

MEMOIRS

Alan Deane Yeo

12/13/1930 – 09/04/2016



Alan was born Clarence and Dorothy Yeo in Brooklyn and raised his three sons with his wife Jeannine Spangler, in Valley Stream Long Island. He was active in the community, serving on the library committee and as Boy Scout Master. Alan graduated from Westminster College in Wilmington, PA in 1953, served in the US Army and worked in New York City for 16 years as Vice-President and Secretary of S.P. Skinner Company. In 1971 he felt called to the ministry and attended Drew Theological School where he earned his Master and Doctor of Divinity degrees. During his 22 years of ministry, Alan served churches in Milton, Matamoras (PA), Hopatcong, Roselle Park and Washington (NJ). He retired in 1993 and moved to the cottage community of Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center in Harrisonburg, VA. During that time, Alan volunteered for hospice and served as visitation minister for Bethany UMC. From 2000-2002 he and his second wife Annemarie served as chaplains and taught Bible at Randolph-Macon Academy in Front Royal, VA.

After retiring again, he and Annemarie moved to Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community in Harrisonburg and then to Columbia, MD where he passed away at Gilchrist Hospice Center. Alan had been an avid tennis player, runner and swimmer. He leaves behind his wife of thirty years, Annemarie Andersen Yeo (also an Ordained Elder), three sons and their wives: Douglas and Patricia, Gregory and Linda and Curtis and Hilary, six grandchildren (Linda, Robin, Laura, Sarah, Jordan and Molly), three great-grandchildren (Hannah, Caleb and Dante) and Annemarie's daughter, Carolyn Benson, and granddaughter Hailey Benson.

Submitted by: Annemarie Andersen Yeo

Interment: Milton UMC Cemetery, Milton, NJ

Betty A. Carter

12/9/1927 – 5/18/2016



Born in a small house on Main Street in Chatsworth, Betty grew up taking pride in her Pine Barren heritage. She became a member of the Chatsworth UMC when she was 12-years-old, and maintained her membership until the day of her passing, living as a faithful servant to God and her community. She loved sharing memories of how her church, the local firehouse, and school all worked together to serve the community. She sang in the choir with her first husband and was active in the Ladies Aid. She served as a Trustee and the Pastor Parish Relations Committee. Betty substitute taught and worked as the clerk at the local Post Office, serving the last 17 years as Postmaster before retiring in 1983. After her first husband's passing, she married Rev. Raymond E. Carter on Dec. 31, 1970, and became a very active pastor's wife. Betty assisted her husband with church and various preparations as well as visiting housebound and hospitalized

people of the communities. Betty led the Youth Choir at Tabernacle UMC. They had a large youth group at Chatsworth UMC where Betty led the church choir and served as pianist/organist for 50+ year, completing her service at Christmas 2015. Betty is survived by a combined family of five daughters, nine grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

Submitted by: Cathy Pepper

Interment: Chatsworth Cemetery, Chatsworth, NJ

Bonnie Elizabeth Finch

03/07/1942 – 02/17/2017



Born in Washington, D.C. to Peery and Mary Greever, Bonnie graduated from Ridgewood High School in NJ in 1960 and attended Wittenberg University in Ohio. She worked as a legal secretary, church secretary and was a talented seamstress. A woman of strong faith, she was a devoted wife and mother. Despite the loss of a child and her own serious health issues, Bonnie always stayed positive, greeting each day with optimism and faith in God's grace and goodness. She was proud of being the matriarch of a loving blended family, and found immense pleasure in the outdoor sports of swimming, crabbing and fishing. She also spent hours in the gardens around her house cultivating, weeding, and tending the beds. In retirement, Bonnie ran a sewing business called "Bonnie's Creative Stitches." She loved being a minister's wife and enjoyed Annual Conference and local church ministries throughout New Jersey and Delaware. She enjoyed playing in bell choirs,

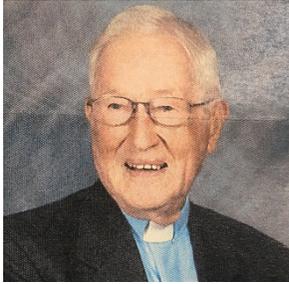
attending church school, supporting small group ministries, and serving as president of two local United Methodist Women organizations. Bonnie is survived by her husband of 26 years, the Rev. David McKendree Finch; her son John Brothers and his wife Tiffany of Prosper, TX; two daughters, Bonnie Kelly and her husband Larry of Garnet Valley, PA and Ashley Hartshorn and her husband Robert of Newark, DE; a step-daughter, Amy Caulder and her spouse Shelley of Madisonville, KY; fourteen grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Bonnie was preceded in death by her first husband, Edward Daniel Wonik, her twelve year old daughter Patricia Anne Brothers, her step-son Jeffrey David Finch and her sister Mary Lou Wright. "Love is never gone as we travel on. Love's what we'll remember."

Submitted by: Bonnie Kelly **Interment:** Seaside Cemetery, Palermo, NJ

MEMOIRS

Champion “Champ” B. Goldy, Sr.

1/30/1917 – 11/07/2016



Champ was a dedicated minister whose trust in his faith served him, his family, congregations, and many others well for many decades. He began as the minister for Adelpia Church and then served the New Gretna Circuit in what was then the South Jersey Annual Conference, Asbury Park, Oakhurst, Palmyra, Pitman, East Brunswick, Haddonfield and Embury UMC's. He was also District Superintendent of the Camden Metro district serving Audubon and Moorestown. Champ was well known for being a “champ.” He participated for nearly 30 years at the Penn Relays and other competitions in numerous track and field events including the 100, 200 and 400 runs, javelin, discus and shot put. He was an active minister and athlete until shortly before his passing.

Submitted by: Evelyn Goldy

Interment: Cremation

Clara E. Thomas

03/24/1927 – 01/26/2017



Born in Mansfield Township, Clara was raised in the Bordentown area and was a graduate of Bordentown High School. She continued her education throughout her life receiving her degree in Elementary Education from Trenton State College, a Master's from Rutgers University and a Master's of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. She resided in Hightstown for 30 years where she taught Kindergarten at Walter C. Black School. She later became the Principal of Seaside Park Elementary School until her retirement. After her retirement, she was ordained as a Reverend in the United Methodist Church and later moved to New Smyrna Beach, Florida where she resided for ten years before moving back to New Jersey. Rev. Thomas was devout and extremely active in the Hightstown, Allentown and New Smyrna Beach, FL United Methodist Churches. She was very proud to serve as what was then the South Jersey Conference Representative of the World Wide United Methodist Church, for which she travelled all over the world attending Methodist Conferences. In her spare time, she enjoyed her membership at the New Smyrna Beach Yacht Club, her involvement with the TP8 Camping Club, played in several bridge clubs, was an avid reader, and loved to travel the world.

Submitted by: Pamela Varone

Interment: Colonial Memorial Park, Trenton, NJ

Clarence M. Wilson

7/30/1941 – 04/09/2017



Rev. Clarence “Clancy” M. Wilson was born and raised in Camden. He was the son of Clarence and Wilma Wilson and attended State Street UMC in Camden. He was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, Rutgers University (B.A.), and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (M.Div.). Clancy was a United Methodist pastor for 38 years, serving many churches in the South Jersey area including English Creek, Newport, Harrisonville and Ferrell, Camden Centenary Tabernacle, Linwood, Berlin Centenary, and Ventnor Trinity. Clancy had a strong calling and commitment to outreach ministries, striving to bring communities together and never hesitating to help a person, family, or group in need. He had a knack for talking to and befriending others, especially those who had been shunned by society. Music was another way Clancy reached out to the community, as he was known for his love of the trumpet and jazz music. He founded the Jersey Shore Jazz Vespers in Ventnor and was also a charter member of the South Jersey Area Wind Ensemble, a member of

the Original Hobo Band of Pitman, the Congress Street Brass Band, and the John Walter Cape Community Band. Clancy was a proud member of the American Federation of Musicians and a strong advocate for musicians. He is survived by his son Clarence Wilson, Jr and his wife Kathy of Somers Point, and his daughter, Pamela Cernjul, her husband Elvis and daughter Ansley of Utah. Clancy was a loving dad, pop-pop, and genuine friend to so many, having touched many lives and will be greatly missed.

Submitted by: Pam Cernjul

Interment: Cool s Springs Cemetery, Lewes, DE

MEMOIRS

Constance A. Martin 11/25/1937 – 04/30/20



Rev. Constance A. Martin was the wife of Richard Martin, Sr. and together they shared over 60 years of marriage. Constance received her Masters of Divinity and later her Doctorate from Drew University. She served in the Methodist Church for many years at various churches in NJ and NY, last serving as pastor of Tranquility United Methodist Church in Tranquility, NJ. In addition to her husband, Richard, Sr. she is survived by a son, Richard Martin, Jr. and his wife Kim, of Palmer twp.; daughters, Debbie Stevens and her husband Dennis, of Marshalls Creek; Margie Hillpot and her husband Robert, of Phillipsburg; a sister, Frances Crolla of NJ; 2 stepbrothers and 5 grandchildren.

Submitted by: James Funeral Home, Bethlehem, PA

Dawn Beverly Burton 8/23/1944– 02/04/2017



The wife of Rev. Charles M. Burton, Sr., Dawn was a woman of strong faith who loved the Lord with all her heart and served God humbly. Throughout her battle with cancer, Dawn's faith in the Lord and God's will did not waiver. Anybody who met Dawn was immediately taken by her outgoing personality, free spirit and determination. Dawn was a Ski instructor in Pine Hill, NJ for many years. She was also a dedicated employee of Haddon Savings Bank for 43 years, and she worked for Strawbridge's simultaneously for 22 of those years. She was a devoted member of the Parish and Pastor Board of the United Methodist Church, Reunion Committee Treasurer of Pennsauken High School First Graduating Class, and a 20 year bowling team member. Dawn was also an avid lover of traveling. While her son, Isaac, was the apple of her eye, her beloved pups were a very close second.

Submitted by: Isaac Burton

Interment: Cross Keys United Methodist Cemetery, Williamstown, NJ

Dorothy E. Worth 01/30/1925 – 12/21/2016



Born to August C. and Louise Schulz Kramer in New York City, Dorothy was raised in Nyack, NY where she attended primary and secondary schools. She went to King's College where she was a distinguished alumna and there, met her husband, the Rev. Philip Everett Worth. The two were married on Dec. 18, 1943. An outstanding Bible teacher, Dorothy was well known throughout the Delaware Valley for her women's Bible classes. Her radio ministry was heard on over 200 stations in the U.S. and around the world. She received an award for her "Women Alive" radio broadcast from the National Religious Broadcasters Association. Dorothy's ministry touched the lives of thousands including men and women on death row. She lived in such a way that she introduced many to Christ and His service.

Submitted by: Rev. Fred W. Price

Interment: Lakeview Cemetery, Cinnaminson, NJ

MEMOIRS

E. Jay Amey

06/02/1926 – 05/26/2016



Born in Freemansburg, PA and raised in Neptune City, NJ, Jay graduated Manasquan High School and proudly served in the U.S. Army 112th Cavalry as a Chaplain's Assistant during World War II, including time in post-war occupied Japan. After his discharge, Jay graduated in 1950 from Brother's College at Drew University, New Brunswick Theological Seminary in 1951, and Temple School of Theology in 1953 with a Master of Divinity. His work as a minister began in Jerseyville, followed by Cliffwood and Union Beach; Wesley in Bridgeton; Trinity in Clayton; Pemberton; First UMC Williamstown; Mauricetown, Haleyville and Port Elizabeth; Browns Mills and New Lisbon, Dobbins Memorial in Delanco; and finally Aldine UMC. Jay was active in community service, helping to found the Clayton Ambulance Corps and serving as a member of Mauricetown Ambulance Corps. He served as chaplain for the Malaga Camp and was a former member of the

Board of Directors. He loved to sing, sang in the choir of each of the churches he pastored and was part of a quintet at the Pitman Manor where he lived in his later years. From the day he met Jesus until the day he died, Jay was a man of integrity and devotion to his Lord. He lived his faith, loving God with all his heart and his neighbor as himself. He was the same man at home as he was in public. His love, grace and character exemplified what a godly leader should be. He was predeceased by Ruth, his wife of 57 years, and is survived by four children all in Christian service: Rev. Paul (Linda) Amey, Carol Amey, Mark (Jodie) Amey, and Rev. Daniel (Debbie) Amey. He is also survived by grandchildren Bethany (Wade) Sutton, Alyssa Amey, and Jonathan Amey.

Submitted by: Daniel Amey

Internment: Gloucester County Veterans Cemetery

Edward B. Cheney, Jr.

10/13/1920 – 08/01/2016



Ed Cheney was raised in the faith of The United Methodist Church and remained a member of St. Paul's in Penns Grove, NJ, along with his parents and four siblings, until he left for Miami University in Oxford, OH, to begin his studies in human behavior, social justice, religion, and art. He was called to ministry by the end of his years at Miami, and entered Drew Theological Seminary, to embark on 50 years of a career in pastoral care. He served churches in Titusville, Hopewell, Groveville, Point Pleasant, Parkside-Camden, Haddonfield, Millville, Red Bank, and most significantly, the founding pastor of St. Andrew's UMC in Cherry Hill. He also served as District Superintendent of the Northwest District, at that time in Hamilton Square. Ed retired to live on the South Seaville Camp Meeting Association, and to a part-time appointment at South Seaville UMC where he enjoyed 13 years in the fellowship, took dancing lessons, sang in the choir

and played golf. His commitment to the ministry would not have been possible without the strength and love of his wife, Martha Sturgis Cheney. They led a life together as loving friends, supportive parents to John, Ruth, Lynn and Kristi, and progressive, liberal, open-minded citizens that lived out their Christianity in serving others, caring for each other, and celebrating and enjoying the differences in the Greater United Methodist Church, and the world around them.

Submitted by: Ruth Klinger-Cheney, Lynn Cheney, and Kristi Cheney Paulson

Internment: South Seaville Camp Meeting Association, Seaville, NJ

Eleanor C. Robbins

11/16/1936 – 08/18-2016



Eleanor Robbins was married to Rev. John Robbins for 60 years. She served with him in ministry for 40 years, starting in Sharpton in 1972. She was fully involved in every appointment her husband served including Mauricetown and Haleyville. She sang in the choirs and was choir director for both Sharptown and Mauricetown. She participated in the Women's Loyalty Circle and cooked for and served the men's monthly Prayer Breakfast that averaged 75 men. She kept the parsonage immaculate and was loved and respected in the community. She was involved in ministry for 50 years at the Malaga Camp Meeting, where she was head cook of the dining hall for 48 years. She is survived and loved by her husband John, three children, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Submitted by: Rev. John Robbins

Internment: Woodruff Methodist Cemetery

MEMOIRS

Elizabeth B. Jewett

06/04/1922 - 09/24/2016



Elizabeth “Betty” Jewett was born in Reading, PA, to Paul and Harriet Billig and began her Christian journey at Trinity Lutheran Church. Betty attended Marion Junior College in Marion, VA, studying English and Journalism. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from The University of Miami in June, 1953 and worked as a staff writer for the Miami Herald. She married Rev. Paul N. Jewett, pastor of the First Methodist Church in South Miami in 1943 and they remained life partners until Paul’s death in 2003. They were parents of two daughters, Barbara JoAnn and Jean Ellyn, and a son, Philip Timothy, who passed away in infancy. For nearly 60 years, Betty and Paul served United Methodist Churches in South Florida and Northern New Jersey. Betty directed and developed children’s choirs in each church they served and wrote/adapted and directed several musical productions as well as bell choirs. She also taught high school English and Journalism for more than 20 years. Following Paul’s death, Betty completed his autobiography, *The Mob and The Flock*, for publication in 2010. She then began

writing her own memoirs, *Forget-Me-Nots* and *White Roses*. She is survived by her daughters Barbara Paulson and her husband Robert of Knoxville, TN, and the Rev Jean Weller of Columbia, MD, three grandsons: Robert A Paulson, Jr and his wife, Charlene of BelAir, MD, Richard S. Paulson of Knoxville, TN, and Paul M Weller of Columbia, MD; four great-granddaughters: Kaitlyn R Crohan and her husband Tommy, Sidney K Paulson, Gabrielle M Paulson, and Emma R J Paulson, and one great-great-granddaughter, Addison Charlotte Crohan, as well as many friends from the churches in which she and Paul served during their nearly 60 years in ministry together.

Submitted by: Barbara J. Paulson

Internment: Charles Evans Cemetery, Reading, PA

Ellen Thompson Little

02/02/1942 – 07/21/2016



Ellen was born and raised in Akron, OH. Her parents, Don and Ruth, are fondly remembered as providing an idyllic childhood for Ellen, her younger sister Merry and brothers Terry and Denny. She completed an education degree at Kent State and began a career as a public school high school English teacher in an inner city setting during the late '60s. Ellen left Ohio for New Jersey in 1969 where she had her firstborn son, Kevin, and continued to pursue her passions while raising Kevin as a single mother. She married Rev. Charles Little, pastor of the Hackensack UMC, who had three sons of his own from his first marriage. Soon after, the couple had a daughter together, Christina.

Together Charles and Ellen raised their kids while Charles served at Alpine UMC, and later the majority of his tenure at Martinsville UMC. It was here that Ellen chose her calling to serve and completed her Masters of Divinity at Drew University where she later worked for the theology department. Eventually, Ellen served her own congregation at Wesley UMC in Edison and then left her parish for campus ministry with The Wesley Foundation at Rutgers University. She was a servant for the needy and made great contributions to local youth services, and later for the homeless. She found her final church family with the New Brunswick UMC which embraced her for the past many years. She called this church her home, and the congregation lifted her up and gave her a place to flourish at the end of her time here on earth. She is survived by children Kevin and his wife Lida, Christina and her husband Mike; and stepsons Craig, Mark and David and his wife Debbie; her three grandsons Geoffrey, John and Ken Little and two granddaughters, Sonya and Maya.

Submitted by: Christina McCarthy

Elmer Ridley

06/03/1939 – 06/06/2016



A Franklin Township-Somerset, NJ resident for 35 years, Elmer enjoyed walking Route 27 Southbound and nicknamed it “The Route 27 Prayer Corridor.” He attributes his love for walking as an adult to his discipline as a cross country runner for the Overbrook High School in Philadelphia, PA, as he served on the Champion Cross-Country Team. Elmer focused on “maximizing his strengths and strengthening his weak areas” and, therefore, was delighted to have returned to college at age 46. By 61, he completed three degrees. He was a lifelong United Methodist and loved pastoring the Sayreville UMC. Elmer loved reading and writing and preaching and teaching and taught Bible study at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women in Clinton, NJ, for over 20 years. He traveled internationally for over 25 years with his wife Florence. The two were married for 45 and a half years and enjoyed serving and retirement in the

Greater New Jersey Annual Conference.

Submitted by: Florence Ridley

Internment: Cremation

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Ethel Mary Brodie

04/21/1943 – 05/08/2016



Ethel Mary Brodie was born in Paterson, NJ. Her marriage to Colin Brodie brought a second family of two children, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Her ministry began in 1967 as a pastor's wife, to James Lubach -- serving in the Greater New Jersey Conference. She was active in UMW, Pastor's Wives Choral Group and served as Annual Conference Secretary. Ethel was ordained in 1981, serving churches in Quakertown, Edison, Denville, Morristown and Hackettstown until her retirement 2001 when she and Colin moved to Discovery Bay, CA, where they lived until her passing. Ethel continued her ministry through volunteering and preaching, when called upon, at their local Presbyterian church. She later included involvement in the local multi-church food bank, helped with church community organizations and mentored various local United Methodist pastors. She and her husband traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and the world, visiting all 50 states along with 6

continents and over 60 countries. She left three wonderful children, James, Jocelyn and Jonathan, along with three Grandchildren. To honor her, Ethel's family established the "Ethel M. Brodie Memorial Scholarship Fund" to assist deserving students in their Educational and Spiritual growth. Find out more at www.ethelbrodiescholarship.org.

Submitted by: Colin Brodie

Frances Ballinger

07/26/1946 – 11/04/2016



Frances was a proud mother, amazing grandmother, devoted wife, loving daughter, and a faithful servant of Christ. A native of Magnolia, NJ, Frances began her walk with God as a member of the Magnolia Methodist Church. The congregation of this small church loved and supported Frances as she grew up, graduated Sterling High School, met and married her soulmate George Richard Ballinger, and started a family. Frances returned that love by devoting her life to the church, as a member of the choir, a leader of the youth group, and by completing her Lay Speaker Certification. She attended Thomas Edison University and completed her education at Wesley Theological Seminary. She was proud of the appointments she served, and strengthened her

journey with Christ through each, embracing them with all of her love and energy, and worked to ensure every member knew how important they were as children of God. Frances brought joy of God, family, service and life to those around her. She was received into the arms of God her Savior after a short battle with cancer. Many will miss her infectious faith. She is survived by her sons, Christopher and Andrew, her Daughter-in-law Deanna, her Grandchildren Laura and Andrew, and countless friends and extended family. All who were touched by Frances feel the pain of her loss, yet all may take comfort in knowing we shall meet again.

Submitted by: Christopher Ballinger

Internment: Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery, Sewell NJ

Fritz (Fred) Harz

12/06/1931 – 05/02/2016



Throughout his life, Fritz was a family man, a successful businessman and had belonged to numerous organizations. But what was most important to him was his faith and his relationship to God. Whether he was reading his Bible daily, spending time in church or sharing his faith with anyone who crossed his path, he nurtured and fostered that relationship with God daily. He had this saying hanging in his bedroom and he lived by it every day of his life, "Peace on the Outside comes from knowing God within." In addition to his faith, Fred also always expressed his deep love for his wife Joan, their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He cherished every moment he spent with his family. Fritz lived in Elmer all of his life. He loved the churches in his town. Easter sunrise service was on his lawn. He was a member of the Elmer United Methodist Church and served that church in every capacity imaginable; from heading the youth groups, singing in the choir to serving

on the board, he continued to be an active member of the church throughout his life. He served as a local, state and national representative for the Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, Joan (nee: Horner); children, Valarie and her husband Joseph Graciano and Eric and his wife Michele Harz; grandchildren, Adam Harz, Erika Pipitone, Ashley Cavallero and Neil Harz, six great grandchildren, Adelina, Zachary, Natali, Maggie, Mason and Gianna as well as his sister Anita Perry.

Submitted by: Adams Funeral Home, Penns Grove NJ

Internment: Chestnut Grove, Elmer, NJ

MEMOIRS

James Andrew Stermen

02/12/1942 – 11/10/2016



Born in Bridgeton, James was an area resident most of his life. He graduated from Trenton State College in 1964 and went on to graduate from Drew University School of Theology. He taught elementary education for three years in Lawrence Township at Myron Powell Elementary and also for two years in the Bridgeton Junior High School. James' love was ministry and he had served as pastor in several United Methodist Church's, including Sayreville, Waretown, Forked River, Bargaintown, English Creek, Westville, and his last appointment in the United Methodist Church of East Pennsauken. He is survived by his sons, Andrew M. Stermen and his wife Karen of Westville, NJ, and Charles D'Errico and his wife Teresa of Myrtle Beach, SC; his only sister, Bonnie Stermen of Upper Deerfield Twp.; grandchildren, Alexander LV Stermen, Mary Anna D'Errico, and Sara Jane D'Errico.

Submitted by: Andrew Stermen

Interment: Overlook Cemetery, Bridgeton

Jean Henry White

09/21/1938 – 12/15/2016



Jean worked for 14 years in The University Relations and Development Office of Drew University as the Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Public Relations, and enjoyed being the Editorial Assistant for the Drew University Magazine. During retirement, Jean turned her love of reading and people into literacy advocacy. She became a tutor for adults and served on the Board of Directors of the Craven Literacy Council, New Bern, NC. In addition, she worked as a volunteer literacy tutor in the New Bern, NC, public schools. She passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family following a long and courageous struggle with chronic lung disease and donated her body for medical research and education; a selfless and hopeful gift toward improving treatment and discovering a cure for

Bronchiectasis.

Submitted by: Rev. Dr. W. James White

Interment: Middle Spring Cemetery, Shippensburg, PA

Lillian Grace Lopez

11/24/1926 – 05/26/2016



Grace was her middle name. She lived her life full of grace, always wanting to learn and explore. She set her sights on a college education at the age of 45. Never graduating from high school, she went from a GED to a BA in Sociology and a Master's in Theology. While attending Drew University she immersed herself into campus life, living on campus and getting herself a "hippy" van complete with a bed and kitchen. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, great grandmother, friend and wife. Her gentle inspirational touch and talks will be missed and she will be loved forever and always.

Submitted by: Cathy Cunniff

Interment: Mt. Repose Cemetery, Haverstraw, NY

Linda Stratton

06/18/1941 – 11/13/2016



Born in Baltimore, MD, she was the daughter of the late Phillip and Margaret (Jones) Hall. She worked as a Food Broker for Pezrow Inc. of New Jersey. She is survived by her companion Glen Suckling; a daughter, Meredith Sinclair of Conn; a son, Philip Stratton, of PA; two brothers, Jeffery Stratton, of PA; Stephen Stratton, of VT; three grandchildren, Paige, Abby and Sinclair; several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her husband Rev. Harry A. Stratton.

Photo Submitted by: Glen Suckling

MEMOIRS

Linda J. Tocher

01/08/1943 – 01/29/2017



Early in life, Linda was a very active volunteer at the Seymour UMC in CT. Those who knew and worked with her recognized a warm, friendly smile and welcoming personality. God gifted her with the ability to attract and work with people, persuading them to also serve the Lord. In the early 1990s, Linda was called by God into the formal ministry of Christian education. After completing additional courses at Drew University she became a Fully Ordained Deacon in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, initially serving several smaller United Methodist churches. Linda became Director of Christian Education at First UMC in Moorestown and retired in 2006 after serving there for a decade, during which time the education program doubled. Her smile and personality will always be missed.

Submitted by: David Tocher

Internment: Trinity Cemetery, Seymour, CT

Linwood G. Sharp Sr.

11/30/1936 – 10/25/2016



Linwood was born in Millville and was a lifelong resident of the Bridgeton area, graduating from Bridgeton High School in 1955. For several years, he was employed at the former Owens-Illinois Glass Company in Bridgeton and worked for several years at Durand Glass in Millville. While working in the glass industry, he became a lay leader in the United Methodist Church and attended the Wesley Theological Seminary. For 21 years and until his retirement, Linwood served as the pastor of the Rosenhayn UMC. Before becoming a certified lay pastor, he was a longtime member of the Wesley Memorial UMC. He is survived by his beloved wife, Stella C. Sharp (nee Hall), three children, Debra Kimble (Robert), Linwood Sharp Jr. (Sue) and Janine Sharp, six grandchildren, Kristi Birtch (Charles), John Stanzione Jr. (girlfriend Jayme), Lindsay Fiorani (Jimmy), Linwood Sharp III and Michael and Christopher Horner, six great grandchildren, Tyler Brown (Kelly), Jenni Brown, Morgan Brown, Isabella Stanzione, Coen Fiorani and Chloe Horner and one great great grandchild, MaKenzie Brown. Linwood is also survived by two brothers, Robert Sharp (Agnes), Allen Sharp, two sisters, Dora Schmidt (Alfred) and Betsy Smith and several nieces and nephews.

Submitted by: Debra Kimble

Internment: Laurel Lawn Cemetery, Bridgeton, NJ

Lucile Bush Sayre

11/17/1919 – 02/21/2017



Lucile attended Hamilton High School in Trenton and graduated from the College of New Jersey in 1941. She was an avid field hockey player and taught 5th grade at the Elementary School in Cranbury. She played piano at Mercerville UMC where she met the student pastor, Charles Sayre. They married on October 16, 1943 and were first appointed to the Cranbury Church and then to the Asbury Park First UMC where they served from 1953-1965. They started going to the South Seaville Camp Meeting in Cape May County where they bought a cottage in 1945. The family has spent every summer at the cottage since. In Asbury Park, Lucile was active in civic, education, and church affairs. She was the first woman on the Asbury Park Board of Education. In 1965, the Sayre's moved to Haddonfield where Charles became the Senior Minister of the Haddonfield UMC. Again Lucile was a leader in church and community matters and became a state officer of the Evening Division of the New Jersey Woman's Club and a longtime member of the Haddonfield Civic association. She continued her participation after retirement in 1990. In retirement, they spent part of each winter on Sanibel Island, FL. In addition to her husband of 74 years, she is survived by her daughters Judy Sayre Grim and Jill Sayre Lawlor; Cherished grandmother of Melissa Lawlor, Sarah Lawlor Batoff (David), Will Lawlor, Jamie Grim and Alexander Grim.

Submitted by: Jill Sayre Lawlor

Internment: Haddonfield, NJ

MEMOIRS

Majorie Eriksen

12/08/1941 – 10/11/2016



Majorie loved Jesus and her family. She extended loving kindness, an uplifting smile, and a patient, listening ear to all people, even to those who rebuffed one of her countless random acts of kindness to friends and to strangers. Marjorie had a special place of affection in her heart at all times for her colleagues in ministry at the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference. For Marjorie and her husband Neil, going to Annual Conference was a great and happy vacation-like pilgrimage and adventure where they could worship God in community with their dear friends and colleagues, along with the new friends that Marjorie would inevitably make wherever she traveled. Marjorie loved being a pastor and passionate Christian evangelist proclaiming Christ's Holy Word. She was proud to be an Ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church and had an infectious and highly contagious viral love for Jesus and for Christ's ministry. Marjorie retired in 2011 at the top of her

game, leaving behind a growing congregation in Bloomingdale.

Submitted by: Christopher O. Eriksen

Internment: Somerset Hills

Marianne Malaun Smith

08/14/1943 – 08/23/2016



Marianne Malaun Smith met her husband of 51 years, the now retired Rev. Kenneth Smith, in a Kansas City, MO, English class. She studied Spanish and French in college, which prepared her to teach French in a New Jersey middle school as her husband attended Drew University School of Theology. Afterwards, the Smiths were blessed with the births of three sons. As the sons grew, Marianne returned to education, this time as a leader in the use of technology in the classroom. Marianne loved reading mystery novels, traveling, (especially to France), watching performances of modern dance, and visiting art museums. Her interest in the visual arts led her to direct the installation of banners celebrating the church year in several GNJ churches.

Submitted by: Ken Smith

Mark O'Shields

08/27/1961 – 06/19/2016



Mark was a kind, gentle, humble soul who loved the Lord, his family and just about everyone. He enjoyed reading his Bible, spending time with God, traveling, exercising, playing his five stringed banjo, visiting shut-ins, but most importantly he loved to help Christians grow in their faith. During his life he was involved in the Malaga camp, Walk to Emmaus, Chrysalis, mission trips to Russia and Red Bird mission and helping to rebuild houses for A Future with Hope. He always wanted to be a hospital chaplain and talked about doing that after he retired, but the Lord opened up that door during his battle with lymphoma and he was able to minister to the patients and staff on the floor at University of Pennsylvania hospital. That was Mark, always thinking of others before himself. He was excited about becoming an ordained Elder and a husband and step-father.

Submitted by: LouAnn O'Shields

Internment: Cremation

MEMOIRS

Mary Witcher Crowther

05/20/1931 – 03/31/2017



Mary was born in Jamaica, Queens, NY, before moving with her family to Mt. Holly at age 12. She graduated from Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia where she received her R.N. and a B.A. from Rowan University. Mary was a very talented nurse, being one of the first ICU nurses in Cooper Hospital in Camden. She later became a teacher of Vocational Nursing at Edgewood High School in Camden County followed by 17 years of School Nursing in Eatontown. For over 65 years, Mary was married to a United Methodist minister, Rev. Robert W. Crowther, and loved participating in United Methodist Church activities, following him from Camden to Atlantic City, Stratford, Spring Lake and finally Avalon. She became a Sunday school teacher at St. Andrew's UMC in Spring Lake and was a very active member. She also volunteered for the Girl Scouts and the South Seaville Camp Meeting Association. Mary traveled widely to various places across the world. Mary was very

kind and thoughtful, both to her family and to all whom she met. She was a very sociable person and loved entertaining. She will be dearly missed. She is survived by her husband, Robert; her four children, Robert III of Wanamassa, NJ, Barbara Louise Kent and her husband John of Birmingham, AL, Deborah Lynne and her husband Walter of Winston- Salem, NC, and Jonathan Burr and his wife Molly of Stanton, NJ; 8 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Arlene Witcher Judge and her husband Larry of Albion, IL.

Submitted by: Rev. Robert W. Crowther, Jr.

Mary Palmer

07/15/1945 – 09/26/2016

Orville Clyde Bradway

01/03/1937 – 09/06/2016



Clyde was born in Bridgeton, and graduated from Bridgeton High School in 1954. He continued his education at Asbury College in Wilmore, KY, where he received a B.A., Cum Laude in June 1958 after marrying on August 18, 1957. He then taught 9th-grade science in Lexington, KY, and worked at the University of Kentucky for several years. Clyde and his wife moved back moved back to New Jersey so Clyde and his father could work together. He later wanted to go back to ministry and enrolled at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, graduating with a Master of Divinity 1972, going on to serve three small churches. Clyde and his wife loved nature, camping, boating, hunting, and fishing. They were married nearly 59 years and have three children.

Submitted by: Cynthia Bradway

Internment: Cedar Hill Cemetery

Perfecto Romero

03/15/1928 – 08/22/2016



Perfecto started his ministry in Cuba in the early 1950s after attending seminary in Matanzas, Cuba. He pastored many churches in Cuba, including a United Methodist Church and grade school in Santa Clara, Cuba. After fleeing the communist country in 1960, he came to Miami, FL, with his wife, Eroina Romero, as refugees. In the U.S., Perfecto was assigned to churches in Miami, FL, New York, NY, Cleveland, OH, Neptune, NJ, and Union City, NJ, before returning to Miami. During his work in the U.S., he received his MBA in Theology from Princeton University. Perfecto was a man dedicated to God's work and will be missed.

Submitted by: Enoch M. Garcia

Internment: Miami, FL

MEMOIRS

Ralph Leon Barrett

07/28/1924 – 05/20/2016



Ralph was born in Collingswood where he was active in the Collingswood UMC. A veteran of World War II, he served in the Pacific in the Army Air Corps where he was assistant to the Chaplain. He received a B.A. from Asbury College in Wilmore, KY, and his M.Div. and MTS from Temple University in Philadelphia. Ordained a Deacon in 1952 and Elder in full connection in 1953, he served in seven appointments prior to his retirement in 1989: Camden: Centenary Tabernacle (Associate); Woodbury (Associate); Camden: Union and Kaighn Avenue; Somers Point, Little Silver; Haddonfield (Associate); and Manasquan. Ralph took great delight in music. For more than 40 years he and his wife Betty attended Friday matinee performances of the Philadelphia Orchestra, and the piano and accordion were his active instruments. He was adventurous,

exploring new worlds and committed to continuing theological education through widely diverse reading, academic events and thoughtful workshops. He was courageous, committed to expressing with his daily life the Gospel values of his faith. He and his family participated in the 1963 March on Washington and were moved and challenged by hearing Dr.

Martin Luther King, Jr. After retirement, he served the Cedarville church part-time and later was an interim pastor for St. John UMC in Fordville. Surviving is his wife Betty Barrett (nee Wilson), residing at The Shores in Ocean City, NJ, and his daughter Patricia Barrett of Nashville, TN.

Submitted by: Patricia Barrett

Internment: Hillcrest Cemetery

Ramon (Ray) Stevens Putnam

12/26/1941 – 04/03/2017



Ray was a dedicated Christian whose faith was awakened during a tour of duty in the Navy in Ethiopia during the 1960s. Upon completion of his military service he became the Assistant Director of Personnel, later Human Resources at Underwood-Memorial Hospital in Woodbury. In 1974, he married Judith L. Simpkins. They have two sons, Andrew and his wife Regina, and Timothy and his wife Suzanne. Ray answered the call to the ministry and was assigned three wonderful churches: Haines Neck UMC in Salem County, Ebenezer UMC in Auburn, and Aura UMC, in Aura.

Submitted by: Judith Putnam

Robert Alan Godleski

07/02/1937 – 12/23/2016



Bob grew up in Belleville. He was a graduate of Newark State College (now Kean University) and Wesley Theological Seminary. He served First UMC in Stony Point, NY, and the UMC churches in North Bergen and West New York, Cokesbury, Milton, Changewater and Port Colden, NJ. Bob and Connie were married in 1963 and had three children. Their son, David, his wife, and six grandchildren live in Charlotte, NC. Their daughter, Denise, lives in Stroudsburg, PA. Bob and Connie moved to the Poconos in 1988. In 2013 they moved to Cornwall Manor in Cornwall, PA.

Submitted by: Constance Godleski

Internment: Cokesbury, NJ

MEMOIRS

Thomas B. Naglee

09/02/1929 – 10/01/2016



In 1957, Tom, his father, Jacob, and his brother, David, were ordained at the same time by Bishop Fred Pierce Corson. Tom was a graduate of Union College in Barbourville, KY, and the former Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, PA. He was a pastor for 20 years at churches in what was then the Southern New Jersey Annual Conference. He retired from active ministry for health reasons but never retired from serving his Lord and Savior. Tom's second vocation was as a probation officer in Cape May County. For the past ten years, he and his wife Margie were residents of Pitman Manor and received excellent, loving care that made them feel at home. The hymns Tom chose for his service at Cape May UMC describe his relationship with God, "When morning guilds the skies my soul awakening cries. May Jesus Christ be praised" and "Nothing between my soul and my Savior."

He is survived by his wife, Margie, of almost 65 years, three children, Marcia (Jim) Kates, Tom Jr., and Ann (Chris) Jones, five grandchildren and four great granddaughters.

Submitted by: Margerine C. Naglee

Internment: Head of the River Cemetery, Tuckahoe, NJ

Vern A. Jensen

08/04/1932 – 05/03/2016



Vern Jensen grew up in the small farming town of Humboldt, IA, with his parents and two sisters. He heeded God's call to full-time ministry as a teen. After completing his studies at Drew Theological Seminary he went to his first church in what was then the Northern New Jersey Conference in 1956. Over the next 29 years, he served as the senior pastor of many churches in the conference, including Linden, Metuchen, and Morristown, and also served as a District Superintendent. He received his PhD in Counseling, which he loved to do, and was regarded as a wonderful preacher and teacher of the Word. Vern moved to South Carolina in 1985 and eventually settled in the Charleston area, where he joined the staff of Seacoast Church, overseeing their prayer ministry for 15 years. During that time he continued to preach and teach, led many small groups, and was committed to helping

people find healing and wholeness through the ministry of Cleansing Stream. He authored four books including a weekly devotional; one of his personal story; and others on dating and marriage. Although he officially retired in 2012, just after his 80th birthday, he continued to passionately share the Gospel until the last day of his earthly life. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, dearly missed by all of his family; but above all, he was a beloved disciple and follower of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Submitted by: Julie Hope