30, 1924 in Newton, Kansas, to Irl and Fern (Titus) Laird. He graduated from the College of the Pacific in 1951 and Boston University School of Theology in 1953. That year he married Mary Nickerson, and they raised four children. Ordained in the California-Nevada Conference, Ben began ministry at North Sacramento. After seminary, he transferred to the Southern California-Arizona Conference and served at Shell Beach. From 1958 to 1968 he served in missions in the Alaska Conference. Relocating to Maine, he served at Calais-South Robbinston and Eliot until 1975 when he joined the West PA Conference to serve seven churches in seven years. In 1982, Ben transferred to Southern New England Conference to pastor at Harwich, from where he retired in 1989. In addition to ministry, Ben was a talented mechanic and woodworker, designing his own octagonal house.

After years of battling leukemia and Parkinson's Disease, Ben died on March 7, 2007. His funeral was held on August 15, 2007 at his home in Chatham, MA, with the Rev. Eric Wilestrom presiding. Burial was also at his home. Ben was survived by his wife of 53 years, Mary (Nickerson) Laird, and their four children: Gerald Stephen, Timothy, Peter, and Ruth Kathleen Cumming.

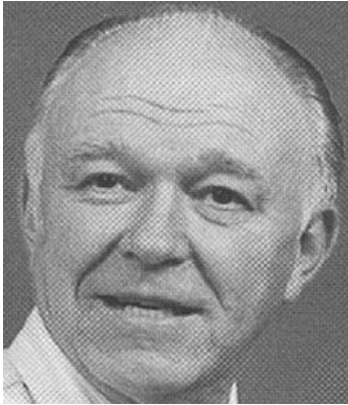


### **Guy Stier Morrison**

Pastor, teacher-professor, accountant, and civic leader, Guy was born on October 12, 1928 in Kansas City, MO to Guy Thornton and Florida Elizabeth (Stier) Morrison. After his mother died suddenly in his teens, Guy graduated from Lexington High School, and William Jewell College, Liberty, MO, with a BA in 1950. He then became a high school teacher and accountant. Attracted to Harvard where his brother was attending medical school, Guy entered Harvard Divinity School where he earned an M.Div. in 1955.

That same year, Guy married Mae Ross and began his first pastorate as Associate at Park Ridge (IL) UMC. He then became pastor of Christ UMC < Wellesley, MA (1960-66). until he became Head of New Church Development for the National Board of Missions for five years. In 1971 he was elected Executive Director of the New England Deaconess Association, now the Deaconess Abundant Life communities, where he remained until retirement in 1998. During those years, Guy also served as president of the Concord Rotary Club, Concord Council of Churches, Concord Chamber of Commerce, and the Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. He was honored as "Concord Business Person of the Year" in 1992.

Guy died on January 12, 2007 in Chatham, MA. A memorial service was held on January 20 at Trinitarian Congregational Church, Concord, with the Rev. Dr. John Lombard officiating. Burial was in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Concord. Guy was survived by his wife of 52 years, Mae, of Chatham; a son Paul of Cos Cob, CT; a daughter Laurel Parrish of Concord; a granddaughter Katie Parrish of Concord; and many nieces and nephews. Guy was predeceased by a brother, Robert.



### **John Olland Parker**

Remembered as “a man who was strong in body, mind, and soul,” John was born on December 5, 1935 in Lowell, MA to Alfred H. and Mollie (Garstang) Parker. He graduated from Pepperell High School in 1954, and served in the US Naval Reserve aboard the USS Intrepid in the Mediterranean in 1955. Returning home, he earned a BA at the University of Massachusetts in 1959, and a STB at Boston University School of Theology in 1962, followed that same year his ordination as elder in the Southern New England Conference.

John’s 40-year ministry began at Lynnfield-Wakefield UMC as youth director, and later as student pastor at People’s UMC, Newburyport. He then took on pasturing at Byfield, followed by being associate pastor and youth minister at Carter Memorial, Needham Heights. He then served for 10 years at Epworth UMC, Worcester, as well as being chaplain to the Worcester Fire Department. During those years he organized “Word for Worcester” for ecumenical evangelism, which later became nation-wide as “Key 73.” He was honored by being named Pastor Emeritus of Epworth UMC.

In 1978, John was appointed Superintendent of the Connecticut-Western Massachusetts District of the Southern New England Conference. In 1982 he returned to parish ministry at Sudbury UMC for 6-1/2 years, after which he served the Pittsfield Area Council of Churches administering the Emergency Fund. He also served on many Conference boards: Evangelism (as chairman), Trustees, Ordained Ministry (both Conference and District), and Christian Vocation, before retirement in 2000. He was also a third degree Mason. He was a long-time member of the Board of Directors of the UM Federal Credit Union, serving as its president in 2003-2006. John was also a choir member in his various churches, an avid sports fan, and enjoyed the family homes in Vermont and coastal Maine.

John died on July 17, 2006 at Monte Vista Farm, VT of heart failure. A memorial service was held at Epworth UMC, Worcester, on July 22. John was survived by his wife of 50 years, Catherine Snyder Parker; daughter, Debra Orrell of Worcester; two sons: Breck of Saco, ME, and Wesley of Amherst, MA; a brother, Kenneth of Hadley, MA; a sister, Judith Moore of Brooksville, FL; 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.



### **Milton Linfield Smith Sr.**

The son of a clergy couple, Milt was born on April 24, 1925 in Fremont, NH to the Revs. Frederick and Laura (Tandy) Smith. Milt served in the US Navy Seabees during World War II. In 1948 he married Dorothy E. Cole, who became his life-long partner in ministry. He then earned a BA at the University of Maine, an M.Div. at Bangor Seminary, and was ordained elder in the Maine Conference in 1961.

His 36-year ministry in 11 churches began in 1954 at East Corinth, Maine, followed by Hampden, Monticello, and Brownville Junction, Maine. In 1966 he was appointed to Amesbury, MA, and in 1969-86 to Suncook, Lancaster, and Londonderry, NH. During the Suncook pastorate, Milt was chaplain of the NH General Court. In 1987 he was appointed to Grace Church, Haverhill, MA. His last appointment

was at his first church in East Corinth, ME, from which he retired in 1990. Milt preached or sang in a total of 180 churches in the US, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland, where his father was born and where he and his family spent 45 summers.

Milt died suddenly on May 27, 2007 at Concord Hospital. A memorial service was held at Wesley UMC< Concord on May 30, with the Revs. Peter Hey, William Keeffe, and John Blackadar participating. Milt was survived by his wife of 59 years, Dorothy; four sons: Milton Jr. of Strafford, Kevin of Missouri, the Rev. R. Lee of Massachusetts, and Frederick of Warner; a daughter, Natalie Leclair of Kittery, ME; 9 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Milt was predeceased by a brother, Neilson, and a sister Nathalie Turner.

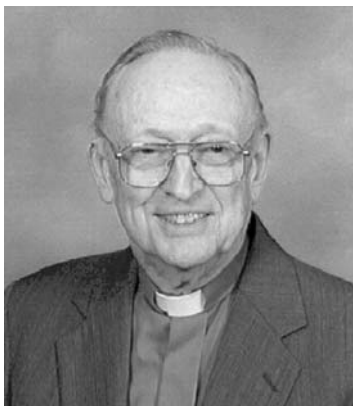


### **Harold D. Smock**

Harold was born on August 30, 1908 in Eatontown, NJ, the only child of Albert and Catherine (Covert) Smock. He graduated from Red Bank (NJ) High School and Temple University School of Theology in 1939. He served several churches in New Jersey until 1951 when he was appointed to South Hadley, MA. In 1961 he began a 12-year pastorate at Starrett Memorial UMC, Athol. After retirement in 1973, Harold preached part-time at churches in Braintree, Spencer, Warren, and West Warren. He was also chaplain of Booth Bay Chapter 114 of NAFCA (camping association) until 2001.

Harold enjoyed travel, camping, and gardening. His skill in carpentry enabled him to design not only his parents' home during his high school years, but also his retirement home in West Brookfield. He was a long-time member of the Rotary Clubs in Athol and West Brookfield, served as president, and was named a Paul Harris Fellow. He was also honored in 1997 with the Roger Buzzell Memorial Award for his many hours of service to the Brookfield Council on Aging.

Harold died on January 31, 2007 at the age of 98 at Quabbin Valley Healthcare, Athol. A memorial service was held on February 3 at the George Whitefield UMC, West Brookfield, with the Rev. Karen Gutowski presiding. Burial was in Pine Grove Cemetery. Harold was survived by his son Frederick of West Brookfield, a daughter Elizabeth Sylvester of Grange, a grandson John, four great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Harold was predeceased by his wife of 55 years, Florence (Knowlton) Smock, in 1994.



### **Lawrence Sylvester Staples**

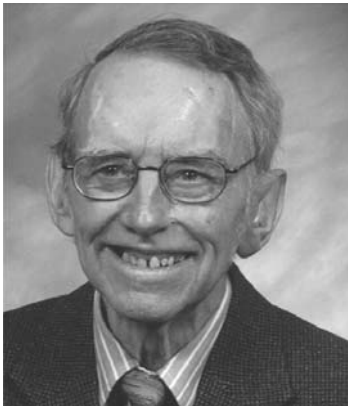
Pastor for 69 years and recipient in 2005 of the Golden Cane for the oldest member and the longest service in the New England Conference, Larry was born on August 13, 1914 In South Berwick, ME to the Rev. Louis and Bernice (Sylvester) Staples, who was DS in the Maine Conference. In 1939 he married a minister's daughter, Georgia M. Sparks. Larry earned a BA in German and Education at the University of Maine in 1939, and was ordained elder that same year. He later earned an M.Div. at Boston University School of Theology in 1948.

Larry began his ministry in 1939 at Stonington & South Deer Isle, followed by pastorates at Hartland, Fairfield and Fairfield Center. He served in the Philippines as an Army chaplain from 1944 to 1946, returning to Boston to complete his M.Div degree in 1948. Transferring to the New

England Conference, he then served churches in Forest Hill and Worcester, MA. After serving again as Army chaplaincy during the Korean War, 1950-51, Larry served in Quincy, Northampton, Everett, Salem, Lee & Lenoxdale, Stafford Springs and East Hartford, retiring in 1985. During his 42 years of service, he served on district parsonage and church location committees, and Conference Trustees. Continuing to serve after retirement, Larry became minister of visitation at Manchester South UMC, Manchester, CT.

Serving in numerous community groups, Larry was chaplain at the Masonic Lodge in Mount Vernon and the Galilean Lodge A.F. & A.M. in Everett, MA. Larry traveled widely at home and abroad, and enjoyed coin collecting, photography, woodworking and animals. He had a great sense of humor and loved sharing stories of his military career. He was always supportive of his family and many friends, and was characterized by his daughter Donna as her "best cheering section."

Larry died "full of years" at age 98 on February 6, 2007 at Havenwood Heritage Heights, Concord, NH. A memorial service was held at Wesley UMC, Concord, on February 10. Larry was survived by his daughter, Donna Rowland of Epsom; a sister, Frances Gallis of Ohio; a granddaughter, Colleen Rowland of Ashland; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Georgia Staples, who died in 2003, and his brother, Dr. Stanley Staples.



### **Edwin A. Trench Jr.**

Pastor, boat builder, and wood worker, Ed was born on March 23, 1925 in Bourne, MA to Edwin A. Sr. and Gertrude M. (Bumpus) Trench. After graduating from Bourne High School in 1945, he joined the US Navy, serving on the cruiser USS Manchester and then attending the War College in Newport, RI. He later worked in the family business, Trench Cleaners, at Buzzards Bay.

Hearing a call to ministry at an E. Stanley Jones rally in New Bedford in the early 1960s, Ed took correspondent courses and later completed the Course of Study at Boston University School of Theology in 1968. He was ordained deacon in 1967 and became an Associate Member of the New England Southern Conference in 1970. Beginning in 1965, Ed served in East Harwich, South Harwich & South Chatham until 1969, and Coventry Greene & Washington until 1974. For the next 8 years he served the Windham County Country Parish, North Grosvenordale/ East Thompson/ Killingly, Attawaugan/Plainfield, Moosup/Sterling, and Oneco. He then was appointed to Hingham & Hull, 1983-87, and Marlboro & North Grafton, 1988-91, retiring in 1992 to Sagamore Beach. In many of these churches, he was co-pastor with his wife, the Rev. Jean (Gibbs) Trench, whom he married in 1948. His son William said of Ed that "no one ever wanted to be a pastor more than my dad; no one was more committed to it."

A skilled carpenter, Ed became a frequent boat builder, using the St. Pierre dory model. His woodworking skills were often called upon by friends and family, especially to make dolls. According to his son, Ed believed "that things should be straight, true, plumb, and right."

Ed died of congestive heart failure on November 29, 2006. A memorial service was held at Swift Memorial UMC, Sagamore Beach, MA, with the Revs. Dr. Errol E. Leslie and Dr. William C. Trench, officiating. Burial was in Sagamore Cemetery. Ed was survived by his wife of 59 years, the Rev. Jean Trench; a son, the Rev. William C. Trench of East Greenwich; a daughter, Cheryl J. Trench of New York City and Sagamore Beach; a granddaughter, Carolyn J. Trench of Northampton and East Greenwich, RI; a sister, Vivian Trench Souza of Barnstable and Ocala, FL; and many nieces and nephews.



## Allan F. Wells-Goodwin

Pastor, teacher, counselor, and published author, Allan was born on August 29, 1943 in Hudson, NH to Frederick Thurlow and Claire (Therault) Goodwin. He graduated from Alvirne High School, Hudson, NH in 1961, and worked in the family restaurant, Goodwin's Fried Clams. He then became a design draftsman in mechanical engineering. In 1963 he joined R.C.A. working on the radar system for the Lunar Excursion Module from 1963 to 1974, and later from 1982 to 1985. Meanwhile he continued his education, graduating from the NH School for Life Long Learning in 1979 and Boston University School of Theology in 1985. The following year he married the Rev. Dana Beth Wells-Goodwin, and together they raised four sons.

Allan's ministry began at Penacook, NH, 1974-75. during which time he published a history of that church, which is now in the NH State Library. In 1975 Chi Chester was added to his charge, at which he stayed until 1982. Meanwhile he was ordained deacon in the New Hampshire Conference in 1981. He then moved to Arlington Heights, MA in 1984. In 1986 Allan became pastor at Naples and North Sebago, ME for ten years, during which he was ordained elder in the Maine Conference in 1988. He then served as pastor at East Boothbay & Boothbay Harbor for 7 years, 1996 to 2003, continuing at Boothbay Harbor until his retirement in 2005. Residing at "Coping Haven" in Denmark, ME. he served North Sebago UMC and the Conference After-Pastor Assistance Resources & Training (APART) team. Allan also served as co-chair of Maine Conference COSROW, 1988-1993, his District Superintendency Committee, his District Church Building & Location Committee, and the New England Conference Response Team.

As teacher and author, Allan designed and led several seminars on dealing with sexual misconduct issues, victim support, and after-pastor care of parishes. He also designed and taught a "Total Human Care" seminar for local churches using his own booklet by that names. In 2005 he published a book on after-pastor care, "Wounded Churches, Wounded People" and gave lectures on "Biblical Perspectives on Dealing With Sexual Abuse." He was a team member for Critical Incident Stress Debriefing for hospitals, rescue squads, a school and a lumber yard. In 2006 he became diplomate in the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress. Allen also served on the Community Resource Council

Besides ministry in various forms, Allan loved antique cars. He was a member of Maine Obsolete Auto League (MOALS) and proudly owned both an Olds Cutlass 442 and a 1931 Model A Ford Roadster.

Allan died suddenly at home on March 22, 2007 of congestive heart failure. His funeral was held on March 31 at North Sebago UMC, with Pastor Neil Gastonguay presiding. A graveside service was held on May 5 at Forest Hills Cemetery, Bridgton, ME. Allan was survived by his wife of 23 years, the Rev. DanaBeth Wells-Goodwin, of Denmark, ME; their four sons: Allan Jr, Brian, Matthew, and Benjamin; 8 grandchildren a sister, Betty L. Gratrix, and several nephews and cousins. Allan was predeceased by his brother Carl.



### **James L. White**

Jim was born on October 7, 1930 in Wilson, NC to Eugene and Verna White. When he was 3, the family moved to Taunton, MA He graduated from Boston University with a BA from the College of Liberal Arts and an M.Div. from the School of Theology. In 1951 while serving as assistant minister at Central UMC, Brockton, MA he met and married Dorothy. Jim was ordained in the New England Southern Conference as served as pastor at East Braintree, Thompsonville, and Danielson, CT In 1960 he moved to the New York Conference as Director of Youth Work on the NY Conference Board of Education. He also served as camp director at Camp Quinipet on Shelter Island. In 1964 Jim was appointed to Simpson UMC, Amityville, NY. In 1968 he became association pastor at Memorial UMC, White Plains, NY where he served until his appointment in 1972 as pastor at Floral Park UMC. IN 1978 he became chaplain and later general manager t Bethel Springvale Inn and assistant director of the Bethel Methodist Homes in Croton-on-Hudson/Ossining, NY. He was elected to the Lakeland School Board in Shrub Oak, NY. In 1983 he was appointed administrator of Friendly Acres Retirement Home in Newton, Kansas. He then returned to New York to serve in Gardnertown, Saint James, and Bronx City Island. After retirement, Jim and Dorothy moved from Plainfield, NJ to DeBary, FL where they enjoyed the Bach Festival concerts in Winter Park. Jim also worked part-time in several local businesses.

Jim died of pneumonia on March 6, 2007 in DeBary, FL. A memorial service was held on March 17 at First UMC, Orlando, with the Rev. Rodney Wallace officiating. Committal was on March 31 at Dighton Community Church, Dighton, MA. Jim was survived by his wife of 53 years, Dorothy; four sons: Donald of Deltona, FL, Douglas of Ramsey, NJ, Dennis of Gaithersburg, MD, and Dale of South Easton, MA; nine grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and four brothers and sisters: the Rev. Eugene White of Ocala, FL , Lynnette Babbitt of Somerset, MA, Jewel Miller of Brighton, CO, and Ainsley Snell of Marston Mills, MA.

## **LAITY**



### **Edwin Jack Dyer**

Jack was born in Danville, PA on November 23, 1934 to Eva E. (London) and Thomas F. Dyer. He graduated from Sunbury (PA) High School and began a 38-year career with Western Union, where he was Vice President of East Coast Area Administration. During those years he assisted Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Nixon.

Jack was an active member of Hazardville (CT) UMC, serving as lay member several years, long-time trustee, and chairman of its Strategic Planning Committee and Council on Ministries. He was an avid Red Sox and Penn State fan, and enjoyed gardening, landscaping, and ceramic painting.

Jack died of cancer on December 23, 2006 in Hartford, CT. His funeral was held on December 27 at Hazardville UMC. A graveside service was held on December 29 at Northumberland Memorial Park, Stonington, PA. Jack was survived by his wife of 50 years, Nancy H. (Eyer) Dyer; two children: Bonnie D. LaMondia of Enfield, CT. And Edwin Jack Dyer Jr. of Mashpee, MA; and four grandchildren.

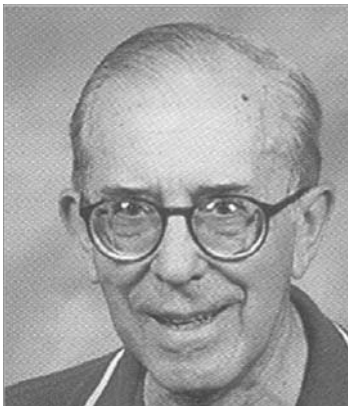


### **Beverly Sears**

An avid crafter, Beverly was born on January 21, 1939 in Amesbury, MA to Helen and William Bushong. When she was twelve, the family moved to California, where she graduated from high school in Vallejo. There she became admitting clerk at Kaiser Terminente Hospital, and was active with the Salvation Army.

In 1970 Beverly returned to New England, settling first in Merrimac, MA and later in Framingham. She became co-owner of an antique shop in Worcester, and remained active in the craft business until 1992. In addition to her love of crafts, Beverly was known as a caring and thoughtful friend and neighbor. After moving to Maine she became an admitting clerk at Stevens Memorial Hospital, Norway, Maine, as well as working part-time in the billing office there. In 1999 she joined the Bolster's Mills UMC and served as its Lay Member to Annual Conference. She also became a Certified Lay Speaker at both Basic and Advanced levels.

Beverly died suddenly of pneumonia on December 4, 2006. A Celebration of Life, with many favorite hymns, was held at the Bolster's Mills UMC on December 8. She is survived by Karen Turino, her long-time partner; three sisters: Joyce Bartlett of Worthington, MA, Cindy Newton of Norway, ME, and Helen Bushong of Harrison, ME; a son, David Sears, of Oxford, MA; a brother, William Bushong of Clancy, Montana; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.



### **Ridgway Foulks Shinn Jr.**

Named Distinguished Service Professor of Rhode Island College in 1981, Ridgway was born on November 17, 1922, in Waterbury, CT to Charlotte (Webster) and the Rev. Ridgway Foulks Shinn. He earned a B.A. in History at Oberlin College, where he also studied organ. At Columbia University he earned MA and PhD degrees in history, which launched his long career as teacher, historian, and author.

During his distinguished tenure at Rhode Island College, 1958-1987, Ridgway became the first Chairman of the Department of History, the first Dean of Arts and Sciences, and Vice President for Academic Affairs in 1974-77. As historian, with special interest in the British Empire, he taught in Connecticut, California, New York, and Austria. Outstanding among his published articles and studies was Arthur Berridole Keith: 1879-1944. Ridgway also received many grants and honors, including honorary life membership of the Friends of Edinburgh University Library, in recognition of his Guide to Keith's works. In the mid-1960s he became Project Director for the Providence Social Studies Curriculum, linking Rhode Island College resources to revised curriculum in grades K through 12. He was a long-time member of the honorary societies Kappa Delta Pi (education) and Phi Alpha Theta (History).

Beyond his academic achievements, Ridgway provided leadership to many historical and civic organizations including the Rhode Island Council of Churches, American Heart Association, Boy Scouts, CROP, Dodeka, RI Chamber Music Series, Pawtucket History Research Society, UM Elder Care, and Mathewson Street UMC, where he served as Lay Member of Annual Conference. As an accomplished organist and pianist, he served at Waterbury, CT, Reedley, CA, and Mathewson Street UMC. After retirement, he and his wife Clarice founded the Ridgway F. Shinn

Dr. Study Abroad fund at Rhode Island College, which has helped over 40 students study in locations all around the world. His own love of travel included a cross-country van tour with all five children in 1960, with subsequent "Cousins Camp" family reunions and tours in various places.

After a long illness, Ridgway died on December 14, 2006 in Providence, RI. A family service was held on December 16, and a memorial service took place at Matthewson Street UMC on December 23. Burial was at Swann Point Cemetery. A memorial service at Rhode Island College followed in February 2007. Ridgway was survived by his wife of 62 years, Clarice Wagner Shinn; their five children: Jenifer Tait, Ridge Shinn, Craig Shinn, Jeremy Shinn, and Beth Shinn; eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

## LOCAL PASTORS



**John E. Geer**

A skilled craftsman, pastor, and advocate for the hearing impaired, John was born on June 1, 1919 in Milltown, NJ to John Edward and Bessie (Henderson) Geer. After graduating from Rutgers University with an AA in engineering, he earned a BA at St. Joseph's College. He served in Europe during the last year of World War II, seeing action on D-Day on Omaha Beach, the Battle of the Bulge, and the final invasion of Germany in 1945. He was later honored for his extra efforts on behalf of the Fripiat family and their town of Jemelle, Belgium.

After the war, John worked as a chemical engineer, but soon felt the call to ministry. He first became a certified lay speaker in 1965, attended Boston University School of theology, and then completed the Course of Study at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC. He was ordained in the Troy Conference in 1971, but transferred to the Southern New England Conference and served churches in southern Vermont and western Massachusetts. He served on the Board of Conference Sessions and the Board of Education, Troy Conference. Keenly interested in advocacy for the deaf and hearing impaired, he established an ecumenical church for the deaf in the Greenfield and Springfield area. He attended The National Conference of the Deaf and coordinated signing and a choir for the deaf in the SNE Conference. He is remembered as "a creative and inspiring preacher," especially his children's sermons.

John was also a skilled craftsman and builder, involved in many church projects in Arlington, V, Chicopee, MA, Glendale, MA, and Barnwell, SC. The latter church, destroyed by arson, became "Project Rebuild," for which John was honored by the National Council of Churches. He was frequently consulted by other churches and DS's for construction advice. In addition, John was a Boy Scout leader for 35 years, a COCU participant, and advisor to 4H Clubs, He was an avid sailor and enjoyed the ocean, beaches, and waterways, as well as his vacation home on Manasota Key, Florida.

After a long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease, John died at sunset on July 4, 2006 at Birchwood Terrace, Burlington, VT. A memorial service was held on July 25, 2006 at The Louisa Howard Chapel; Burlington, VT. John was survived by his wife, the Rev. Ann Geer, of Burlington; their children: Priscilla Hurd of Petersburg, NY, Richard of Fort Plain, NY, and Thomas of Greensboro, NC; a sister, Muriel Smith of Los Angeles, CA; thirteen grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. John was predeceased by a granddaughter Isabel and a great-grandson Jacob.



### **Forest William Laraba**

Forest was born on July 15, 1916 in Manchester, NH to Forest Monroe and Nettie Almeda (Putnam) Laraba. He attended Central High School and New England Business College. He served in the US Army during World War II, earning the rank of master sergeant. His Course of Study at Wesley Seminary in Washington DC. was accelerated because of a bout with cancer. He then became interim pastor at Suncook (NH) UMC. In 1981, after serving as Lay Speaker, Forest became pastor of the former Goffstown (now Hillside) UMC. For 40 years he served the former NH Conference in many positions.

Forest was Vice President of the Lew A. Cummings Co., now Cummings Press, for 45 years. He was also a Boy Scout leader, a member of the United Methodist Men, First UMC of Manchester, Washington Lodge 16 A.F.& A.M., and Manchester Bowling League for more than 40 years. He loved fishing, travel, music, and playing with his grandchildren.

Forest died on March 8, 2007 of pneumonia and other illnesses at Concord Hospital. A memorial service was held on March 13 at First UMC, Manchester, NH, with the Revs. We Hyun Chang, Lilian Warner, and William Keeffe participating. Burial with military honors was in Pine Grove Cemetery, Manchester. Forest was survived by his wife of 67 years, Helen (Laucka) Laraba; their two children: Roberta Jean (Laraba)Brown of Medford, MA. and David F. Laraba. Of Beckley, WV; a sister, Roberta Laraba of Manchester; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews. Forest was predeceased by a sister, Myrtle, and a brother Harold.

### **Richard Stewart**

Pastor and teacher, Richard was born on August 20, 1929 in Schuylerville, NY to Maxine (Hinckley) and Clifford Stewart. He was educated in the Schuylerville schools, and then served in the US Army in Korea from 1951 to 1953. That year, he met and married Vivian Bidson, and they raised four children. Continuing his education, Richard earned a BA in psychology at the University of Connecticut in 1960. He then completed a Master's degree in psychology at Eastern Connecticut State College.

Richard became a licensed local pastor and served as Associate Pastor with the Rev. John Post at North UMC, Manchester (CT) UMC. Richard's next pastorate was in Windsorville, CT. where he instituted the Talent Dollar project which paid off the church mortgage. In 1960, he began teaching in the South Windsor Elementary School, followed by teaching junior high school in Suffield, CT. He retired in 1989 after thirty years' service. After retirement he and his wife Vivian enjoyed camping and RVing, spending winters in Florida.

Richard died suddenly on April 16, 2007. His funeral was held at Browne Funeral Home, Enfield, CT, with the Rev. Carol Stine presiding. Burial was in Hazardville Memorial Cemetery. Besides his wife of 54 years, Vivian, Richard was survived by their four children: Deborah Ferrari, Richard E. Stewart Jr, Daniel Stewart, and Kimberly Garrity



### **Thomas Edward White**

Tom was born on October 12, 1945 in Providence, RI to Russell and Marjorie (Lewis) White. Russell died when Tom was only 16, and his mother remarried into the Gunn family. Tom served in the US Navy, 1964-67, and was awarded the National Defense Medal and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. He married Hope Kerr in 1969, and they raised two daughters.

Tom earned a BA at Eastern Nazarene College, attended Bangor Theological Seminary in the early 1980s, and Boston University in the 1990s. During these years, he served Maine churches in North and South Brooksville (1985-86), Holbrook (1986-1993), Elm Street UMC (1993-99), and First Church, Winthrop (1999-2003). He also served as chaplain of the South Portland (ME) Fire and Police Departments, Chaplain of the Holbrook Fire Department, and was a founding member of the northern New England Walk to Emmaus Community, based in Eliot, ME.

Tom died unexpectedly in his sleep on October 17, 2006. His funeral was held on October 21 at Holbrook UMC, with Pastor Jill Wiley presiding. Burial was at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, ME. Tom was survived by his two daughters: Wendy Harding and Heather Sougaris, both of Foxboro, MA, and two sons: Kenneth of Rhode Island and Russell Gunn of Pennsylvania; and five granddaughters. Tom was predeceased by his second wife, Hope White, in 1993.

### **SPOUSES**

#### **Ethel Bass**

Ethel was born in Plymouth, MA on December 27, 1900, the daughter of Charles and Edna (Doe) Farnham. She attended Boston Classical High School, and graduated in 1922 from Boston University. In 1928, she married Franklin McLain Bass, who later was ordained in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Basses lived in Youngstown, Ohio, then in Simsbury, CT and Falmouth, MA. They spent many summers at Alton Bay, NH. Following her husband's death in 1967, Ethel taught for five years at Otis Air Force Base, Bourne, MA. She was a longtime member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Ethel died just short of her 106th birthday on December 21, 2006 at Rivercrest-Deaconess Home, Concord, MA. Services were private. She was survived by her son, Stuart M. Bass of Manchester, CT, a granddaughter, Helena M. Robin of Lubbock, TX, and a great-granddaughter, Dixon S. Robin of Lubbock, TX. Ethel was pre-deceased by her husband, the Rev. Franklin M. Bass, a daughter, Geraldine Bass, and a brother, Orland Farnham.



### **Virginia Vaz Bradley**

Partner in ministry and long-time bank secretary, Virginia (“Jinny”) was born on April 5, 1925 in New Bedford, MA, to Michael and Joaquina (Rosa) Vaz. Because of her high marks, she was hired by Merchants Bank, New Bedford, even before her graduation from New Bedford High School. She served as secretary and administrative assistant to several presidents of the New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank (now Sovereign Bank).

In April 1969, Jinny married the Rev. William Bradley, and became his partner in ministry at Hingham (MA) UMC. After the Bradleys moved to the Cape, she attended Our Lade of Mt. Carmel Church, New Bedford. She enjoyed her friends and neighbors, “going out of her way to initiate friendships,” many of which became lifelong.

After a two-year battle with multiple myeloma, Jinny died on May 16, 2006. Her funeral was held on May 18 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, with the Rev. Kevin Cook presiding. Burial was in Rural Cemetery, New Bedford. Jinny was survived by her husband of 37 years, William (who died a year later); a son, George Michael Amaral, and his wife Alexandra, of Maidenhead, England; and a granddaughter, Valirene Amaral, also of Maidenhead. Another son, Frederick William Bradley, predeceased her.



### **Evelyn Rose Burns**

Evelyn was born on March 6, 1911 in North Woodstock, NH, the third of five surviving children of Rose (Gilbert) and Walter E. Stapleton. Educated in Wilmington, VT schools, Evelyn attended Vanderbilt University and Colby College, Waterville, Maine, where she majored in French and graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1933. She won a Carnegie Endowment Peace Scholarship for graduate study in France at the L’Ecole Normale Superieure de Sevres, 1934-36. She then returned to the US to teach French and Latin in public high schools in Littleton and Concord, NH, and Bourne, MA.

While teaching on the Cape, Evelyn met and married the Rev. Jackson Burns in 1940. During 40 years of shared ministry, their raised four sons and served churches in Medford, MA, San Francisco, CA, New Haven, CT, Cambridge, MA, Cedar Rapids, IO, Wilmington, DE, and Melrose, MA. Before his retirement in 1981, her husband also served as District Superintendent in western Massachusetts, during which he relied heavily on Evelyn’s support and assistance as well as her being a leader and counselor. In the 1970s, she served on the National (UMC) Board of Church and Society and was a delegate to General Conference, speaking out on peace and justice issues, especially on behalf of women, gays and lesbians.

In the early 1980’s the Burns family relocated to their summer home in North Norway, Maine. After Dr. Burns’ death in 1982, Evelyn continued to live there until 1997, when she began to spend winters in Maryland near her eldest son, Allen. After declining health due to congestive heart failure, Evelyn died on July 10, 2006. A memorial service was held on July 29 at Deering Memorial UMC, South Paris, Maine, with the Revs. Wally Webb and the Rev. Susan C. (Mrs. Allen) Burns, officiating. Burial was at Merrill Hill Cemetery, North Norway. Evelyn is survived by

her brother, Philip Stapleton; her son Allen and his wife Susan; their children, Christopher, Sarah, and Philip; Allen's daughter, Jessica Chynoweth; daughter-in-law Barbara Burns; and twelve nieces and nephews. Evelyn was predeceased by her husband, Jackson, in 1982, and two sons, Stephen, in 1989, and Jonathan, in 1995.



### **Glendys Bickford Case**

Well known and loved for her hospitality and cooking, Glendys was born July 15, 1917 in Lowell, MA, to Olive (Palm) and Ralph Bickford. Growing upon a family farm in West Chelmsford, MA, Glendys went on to nursing school at New England Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing and Simmons College, Boston, where she was a visiting nurse. She met and married the Rev. Ernest R. Case in 1946, and they raised three daughters while serving churches in Framingham, Waltham, and Belmont, MA.

Friend and confidant to many, Glendys was said to “turn loaves into fishes” as she produced many “feasts” at a moment’s notice, including cookies and pies. She took in numerous students, foreign dignitaries, missionaries, and scholars, as well as the needy and homeless when needed. In her later years, she also enjoyed hooking rugs and entertaining the grandchildren.

From 1976 to 1986, the Cases lived in Portland, Maine, where Ernest was pastor of First Radio Parish Church of America. Upon his retirement, they moved to Penney Farm Community in Florida. Also, many summers were spent at their island retreat at Islesboro, Maine. Their 60-year marriage came to an end with Ernest's death in July 2006, followed by Glendys's death in November of that same year. Her memorial service was held on November 17 at the Penney Farm Retirement Community Church, with the Rev. O. Rex Lindemood officiating. Burial was in Islesboro. Glendys is survived by a brother, Stuart Bickford, and his wife Lillian, of Naples, Maine; three daughters: Derreth Roberts of South Berwick and Islesboro, Valerie Hahn of Columbia, SC, and the Rev. Casey Collins of Peaks Island and Islesboro, and their families; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

### **Elizabeth Chase**

Widow of the Rev. Russell Chase, Elizabeth was born on October 22, 1921. She and her husband served in Madison, Maine, in 1954, Fairfield Center, 1955-56, North Vassalboro, 1957-61, Wilton, 1962-68, Strong, 1969-71, Monmouth (Federated Church) 1972-83, and Belfast, 1986. Elizabeth died on June 3, 2006. Her memorial service was held on June 17, 2006 at Vassalboro UMC.



### **Evelyn Flood**

Teacher, pastor's wife, and a leader in the Women's Society for Christian Service, Evelyn was born on January 25, 1909 in Exeter, Maine, the daughter of Gertrude (Sawtelle) and Leon Avery. A survivor of the flu pandemic of 1919, Evelyn was brought up and educated in Corinna, ME graduating as valedictorian of the Class of 1927 at Corinna Union Academy. She earned a B.A. in religious education at Boston University in 1931, and worked in Maine during the next two years for the Deaconess Board. There she conducted teaching training and camp meeting programs, as well as being appointed in 1932-33 to Solon, Maine.

In June 1933, at her parents' home in Carinna, Evelyn married the Rev. Ernest C. Flood, Beginning 40 years of ministry at Lisbon, Fairfield, Kezar Falls, Sanford, Portland, Old Town and Stillwater, Bangor, and Livermore Falls, Maine. In 1939 Evelyn became a Delegate to the 1939 jurisdictional uniting conference in Atlantic City. She worked summers as a counselor at Kent's Hill and Mechuwana, and served as both dean and frequent instructor at the UMC Schools of Mission. With a passion for youth work, she led one of the largest and most active Methodist Youth Fellowships in Maine. In addition, Evelyn was a prominent figure in the Women's Society for Christian Service (WSCS) At the state level, holding many offices including President and Secretary of Spiritual Life. She was a delegate to numerous conferences in other states.

In the late 1950s. Evelyn began substitute teaching in public school, followed by 11 years in the elementary schools in Old Town and Livermore Falls. After retirement in 1972, she spent 30 years at Empire Grove Campground, after which she lived at Russell Park Living Center, Lewiston. In addition to her organizational and teaching abilities she excelled in homemaking, baking, needlework, and quilting.

Evelyn died on February 21, 2007 at Maine Medical Center, Lewiston, after a brief illness. A memorial service is planned for the summer 2007. She is survived by two sons: Dr. Royce E. Flood of Indianapolis, IN, and James D. Flood of Buffalo, NY; two granddaughters, and three great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Ernest.



### **Jennie Gulinello**

Jennie, a pastor's wife, a warm, loving, caring person, who made everyone she met feel accepted and welcomed was the first born of Italian immigrant parents at Radley, KS on October 20, 1914. In 1930 her father moved his family to Boston. There she met and married Frank Gulinello, a professional boxer and an active member of the Italian Methodist Mission church at 435 Hanover Street. He was a protégé of Rev. Giambiasi pastor of the church, and the Boston District, who supported him through Boston University School of Theology. They began their parsonage life in 1941 at Stoughton, MA. Jennie was help-mate and homemaker, raised four children, and fully participated in the churches where they served, including Phenix and Greene, RI, Wareham and Marion, MA, E. Weymouth, Whitman, and Hockamum, E. Hartford, CT. In retirement, Jennie lived in

Willimantic, CT and Palm Bay, FL. She worked for a time at G. Fox Department Store in Hartford. Her hobby was art. She took lessons and developed a fine talent of oil painting. One of her prize paintings hangs in the museum cottage at Willimantic Campground.

Her life on earth was completed at age 92 on March 24, 2007 in West Melbourne, FL. A family graveside service was held and burial took place in Willimantic, CT. Jennie is survived by her children: the Rev. Frank Gulinello Jr. of Goffstown, NH, John Gulinello of Pascoag, RI, Robert Gulinello of Gilford, NH, and Gloria Gulinello of Palatka, FL; five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Jennie was predeceased by her husband, Frank, in 1991.

### **Helen Eugley Hamilton**

Active for many years in church and community, Helen was born on January 25, 1937 in Newark, NJ and adopted by Lucy M. (Polk) and Orson S. Carpenter. After the family moved to Maine she graduated from Waldoboro High School. She then worked for the Central Maine Power Company, and became secretary of the Green Street UMC in Augusta. In 1961 she married Ernest C. Eugley, Jr. and together they raised three children. Ernest died in 1994. Four years later, she married the Rev. Richard Hamilton.

In early years, Helen was active in youth programs, including scouting and church youth and education groups. She was also active in the United Methodist Women and other church programs in Augusta, Waldoboro, Tavares, FL, and Scarborough, ME. After she married Richard Hamilton, they traveled extensively in Turkey, the United Kingdom, and Europe, and most recently in Alaska. In addition to sight-seeing, Helen enjoyed flower gardening, nature walks, photography, canoeing, and making friends. She is remembered as having a positive, grateful outlook on life and its possibilities, even throughout her illness.

Helen succumbed to a brain tumor on March 18, 2007 on her home in Scarborough. A memorial service was held on March 24 at the West Scarborough UMC, with the Rev. David V. Calhoun and Bishop Clifton C. Ives officiating. Burial was in German Protestant Cemetery, Waldoboro, Maine. Besides her second husband, the Rev. Richard Hamilton, Helen is survived by three children: Kevin Eugley and his wife Brenda of Biddeford, ME, Karen Schaller and her husband Kurt of Exeter, NH, and Brian Eugley and his wife Michele of Richmond, VA; two sisters: Julie Treweeke of Butler, NJ, and Rosemary Vanderhoff of Apex, NC; two brothers: Philip Carpenter and his wife Sue of Cape Elizabeth, ME, and Eugene Dean of Ormond Beach, FL; a sister-in-law, Mabelle Mank of Waldoboro; four grandchildren; five step-children; ten step-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and many friends.

### **Rita Jean Roettger**

Minister's wife and partner, and life-long homemaker, Rita was born in Norfolk, VA on March 17, 1931. After high school she became a home health and homemaker aide. Her later years were spent in Florence, KY where she married her second husband, the Rev. Charles Donald Roettger, in the spring of 2006.

After only five months of happy marriage, Rita died on November 25, 2006 of injuries sustained in an automobile accident near their home in Burlington, KY. Her funeral was held on November 28 at Gethsemane UMC < Burlington, with the Rev. Alan Jackson presiding. Burial was at Evergreen Cemetery, Southgate, KY. Rita is survived by her husband Donald and her daughter Beverly, both of Burlington, and five other children.



### **Gladys Wilhemena Howe Rosengrant**

A woman who thoroughly enjoyed parenting and partnership in ministry, Gladys was born on October 26, 1909 in western Pennsylvania to Clara Bell and Roy Howe. She graduated from Edinboro High School about 1929 and Taylor University, Ft. Wayne, IN. At that time she met and married the Rev. John Isaac Rosengrant, and raised four children. She served with John for about ten years, approximately 1933-46, in the New England Conference at New Bedford, Bridgewater, and Martha's Vineyard, MA. John then joined the Presbyterian Church Board of Missions in New York City until his untimely death in 1964.

After John's death, Gladys became a housemother at Warren Wilson College. She then worked at the Presbyterian Book Store in Los Angeles, CA Her last twenty years were spent at Monte Vista Grove (Presbyterian Retirement Community) in Pasadena, CA. She was an avid reader and enjoyed music, painting, and needlework. But her favorite role was that of parent and grandparent in a large and closely-knit family.

Gladys died "full of years" on September 21, 2006. Her family gathered for a memorial celebration of her life on November 11 at daughter Jo's home in Beverly Hills, where the family had spent many holidays and special events for the past forty years. Her ashes were scattered at sea near Los Angeles. Gladys is survived by her four children: John Albert, Marguerite JoAnn Schiff, Roy Judson, Mary Adeline Wandschneider; their spouses, children, and grandchildren. Gladys was predeceased by her husband of 35 years, the Rev. John Rosengrant.



### **Mary Leahnore Saunders**

Mary, called "Lee" by close friends and family, was born in Findlay, Ohio, on November 26, 1915, the third of four children of Fred M. and Marietta (Kelley) Treier. Lee grew up on a small farm and graduated from Findlay High School. She earned a B.A. in elementary education at Bowling Green (Ohio) State University in 1937. She enjoyed teaching second grade, pioneering the concept of "life centers" in her classrooms.

In 1939 she married Carl Wilson Saunders whom she had met at Bowling Green, and they moved to Boston. Together they raised four children and served for 36 years in South Braintree, MA, Washington, RI, Oak Bluffs/Chilmark, MA, Oak Bluffs and Edgartown, MA, Rockville/Vernon, CT, Middletown, RI, Manchester, CT, and Newton Centre, MA. They founded a new church in Groton, CT.

After Carl's retirement in 1979, he and Lee moved to their favorite spot, a log cabin they built in Norway, Maine. Spending spring through fall there, they spent winters traveling around the country visiting friends, and walking the beach at Myrtle Beach, SC.

Lee died on February 18, 2007. A private memorial service was held on February 26, 2007 at Orange UMC, Chapel Hill, NC, with the Rev. Gary Cornell officiating. Burial was in Norway, Maine. She was survived by their four children: Sandra Lee Snow of Aiken SC, Rev. Roger Carl Saunders of Carmichaels, PA, Susan Jeanne Smith of Chapel Hill, NC, and John Mark Saunders of Bloomfield, CT; seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Carl Saunders in 1999.



### **Mary Griffis Tyson**

A descendent of French Huguenots in South Carolina, Mary was born in Tampa, FL. on November 5, 1921 to Sarah Eugenia (Pope) and Elbert B. Griffis. She graduated from Ft. Lauderdale (FL) High School in 1939 and attended Bethany College in Oklahoma. Later, as a student of French and real estate law, she graduated at the top of her class.

In 1942 Mary married Luther Tyson, then studying Boston University School of Theology. After graduating, he became a candidate for Associate Minister at a Congregational Church. After preaching his "trial sermon," Luther was informed that he was chosen in order that the church to also "get Mary." The congregations at St. Stephen's, Marblehead, and Grace UMC< Haverhill, later agreed.

Mary's wide range of interests included travel, education, child care, and cooking. Her husband reported that "the gift of a soup ladle was more appreciate than gold or silver." She generously supported the establishment of the Walter Muelder Chair at Boston University School of Theology. She was a doting mother and grandmother. She also worked at the National Wildlife Federation, the Laurel Hecht Company, and later at SCAN Furniture, before retiring to Florida. Mary is remembered by friends for her generosity, patience, forgiveness, gratitude, and humility.

After two years of illness, Mary died on December 31, 2006 at her home in Palm Coast, FL. Private memorial services were held in the spring of 2007, with her ashes scattered off the coast of Marblehead, MA. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, the Rev. Luther E. Tyson of Palm Coast, F , a daughter Joanna Tyson Kurtz, a son Jonathan Tyson, two grandchildren, both of Laurel, FI, and a brother Robert of Palm Coast. She was predeceased by a son, Mark Chriesman Tyson, in 1953, and her brothers Gerald Griffis in 1940 and Donald Griffis in 2001.

### **Leone P. Whitney**

Leone was born on February 2, 1917. She was the wife and partner in ministry with her husband, the late Rev. Ronald Whitney, who died in 1998. They served churches in Warwick, RI, and Norwell, Orleans, North Wilbraham, Orange, and South Athol, MA. After Ron's death, she moved to Lake Havasu, AZ, where she died on August 30, 2006.