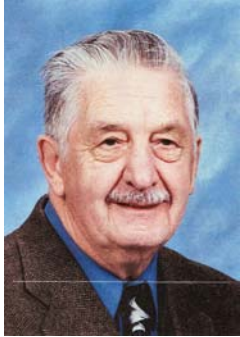


Memoirs: 2004-2005

Clergy

Charles LeRoy Banks



Remembered as a “people person” actively connected to any community where he lived and served, Roy was born in East Boston on March 4, 1929 to Oran and Elsie (Chaffee) Banks. He graduated from the Salvation Army Training College, New York in 1947 and served as an officer for over ten years. During that time he married Isabella Burden on September 4, 1954 and they had four children. Subsequently, Roy joined the Methodist Church as an Associate Member, completed school at Boston University in 1957, and was ordained deacon in 1960 and elder in 1962.

During his 38 years of active ministry, Roy served three appointments in the New York Conference: Millport & Pinevalley, Branchport & Bluffpoint, and Conquest & Spring Lake. In the former New Hampshire Conference, he pastored in West Swanzey, Fremont, East Rochester, NH and Haverhill, MA (Grace). His wife remarked that Roy moved the United Methodist Church and was thankful for each appointment. He felt God always blessed him and he always received a blessing from the people he served.

After retirement in June 1994, Roy was supply/interim pastor in: West Swanzey, NH; Great Barrington, MA; and Old Orchard Beach, ME, where he resided. In addition to his work on several Conference boards, Roy served on the Ethics Committee of the Southern Maine Medical Center for more than three years. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club for over 30 years, serving as “key” club advisor from time to time. During his term as President, he had the honor of meeting Jimmy Carter who visited the club during his presidential campaign.

According to his wife, Roy loved to “tinker”. He enjoyed working with wood, and made things like bookshelves, garden animals, and toys for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He made friends easily wherever he went, sharing stories, counseling, comforting, and spreading the gospel.

Roy died of a heart attack on January 23, 2005. His funeral was held on January 29, 2005 at Washington Avenue UMC, Old Orchard Beach, ME, with the Reverend Theodore R. Poland and Pastor Sara Ewing officiating. A memorial service is planned at the church on July 16, 2005. Roy is survived by his wife of fifty years, “Belle”, of Old Orchard Beach; one daughter, Cinda Zygo; two sons, David and Andrew Banks; a sister, The Reverend C. Elsie Dame; two brothers, Raymond and James; nine grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased in 1972 by his daughter, Lydia Jean McNeil Banks, and a great-granddaughter, Catherine Patnoudé, in 2002.

Robert K. Jones Jr.



A man of several careers and community involvement, Bob was born in Boscawen, NH, on January 22, 1920 to Robert K. and Catherine O. (Sloane) Jones. He graduated from Penacook (NH) High School in 1938 then continued his education in Providence RI at Bible Institute in 1940, Waynesburg PA College in 1943, and Boston University School of Theology in 1946 with a S.T.B. degree. During that time, he was ordained deacon in 1945 and elder in 1947.

Beginning 34 years in ministry, Bob served as student pastor at Oak Forest & Throckmorton and Rice's Landing & West Bend, PA. He then came to New England to serve in Everett (Glendale), Rockport & Gloucester (Bay View), Maynard & Sudbury, and Cochituate, MA, and finally Portsmouth, NH. He was particularly interested in psychology, pastoral care and counseling. After his retirement in 1974, Bob owned and operated a Radio Shack store in Franklin, NH. He was also a probation officer for Franklin District Court, serving seven cities, and was supply preacher at several area churches.

Bob was involved in many areas of community service including; The March of Dimes, Boy Scouts, Rotary Club, and the Civil Rights Movement. He was president of The United Coop, Maynard, and Deputy Warden in Wayland (Cochituate). For the last eight years of his life, Bob was a TV News Broadcaster for the local news station in Dowling Park, Florida, where he resided. His interests were many: car repair, electronics, reading, sailing & canoeing, camping, and travel, which took him across the United States and Alaska.

After a brief illness, Bob died in Florida on April 4, 2005. A memorial service was held on May 28, 2005 in Florida, with his ashes scattered over Mt. Chocorua, NH, the place where he met Virginia (Kay) Jones, his wife of 62 years. He is survived by his wife, their son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Shirley Jones of Madison, NH, their daughter and son-in-law, Marjorie (Jones) and David Lindt of Pleasanton, CA, eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, two sisters, Ethel Martorana of Newberry, FL, and Beverly Jones of Laconia, NH, and several nieces and nephews.

John Hillman Lavelly



Pastor and college professor, John was born on September 25, 1916 in Des Moines, Iowa, to Gertrude (Hillman) and Reverend Horace T. Lavelly (also a pastor and college professor). After graduating from Allegheny College with a B.A. in 1936, John earned his S.T.B. degree in 1941 at Boston University. That same year, he married Josephine Magee, and they had four children.

During the 1940's, John served in Framingham, MA (Wesley), Ligonier, PA, and Medford, MA. In 1949, he became Professor of Philosophy of Religion at Albion College in Michigan. Two years later, he earned his PhD at Boston University, and became Chairman of the Philosophy Department. He was and avid reader and writer of poetry.

John was also known as a strong advocate for peace, harmony, and understanding among people of all faiths. Among his acquaintances were, Martin Luther King Jr. and Edgar S. Brightman.

After months of declining health, John died peacefully on October 6, 2004. His memorial service was held at the United Church of Walpole, MA on October 13, 2004, with the Reverends Fred Anderson and Catherine Michael officiating. John's body was donated to the University of Massachusetts Medical School. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Josephine (Magee); four children: Anthony Magee of New Orleans, LA, John Hillman Jr. of Beverly Hills, CA, Lisa of Dedham, MA and Kim of London, England; six grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; three brothers, Horace T. Jr. of Nashville, TN, William H. of Portland OR, and Henry C. of Charlestown, MA.

Kenneth Lloyd Lehman



Born in Toronto, Canada on August 3, 1945, Ken was the son of Vera J. (Forbes) and Lloyd R. Lehman. Ken graduated from Canadian Nazarene College, and earned a M.A. from Eastern Nazarene College, Quincy, MA. He attended Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Hamilton, MA and Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Newton, MA, working on a doctorate in counseling.

Beginning in 1971, Ken served Boston Street & Trinity UMC, West Lynn Parish; Trinity & South Street UMC, Lynn, Atlantic UMC, Quincy; Quincy Cooperative Parish; Centenary UMC, Attleboro; Putnam (CT) UMC, Eastern Connecticut Cooperative Ministries & Putnam; and Calvary UMC, Arlington. Ken retired in 2001. He also served at the Lynn Pastoral Counseling Center, worked at a group home for retarded adults in Lynn, and was on the Board of Directors of the Neighborhood Legal Services. Ken was president of the South Shore Council on Churches in Quincy, vice president of the New Hope for Battered Women Project, and a member of the ethics committee of Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, CT.

When not involved with community work, Ken enjoyed building and racing a car at the Canaan, NH raceway. He was also a gourmet cook and enjoyed spending time at his cabin in Grafton, NH.

Ken died on April 21, 2005 at his home in Merrimac, MA. His memorial service was held on May 1, 2005 at the Merrimacport UMC, with a private burial later. The Reverends Ev Kuder, Paul Chang (DS), and Pamela Maden officiated. Ken is survived by his wife, Pamela; his mother, Vera; a son, Christopher, of Danbury, CT; a daughter, Darcie Lehman, of Putnam, CT; and a sister, Ronda Lehman, of Toronto, Canada.

Francis Joseph Mazzeo



Frank was born in South Boston “Southy”, of Italian immigrant parents, Lucia (D’Elia) and Ralph Mazzeo, on March 16, 1914, he was educated in Boston public schools and became a printer. At age 20, he felt the call to ministry at a youth retreat, and returned to school, graduating from Boston University Liberal Arts College, and then the School of Theology in 1944. Meanwhile, he married Frances Elizabeth “Betty” Goulding, and they had two sons, Ralph and Robert.

Frank’s first pastorates were at West Chelmsford and Cherry Valley near Worcester, MA. Shortly after he was ordained in 1944, he was accepted into the Chaplain Corps of the US Army, serving with the Combat Engineers in Texas, the Pacific, Japan during its post-war occupation, and finally Korea. Upon his discharge from the Army in 1946, Frank pastored the West Fitchburg and the Gloucester-East Gloucester churches. He was then called back into the Army Chaplaincy for another 1-1/2 years and was stationed in southern Germany. Returning home in 1952, Frank served Robinson Memorial in Malden, MA, Lake Shore Park in Lynn, and Grace in Cambridge, MA, retiring in 1978.

Not to be left idle, Frank became Pastor of Visitation at Belmont UMC for twelve years. During this time, his wife, Betty, died suddenly in May 1985, just before they were to relocate to the New England Deaconess apartments in Concord, MA. Frank settled in and served as a chaplain there until 2000. Meanwhile, in 1992, he met and married Beatrice Chapman, and they enjoyed a warm companionship until her death in 2001. He always loved visiting and comforting others, playing the piano, scrap-booking, and he kept a journal since 1939.

Declining health and congestive heart failure finally caught up with Frank on June 29, 2004. A memorial service was held on July 10, 2004 at the Duvall Chapel, New England Deaconess Association, with Reverends Frank Gulinello Jr., Dr. Wendall Luke, and Herbert Taylor officiating. Burial was in Forest Glade Cemetery, Wakefield, MA.

Charles Reed McCracken



Remembered as a “warm, caring, and engaging man” committed to peace and justice, and “speaking the truth,” Chuck was born on October 20, 1941 in Sharon, PA to Gladys T. (Reed) and Charles Lincoln McCracken. After graduating from Sharpsville High School in 1959, he earned a B.A. at West Virginia Wesleyan in 1963 and a M.Div. at Boston University School of Theology. He was a Duke University Visiting Scholar, January-April 1988. He was ordained deacon in the West Pennsylvania Conference in 1968, and elder in the New England Conference in 1976.

A veteran of the Vietnam War, Chuck entered Navy Officer Candidate School in November 1963, became Ensign USNR in 1964, and served aboard the LSD USS Pt. Defiance, which took some of the first Marines into DaNang. He remained in the Navy Reserve until 1970, teaching summer courses in Annapolis and Newport.

In each of his appointments, Chuck combined church and community involvement. While serving the Aquidneck Island Parish, Portsmouth, RI, he was chair of Meals on Wheels, president of the Citizen’s Scholarship Foundation, and member of the Board of Directors of the

Newport County Clergy Association, Portsmouth Action for Youth, Church Community Corporation, Aquidneck Island Methodist Association, Portsmouth Rotary Club, and the governing board of the RI State Council of Churches.

At Weston, MA, Chuck served the church, as well as being a member and chair of METCO community Coordinating Committee, member and chair of the Council on Aging, member of the Boosters Club, Weston Schools Guidance Review Committee, and chair for two terms of the Weston Clergy Association.

At Gales Ferry, CT, Chuck served as a Trustee of the Connecticut Bible Society, a member of the Board of Directors of Ledyard Inter-Church Clergy Association, the Dow Chemical Company Community Advisory Panel, the Board of Habitat for Humanity, and was chaplain of the Navy League in New London. In South Yarmouth, he was also a member of the Yarmouth-Dennis Clergy Association, Habitat for Humanity, and the Dennis-Yarmouth Ecumenical Committee for the Homeless.

Chuck was concerned about social justice and civil rights. He marched in Washington, DC in August 1963. He served on numerous Conference boards including Equitable Salaries, Board of Ordained Ministry, and Trustees. Chuck was also an avid reader, golfer, historian (a Civil War and Lincoln buff), baseball fan, train and travel enthusiast, scrapbooker, and proud family man.

Chuck died suddenly of a heart attack on November 9, 2004, registering for an "interim pastors" seminar in Morristown, NJ. A memorial service was held on November 13, 2004 at Calvary UMC, Middletown, RI, with the Reverends Jim Hensley, Dr. William Trench, and Dr. Richard Vickery officiating. Interment was at Gales Ferry, with the Rev. Dr. Michael Stotts presiding. Chuck is survived by his wife of 40 years, Susan (Schmidt) McCracken; two sons, Charles Reed McCracken Jr. and his wife, Maureen of Waterbury, VT, and Curtis McCracken and his wife, Jenna of Gales Ferry, CT; a daughter, Jeanine L. Montgomery and her husband, Robert of Oswego, NY; his mother, Gladys T. Reed McCracken, and five grandchildren.

Robert Joseph Mollar



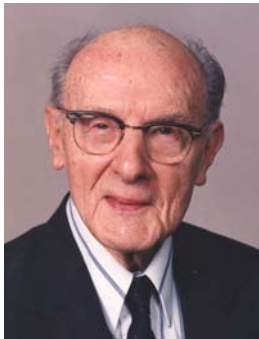
A pastor whose interests were focused in both the United States and Italy, Bob was born on June 15, 1930 in Dearborn, MI to Dorothy (Logan) and Michael Mollar. He earned multiple degrees: Masters in Religion at Pasadena College (1959), M.Div at Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago (1962), and S.T.M. (1966) at Boston University School of Theology.

During his long and varied ministry, Bob served in the New England South Conference in Providence, RI at Broadway UMC (1960-63) and Christ UMC (1963-65). He then joined the Board of Missions in Milan, Italy, for two years. Returning to the USA, Bob served at Trinity UMC and East Freetown, New Bedford until 1971, Weymouth (1972-78), Broadway UMC, Lynn (1979-85), Heritage UMC, Braintree (1985-91), and Lexington UMC until 1995. He then returned to Italy to serve as pastor of the Evangelical UMC in Padua, Italy until his retirement in 1999. Bob particularly enjoyed reading and travel, as well as being a director of the Italian-American Waldesian Society. His latter years were spent at the UM Elder Care Center in East Providence, where he became president of the House Council, and Resident Liaison to the Board of Trustees.

Bob died on April 9, 2005 in Providence after a long fight with cancer. His memorial service, with the Reverend Donald Rudalevige presiding, was held on April 15, 2005 at the Linn Health Care Center, UM Elder Care, East Providence. Burial was in Weymouth, MA. Bob is

survived by his former wife, Marjorie (Whitehead) Mollar of East Longmeadow, MA; two sons, Staff Sgt. Mark Mollar of Ft Meade, MD, and Bruce Mollar of Mansfield, MA; and one daughter, Daniela Dalessio of Springfield, MA.

Walter George Muelder



“The Dean” as he was respectfully known to generations of students at Boston University School of Theology, was born on March 1, 1907 in Boody, IL, one of seven children in the dedicated Methodist family of the Reverend Epke Hermann and Minnie (Horlitz) Muelder. Educated in both history and theology, he graduated from Boston University School of Theology with an S.T.B. in 1930 and a PhD in 1933. In his early years, he was a pastor in the Midwest and Professor of Theology at Berea College in Kentucky. He later pastored churches in Illinois, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Wisconsin.

In 1945, Walter began a 27-year tenure as Dean of Boston University School of Theology. He expanded the faculty’s numbers, variety, and inter-relationships with the University while presiding over the school’s move from Beacon Hill to its present site on Commonwealth Avenue. Walter championed racial equality and cultural diversity at a time when civil rights issues were powerfully present. His reputation as a pioneer in social ethics and ecumenical relations soon grew to reshape not only the school’s curriculum and its openness to forward-looking thinkers, but also influenced Martin Luther King Jr. Academically, he was known for his impatience with faulty scholarship and his search for truth. In the examination of moral issues, he encouraged and practiced what he called “emergent coherence.”

Walter was also active in the Methodist Church at large, serving on the World Council of Churches for many years, attending the assemblies in Evanston (1954), New Delhi (1961), and Uppsala (1968). He worked in various capacities in Faith and Order, including chair of the Commission on Institutionalism (1955-63) and chair of the Board of the Ecumenical Institute (1961-68). He was awarded the Golden Cane early in 2004 by the New England Annual Conference as its oldest ministerial member.

On June 12, 2004, three days after he had addressed the Retirees at Annual Conference, Walter died at his home in Boston. A memorial service was held on June 21, 2004 at Marsh Chapel, Boston University School of Theology, with the Reverends Robert Neville, Meredith Ellis, and James Olson, Deans of the School, officiating. He is survived by three daughters, Linda (Muelder) Schell of Holbrook, MA, Sonja Devitt of Stratford, CT, and Helga Well of Swarthmore, PA; a brother, Milton E of Lansing, MI; two sisters, Florence Smith of Columbus, Ohio, and Ruth Stank of Kenosha, WI; his companion, Elinor Downs of Boston; and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Martha (Grotewohl) Muelder.

Robert R. Murchie Sr.

Born on December 16, 1938, Bob served in the former Maine Conference at Surry, 1982-87, Winterport, 1988-91, Hodgdon & Smyrna Mills, 1992-96, Searsport & North Searsport, 1997-2003, when he retired.

Bob died on April 28, 2005. A memorial service was held at Searsport UMC, with the Reverends David Swenson, Randal Chretien, and David Abbott officiating. Bob is survived by his wife Mary, of Ellsworth, ME.

Ralph Lester Sabine



An enthusiastic witness to the gospel, Ralph was born on March 27, 1915 in Norton, New Brunswick, Canada, to Laura (Boyd) and the Reverend Leonard Tilley Sabine. He graduated from Fredericton Teachers College in 1934, Carleton County Vocational School, and Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, MA in 1944. In addition, he spent two years in summer courses at Boston University and two years in home study. Meanwhile, he met and married Mary Elizabeth Lilley in 1942, and they had six children.

Ralph was ordained in July 1945 by the Reformed Baptist Church, at the same time as his brother, and during his father's presidency of the church Alliance. After beginning ministry in the Reformed Baptist Church,

Ralph went on to become a licensed traveling preacher in the Church of the Nazarene. In 1958, he joined the former New Hampshire Conference UMC, and served in Monroe & North Monroe, NH (1958-63), Canaan, VT, Pittsburg, NH, and Bloomfield, VT (1963-73), Bethlehem & Whitefield, NH (1973-76), and Exeter & East Kingston, NH (1976-80).

Ralph's interests in visitation and Bible study leadership continued after his retirement, he became Associate Pastor Emeritus at St. John's UMC, Dove NH. He and Mary enjoyed summers at the Wesleyan riverside Campground near Presque Isle, ME, where they renewed their wedding vows on their 60th anniversary in 2002. Ralph enjoyed woodworking, fishing, hunting, and crossword puzzles. Family-oriented, he was especially fond of his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ralph died on August 9, 2004 after an accident. The first memorial service was held at St. John's UMC, Dover, NH on August 14, 2004 with the Reverends Daniel Weaver, Daniel Thompson, and Earl Custer officiating. The second service was held at the Riverside Wesleyan Camp on September 4, 2004 with the Reverends Matthew Maxwell and Beth Ann Black officiating. Burial was in Woodstock, Carleton County, New Brunswick, with the Reverend Linda Fillmore presiding. Ralph is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary E. Sabine; two sons, Ralph and his wife Norine of Sanford ME, and Stephen and his wife Brenda of Newington, NH; daughters Mary-Elizabeth McKay and her husband Stephen of Ellicott City, MD, Lois McDivitt and her husband Bill of Presque Isle, ME, Jacquelyn Timme and her husband Stephen of Port Orchard, WA, and Carolyn Sabine and her husband Jim Kottaridis of Somersworth, NH; thirteen grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Winnie Sabine and Frances Duron; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Local Pastors

Clarine Coffin Grenfell

A woman of many talents, including teaching, writing, editing, and preaching, Clarine was born on December 31, 1910 in Bangor, Maine, to Millard F. and Clara Coffin. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa with an A.B. from the University of Maine in 1932 and a B. Div. from Hartford Seminary in 1938.

Clarine's teaching career began at age 17 in Herman, ME, followed by positions in Bangor, Bethel, Woodbury, Bloomfield, West Hartford, and Westport, CT. She was also editor and reading consultant to Readers Digest and the State of Connecticut. After retiring from

teaching in 1980, Clarine opened a small publishing house in Orland, ME, specializing in Maine authors, inspirational books, and her own poetry and memoirs. She was the author of The Caress and the Hurt, Women My Husband Married, A Backward Look, Roses in December. She traveled extensively throughout the US, giving readings from her works. She was one of the founders of the Maine Christian Writers Conference, and led Elderhostels throughout New England on telling your life story. She was Class Poet of the UMO Class of 1932, and later wrote the Golden Bears column for the Maine Alumni Magazine from 1996 to 2002. On her 80th birthday she established the Grenfell Poetry Prize for outstanding poets at the University of Maine in honor of her work in teaching and literature. In 2002, Clarine was awarded a Doctorate in Humane Letters by the University of Maine.

A faithful and active church member, Clarine was a supply pastor and licensed local preacher, beginning in Dixmont and Hermon, Maine and serving many churches. She also coordinated "Steeple People", restoring the steeple at the Orland UMC.

Clarine died at age 93 on September 7, 2004. Her memorial service was held at Orland UMC on September 12, with the Reverend Tracy Reeves and Pastor Don Chaffee of Old Town UMC, officiating. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery, Orland. Clarine is survived by three children: The Reverend Dr. John Grenfell of Plainville, MA, Pamela (Grenfell) Smith of Bloomington, IN and the Reverend Lornagrace (Grenfell) Stewart of Frenchboro, ME; and ten grandchildren. Clarine was predeceased by her husband, the Reverend Jack Grenfell, her sister, Lillian F. Coffin Collins, and four brothers: Merle, Lloyd, Millard, and Bartlett.

Spouses

Katharine Merritt Adams



A devoted pastor's wife, Katharine was born on June 29, 1916 in Cataumet (Cape Cod), MA to Myrna (Chadwick) and Oscar Merritt. She attended Cataumet's one-room schoolhouse and graduated from Bourne High School and from Simmons College with a B.S. degree in 1936.

Following their marriage in 1941, she and her late husband, the Reverend Sydney Adams, moved to New Hampshire and served churches in Sunapee, Tilton, and Georges Mills. They continued to serve at Centenary Methodist Church in Auburndale, MA and later in New Bedford, MA, where they lived for 22 years. Sydney was not only pastor there, but also served as Executive Secretary of the Inter-Church Council of Greater New Bedford.

After Sydney's death in 1979, Katharine moved back to Cape Cod and attended Osterville UMC. She traveled extensively, enjoyed bowling, and was an avid gardener, beekeeper, and photographer.

Katharine died on December 7, 2004 in Barnstable, MA. Her funeral was held on December 11, 2004 at the Cataumet UMC, with the Reverends Stephen Stolle and Sandra Smith officiating. Burial was in Cataumet Cemetery. Katharine is survived by, two sons, William Adams of Los Angeles, CA, and Christopher Adams of Centerville, MA; a daughter, Winifred Adams of Mentone, AL; two granddaughters; and a great-granddaughter.

Irma V. Arnold

Irma is remembered by her son, Linwood, as one who *saw herself* as an ‘accompanist’ in both her music and her living, her version of ‘servant ministry.’ She was born on May 10, 1917 in Brewer, ME, the daughter of Willis W. and Grace E. (Field) Nickerson. She was educated in Brewer School system. She was also a private student of Grace Bramhall Howes, studying piano and pipe organ at the Bangor Conservatory.

For many years, Irma was a teacher of piano and organ. She was organist for several years at the Brewer UMC. She was also partner in parish ministry with her husband at Maine churches at Mt. Desert Island, Brownville Junction, Farmington, Bath, Lincoln, South Portland, Portland, Bangor, and again in South Portland. They retired in 1984 and settled in Bar Harbor.

Irma died on November 25, 2004 in Bar Harbor, ME. At her request, there was no funeral. She is survived by two children, the Reverend Linwood Arnold of South Portland, and Valerie (Arnold) Davis of Bar Harbor; five grandchildren; and a sister, Charlotte (Nickerson) Hood of Virginia Beach, VA. She was predeceased in death, by her husband, the Reverend Richard Arnold and, her brother, Paul F. Nickerson.

Mary Gutekunst Bertocci



Educator and pastor’s wife, Mary was born on April 19, 1914. She earned a degree in preschool education, and started nursery schools in the Connecticut churches where she and her husband, the late Reverend George C. Gutekunst, were appointed. Together they served, first in Minnesota and Western MA, and late in Cochranton, MA Westport, CT, Great Neck, NY, Danielson, CT, and Milford, MA. Mary herself considered entering the ministry during this time.

After George’s death in 1976, Mary retired to Maine, and married Angelo Bertocci in 1981. They lived in Wolcott, VT until 2000. Mary then spent her last years on Martha’s Vineyard, near her son Steve. She died there on December 20, 2004 at age 90. Her memorial service was held at Deering Memorial UMC, South Paris, ME on January 8, 2005, with the Reverend Walter Webb officiating. Her ashes were scattered on the family property in Norway, ME. Mary is survived by three sons: James and Stephen of Martha’s Vineyard, and Phillip of Norway, ME.

Lillian “Pearl” Budd



“A devoted and dedicated pastor’s wife for more than 60 years, who exemplified the highest principles and standards of that role,” Pearl was born on June 15, 1910 near the Atlantic Ocean in Come-by-Chance, Newfoundland, the youngest of nine children of R. Archibald and Martha (Smith) Gilbert. She married the late Reverend George Budd, with whom she served churches in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Newfoundland, and Maine.

In her latter years, Pearl resided at the Caribou (ME) Nursing Home where she died on April 7, 2005 at age 95. Her funeral was held at Mockler Funeral Home, Caribou, on April 10, 2005, with Pastor Lawrence Beals, Nursing Home chaplain, officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery. Pearl is survived by two

daughters, Thelma (Budd) Mockler and her husband Robert of Caribou, and Edna (Budd) Carr and her husband George of Columbus, OH; five grandchildren; and fourteen great-grandchildren. Pearl was predeceased by her husband, the Reverend George Budd, in 1989.

Betty Cheever Grunden



Remembered by her daughter as one who “loved God and filled her life with His presence,” Betty was born on November 1, 1935, in Hogansville, GA to Lillie Bell (Keith) and Edward Harrison Crowder. She graduated from Hillsborough High School with honors.

Between 1957 and 1975, she and her second husband, the Reverend William O. Grunden, served eleven churches in Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts. In addition to being a wife, mother, and pastoral partner, she enjoyed travel and seeing the world. She also enjoyed sewing, quilting, and embroidery.

After a long battle with cancer, Betty died on October 4, 2004 at Hospice House, Sun City Center, FL. Her funeral was held on October 7, 2004 at Hillsboro Memorial Funeral Home, with the Reverend Charles Richard officiating. Burial was in Hillsboro Memorial Gardens. Betty is survived by three children: James Richard Cheever, Thomas Edward Cheever, and Joy Anne (Cheever) Rogers. Betty is survived by her husband, the Reverend William O. Grunden, of Wimauma, FL.

Alma Hyam

Alma was born on September 2, 1927 and died on May 4, 2005. She was the widow of the late Reverend Warren C. Hyam of Lynn, MA.

Carol Mae Maddox Jones



Music teacher, keyboard performer, and pastor’s wife, Carol Mae was born on May 4, 1922 in Moscow, Idaho to Letha Mae (Jones) and John Stewart Maddox. She earned an A.B. at Eastern Nazarene College and a master’s degree in music education at Muskingham College, Zanesville, OH. She also studied at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston.

She taught public school music for ten years in Derry, NH. She later served for thirteen years as manager of the Nutfield Heights Senior Center, Derry, NH. She also served as church organist and choir director for several years, most recently at Flagler UMC, Flagler Beach, FL. As partner in ministry with her husband, the Reverend Irving Jones, they served churches in Tamworth, Derry, Londonderry, and Suncook, NH from 1961 to his retirement in 1982.

In October 1991, Carol and Irving moved to Ormond Beach, FL where they lived for thirteen years. In early 2004, during their move to Oklahoma, Carol was injured in a fall and died on December 11, 2004. A private memorial service was held in Bethany, OK, with burial in Londonderry, NH. Carol is survived by her husband, the Reverend Irving Jones of Bethany, OK;

two sons, Lawrence Jones of Chicago IL and Stanley Jones of Beaverton, OR; a daughter, Lauri (Jones) Pastrone of London, UK; eight grandchildren; and a sister, Winifred Howard of Bethany, OK.

Nancy E. Mach



Affectionately known as “the den mother of local pastors,” Nancy was born in Hyannis, MA on November 25, 1940 to Allen and Barbara (MacKay) Bassett. She attended the one-room school on Cuttyhunk Island until her family moved to the mainland when she was ten years old. She graduated from Fairhaven High School and a lab technician program at St. Luke’s Hospital.

After Marrying Leonard Mach in 1959, she audited the John Wesley Course of Study classes, which her husband attended. In addition to her support of his ministry, Nancy was secretary of the Long Plain UMC, secretary of the RISEM District of the United Methodist Women, and an active member of the Board of the Emmaus Community of Southern New England. At her local church she taught Sunday School, served on the Missions, Flower, and Worship Committees. She was an equalization member of Annual Conference for 10 years.

Beyond church activities, Nancy loved the outdoors, especially gardening and the Audubon Society. As a member of the Cape and Islands Orchid Society she won many awards for her outstanding orchids. Nancy was also a skillful artist, exhibiting at the Cuttyhunk Museum and winning ribbons at the Fairhaven Homecoming Festival. Her interest in genealogy helped her trace her ancestry back to the Mayflower.

But her principle work was advocacy for handicapped and special needs children at the local and state levels. She helped establish the regulations for MA Chapter 766. She is remembered by her husband as “a friend to be counted on, a mother to all...and a wife that loved and supported Len, as he did with her.”

A “spiritual beacon” to all her visitors during her long battle with cancer, Nancy died on December 1, 2004. Her funeral was held at Long Plain UMC, Acushnet, MA on December 4, 2004, with the Reverend Gary Shaw, D.S. and Pastor Ellie Reed officiating. Over 600 people were in attendance. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery. Nancy is survived by her husband, the Reverend Leonard Mach of Fairhaven, MA; three sons, Kevin L. of Lakeville, Kenneth P. of Fairhaven, and Gary T. of Raynham; a brother, David Bassett of New Hampshire; a sister, Frances Bassett of Acushnet; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

George Michael “Mickey” McNeil, Sr.



“Go do what you have to do,” said Mickey repeatedly to his wife Ardis as she worked toward ordination in June 2005. Always patient and understanding, Mickey gave her the loving support she needed during their 13 years of marriage. She spoke of him as “a quiet man, but always a present soft spot in my life.”

Mickey was born on May 30, 1918 in Roxbury, MA to Margaret (Nash) and Stephen McNeil Sr. He graduated from Bangor (ME) High School and worked in local shoe shops for several years before joining the Maine National Guard. He then made the Air Force his career for 30 years,

including serving as a medic in World War II, for which he received the Bronze Star. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, and the National Guard Mechanics Club of Bangor. He was a long-time member of St. Anne's Parish, Bangor, then joined the Gloucester UMC in 2000. Mickey also enjoyed tying flies and camping in earlier years.

After a long illness, Mickey died at home in Gloucester on October 10, 2004. His funeral was held at Gloucester UMC on October 16, 2004 with burial at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Augusta, ME. Mickey is survived by his wife, the Reverend Ardis Mayo-McNeil; two daughters, Sue Ann Osgood of Bangor and Julie Mitchell of Conroe, TX; five sons, Danny of Lewiston, ME, James of Cirellos NM, Richard of California, George Jr. of Washington, and Joseph of Florida; two stepsons, Andrew Polk of Old Town, ME, and Jeremy Polk of Bangor, ME; a brother, Stephen Jr. of West Haven, CT; four sisters, Elizabeth Lentini of Cheshire, CT, Sally McNeil of Portland, ME, Margaret Lafontaine of Brewer, ME, and Catherine Fessenden of Bangor, ME; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Mickey was predeceased by a son, Lawrence; five sisters, Clara Mae McNeil, Mabel McNeil, Patricia Morneault, Mary Stuart; and Joanne Pullen, and three brothers, Edward, John, and Gordon McNeil.

Dorothy Elizabeth "Bunny" Davies Morgan



Partner in ministry for over 30 years with her husband Bob. Bunny was born on May 15, 1926 in Scranton, PA to Gertrude Wilhemina (Opper) and John Lowne Davies. She graduated from Central High School in 1944 and Lackawanna Business School, Scranton, in 1946. Six years later she married Robert Edward Morgan at Elm Park Methodist Church, by the Reverend Dr. Benjamin Livingston DuVal, father of clergy spouse Gwen (DuVal) Gulinello.

Bunny and Bob served churches in N. Wilbraham (Glendale) and Ludlow, MA (St. Paul's), Lowell, MA (St. Paul's), Sagamore, MA and Milford, NH, until he retired in 1997. Bunny very much enjoyed being a pastor's wife, supporting Bob and living out her faith in Christ. She loved nature and always enjoyed animals, having many pets, especially cats. She also loved music, singing in the chorus of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, and founding a Speech Choir at St. Paul's UMC, Lowell.

After a long decline in health, Bunny died on April 14, 2005 at Crestwood Nursing Home, Milford NH. Her funeral took place on April 28, 2005 at Milford UMC, with the Reverend Thomas Getchell-Lacey officiating. Burial was in Dunmore, PA with the Reverend Virginia O'Malley, pastor of Elm Park UMC, Scranton, presiding. Bunny is survived by her husband, the Reverend Robert Morgan of Milford, NH, and many friends.

Harriet Eleanor Niles



Poet, herb gardener, quilter, and partner in ministry, Harriet was born on November 11, 1917 in Wilton, ME, the youngest of four children of Arthur and Maude Rowe. She graduated from Wilton Academy. Shortly thereafter she married the Reverend Frederick Linwood Niles in 1936. They had three children, the oldest of which was born profoundly handicapped and died at age 26.

During their 46 years of marriage, they served churches in the former Maine Conference at Fryeburg Harbor, Dexter, Corrina, Westbrook, Livermore Falls, Bath, Lewiston, Belfast, Mechanic Falls, and Minot. After retirement, they moved to Empire Grove Campground, East Poland, ME, where they enjoyed many years of friends, folk art, and pine woods. Harriet's herb and flower gardens, her poetry and journaling, as well as her love of friends and family, were all well known and greatly admired.

Harriet's last two years were spent at Carlson's Building, Waterville, where she died suddenly on December 9, 2004. Her memorial service was held on December 12, 2004 at Fairfield UMC, with Pastor Kristen Bjorn officiating. Burial was at Lakeview Cemetery, Wilton. Harriet is survived by two daughters; Diana Jean Rowe of Fairfield and Elizabeth Joan Bady of Lincoln, Nebraska; three granddaughters; two grandson-in-laws; seven great-grandchildren; and five great great-grandchildren. Harriet was predeceased by her husband, the Reverend Frederick Niles, in 1982, and their son, Norman Niles, in 1963.

Narcissa Thiele

English teacher and pastor's wife, Narcissa was born on August 13, 1912 in Chicago, IL to Arnold and Agnes Ranseen. She and her husband, the Reverend Clarence E. Thiele served churches in Iowa and Whitefield, NH, until 1954. Clarence's primary service, however was as a hospital chaplain, for which he trained at the Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia, PA. He and Narcissa continued ministering in New Jersey and New York. While he was in school, Narcissa often filled their church pulpit. After he retired, she became an English teacher at Ranato High School (NJ).

Narcissa died on May 18, 2005 at her home in Wyckoff, NJ. Her memorial service has held at the Ridgewood (NJ) UMC on June 4, 2005. She is survived by a son, Barrett of Redbank, NJ, two daughters; Pamela Thiele of Sag Harbor, NY, and Barbara Thiele of Wyckoff, NJ. Narcissa was predeceased by her husband, the Reverend Clarence Thiele, in 1996.

Ruth Ellery Thurston



Ruth was born on July 5, 1906 in Salem, MA to Frank Brooks and Isabella Josephine (Cann) Ellery. She was related to the William Ellery Channing, well-known Unitarian-Universalist clergyman, and to Richard Vanderford Ellery, renowned artist. Ruth grew up in Salem and Danvers, MA, where she graduated from high school and Boston University in 1927. She became a bank teller and later the librarian at the Boston Athenaeum. In September 1928, she married the Reverend Daniel Alden Thurston, and they

had two sons, Ellery and Donald.

Ruth and Daniel ministered in Hyde Park, Ipswich, Lynn, Holyoke, and Springfield, MA. Ruth was always active in many church groups and programs. After retirement, the Thurston's moved to Amebury, where he became minister of visitation for Malden, Melrose, and Danvers churches.

Ruth enjoyed arts and crafts, including shell crafts, terrariums, and silver jewelry. She was a devotee of the arts, music, and literature, a member of Peabody Essex Museum, and a regular attendee at the Hamilton Hall Lecture Series in Salem. She also enjoyed bird watching and travel.

After a brief illness, Ruth died at the Sea View Nursing Home, Rowley, on August 20, 2004. Her funeral was held on August 23, 2004 at the Roberts Funeral Home, Rowley, with the Reverend Alice Erickson officiating. Private burial was in Ipswich. Ruth is survived by two sons, Ellery of Hobe Sound, FL, and Donald of Rowley; a brother, John of Dover-Foxcroft, ME; five grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, the Reverend Daniel Thurston; two sisters, Josephine Bragner and Elizabeth Raley; and two brothers, Richard and William Ellery.

David Harold Stoltzfus



A loyal Marine who saw himself as a “warrior”, but was even more devoted to his family than to the Corps, David was born on August 6, 1948 in Lowville, NY to Marilyn (Osborne) and the late Harold Stoltzfus. He was educated at Lowville Academy & Central School, where he was cited as a Regent’s Scholar in June 1966. He attended the State University of New York and the Agricultural and Technical College in Morrisville, NY.

David was also an avid and skilled sportsman. He was co-captain of his wrestling team, a member of the Mustangs - ranking 8th nationally in small college wrestling squads. He competed in the Olympic trials and in BMX competition with his sons.

“His penchant for justice”, recalled his wife, Hattie, whom he married in 1960, “led him to enlist in the United States Marines during the Vietnam Conflict.” The Corps chose not to send him into combat but to harness his keen mental skills and sent him to computer school. Upon graduation, he was assigned to the Pentagon in support of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

After retirement from the Marines, David gave himself generously to his family, friends, and church. He loved to drive, bicycle, and other sports. At his church, he played the trumpet and chaperoned in the youth programs. He was keenly interested in the church program focused on the “Purpose-Driven Life.”

David died unexpectedly on October 8, 2004 after a bicycling accident. His funeral was held on October 14, 2004 at Exeter UMC, with the Reverend Michael Pike officiating. Burial with military honors was at Prospect Cemetery, Epping NH. David is survived by his wife, the Reverend Hattie (Lavender) Stoltzfus; two sons, Michael and Brian of Salisbury, MA; a grandson, Dominic, of Salisbury; his mother, Marilyn Stoltzfus, and a brother, Dale, both of Lowville, NY; a sister, Sandi Jantzi of Cherry Hill, NJ, and extended family.