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# *In Memoriam*

2009

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*A Celebration of Ministry*

California-Pacific Annual Conference

United Methodist Church





*Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,*

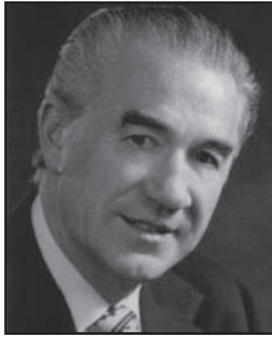
*At a recent Memorial Service, reflecting on the life and witness of the saint whose life we were celebrating, someone said, “God is the lucky one today.” God of the Living and Life Eternal rejoices with the cloud of witnesses who surround us. They have led us, loved us, sacrificed themselves for the sake of the Gospel, and left an indelible imprint on our lives. The work of these good and faithful Servants of God continues to provide us with example, even as our hearts grieve at our losses. May the stories shared here remind us of the persistence of the Resurrection, enrich your understanding of and love for these workers for the Kingdom, and inspire you in your life of Servanthood.*

*We thank God for each of those remembered here. Let us cherish their memory, celebrate their ministries, continue their work, and live in hope that we shall once again meet face to face.*

*Grace and Peace,*

*Mary Ann Swenson*

Resident Bishop  
The Los Angeles Area  
The United Methodist Church



*Melvin Ernest Wheatley, Jr.*  
May 7, 1915 – March 16, 2009

Son of Melvin Ernest and Gertrude Elizabeth Mitchell Wheatley, Mel was born in Lewisville, Pennsylvania, on May 7, 1915. He is a graduate of The American University; receiving his A.B. degree magna cum laude in 1936 and the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1979. Mel Wheatley then attended Drew Theological School, receiving his B.D. summa cum laude in 1939.

Ordained deacon by Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes in 1939 and elder in 1941 by Bishop Adna Wright Leonard, Mel joined the Peninsula Conference and served the Lincoln Charge in Delaware. In 1942 his membership was transferred to California and he became Associate Pastor at First Church in Fresno; then Pastor at Centenary Church, Modesto (1943-46); Central Church, Stockton (1946-54); Westwood Church, Los Angeles (1954-72). During these years, Mel taught courses at nearby academic institutions, gave the St. Luke's Lectures in Houston, was active in conference and national Methodist organizations, and authored several books and magazine articles. He won the Young Man of the Year Award in Stockton in 1950 and the Clergyman of the Year Award in 1958 in Los Angeles and was awarded honorary doctorates by The American University and The University of the Pacific. Elected to the episcopacy by the Western Jurisdictional Conference in 1972, Mel was assigned to the Denver Area. He retired in 1984, returned to California and served for one year as Visiting Professor at The School of Theology in Claremont. Since then he and Lucile have been concentrating their efforts on gay rights, actively working as members of an international organization of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) and as supporters of Affirmation and Reconciling Congregations within the Methodist Church.

## *Deceased Bishops*

9/21/2008	James M. Ault
3/24/2009	Ole E. Borgen
8/8/2008	Ralph E. Dodge
5/25/2008	H. Ellis Finger
8/28/2008	Ernest Newman

## *Deceased Spouses*

6/4/2008	Marion Garrison
4/21/2009	Carolyn Looney
11/23/2008	Mary Milhouse
2/17/2009	Nancy Oliphint
2/22/2008	Rose Stokes

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# *George Carter*

September 27, 1924 – March 16, 2009

CARTER, GEORGE (T.79) DSW 79; California-Pacific 82: 82 Sun Valley; 85 Naalehu; 92-93 Pahala; 94 R'd

George Carter was born in Tolleson, Arizona, September 27, 1924. He attended schools in Arizona and California ending up in Tempe at Arizona State University.

After serving several years in the Marine Corps, he joined the California Highway Patrol where he was stationed in Paso Robles, California. After retiring from the CHP, Bishop Golden contacted him to think about the ordained ministry. So after the course of study, he started a life of set-apart ministry. He devoted his life to Christ and always served where needed. Retiring from the ministry in 1994, he continued to remain active, helping when ministers were on vacation.

George is survived by his wife of 59 years, Norma and by his son Randy and grandson Dylan.

George will always be remembered by his enthusiasm for life and compassion for others; the twinkle in his eyes and his great sense of humor.

*Submitted by Norma Carter*



# *Fred Coots, Jr.*

January 7, 1925– December 3, 2008

COOTS, JR., FRED HALE (T:48; F:52) SCA 48 School; 51 Alhambra: First, Min. of Ed.; 54 Alhambra: First, Assoc.; 56 Bella Vista; 60 La Jolla; 68 Arcadia; 72(Nov) Sup't., SA Dist.; PSW 77; 78 Prog. Dir., CCOM; 80(Jan) Riverside: First C-P 85 Hacienda Hts.: St. Matthews; 92 R'd (¶ 451.2c) 94 (Mar 15)(Honolua); 95 R'd

When Dad was a boy, his grandfather, a UM pastor, used to give his three grandsons a dime every time they said they wanted to be a UM pastor when they grew up. Dad always said that isn't really why he went into ordained ministry, but it makes a good story! Dad said the deciding factor for him was that in the closing days of WWII, with the development of the Atomic bomb, he felt the need for world peace was so great, he had to do his part and the best way to work for peace was from the pulpit.

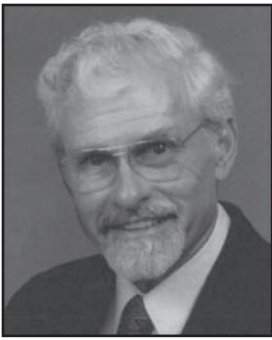
When Dad left the service he went to Occidental College. He developed a lifelong love for Occidental. He was so happy and proud to have a daughter and a grandson also graduate from there. He also encouraged some other members of our Annual Conference to attend! While in school he was active in the Conference Young Adult Council, where he met an intelligent young PK with a beautiful voice and a love for the church. It took some persuasive courting, and the assistance of his future father-in-law, also a UM pastor in this Conference, but he finally convinced Patti Evans to marry him. When she graduated from college, she joined him at Union Seminary. A year later, they returned to California for Dad's first appointment. Thus began a lifelong partnership in ministry.

Dad loved every church he ever served. When the Bishop appointed Dad as DS of Santa Ana, he loved that, too, feeling the privilege of service. Even when as Dean of the Cabinet he had to be the point person for responding to the issues regarding Pacific Homes, being interviewed by TV news et al., he felt deeply the honor of the responsibility.

Dad was a great father. He was committed to his work, but he was equally committed to his family. Dad brought joy and laughter to our home. Dad was always an easier touch than Mom when we wanted permission to do or to buy something. Perhaps Dad's love of gadgets made him more understanding of all the desires of his children. But Dad became an even more tender man when he became a grandfather. I have never seen quite the same look of contentment on his face as when he was holding a sleeping baby grandson.

We miss you, Dad.

*Submitted by Catie Coots on behalf of Mindy, John, Julia, Jenni, Vince, Devin, Koji, Bryce, Trevor, Matt, Cory, and his beloved Patti. By Preston Price based on remembrances by Jolene Holmes*



# *Rollin Dexter*

May 1, 1924 – June 21, 2008

DEXTER, ROLLIN (T:50; F:53) Ill.; SCA 56 (June) LA: St. Mark's, Min. of Ed.; 59 LA: Rosewood; 64 Tarzana-Encino: St Paul's; 66 Miss'y to Costa Rica; 67 Miss'y to Costa Rica & Panama; SCA 72 (Feb 1) Santa Maria: St. Andrew's; 75 San Fernando, First; PSW 77; 79 Atascadero; C-P 85; 86 R'd(¶ 453.2b)

On June 21, after 84 years of life, Rollin (Dex) gave himself back to God. It was an incredible life, full of love and devotion to his family, working for peace and justice wherever he could, making everyone he met feel special without discrimination, giving back as much as he got with his wit and wisdom. His ministry included a wide variety of churches, from small country churches to larger city churches; the opportunity to start a church from scratch (Atascadero) and five years in the mission field (Costa Rica and Panama). He loved people, especially little people. Children seemed to sense this and would run into his arms. He had faith in the abilities of people and would often say, "Give someone a job and then stand back and let them do it!"

Dex was very devoted to his family. He and Rosemary were married 64 years. They had five children, Carol, Sally, Donald, Howard (Jack) and David, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Everyone in the family loves music, so it was fitting that they gathered around his bed during his final hours to sing him into heaven.

We celebrated his passing with a memorial service on Saturday, June 28, at the United Methodist Church in Atascadero followed by an ice-cream social. You don't have to be reminded how he loved ice cream! His favorite (after home-made) was called "Death by Chocolate." He was trying to put some away in the freezer when he fell a couple of years ago and broke his hip, and it was his last food before his rapid decline. He did love his chocolate ice cream!

So, we say to him, good-bye until we meet again. He has left a legacy of love and inspiration that will continue for many years in many ways.

*Submitted by Rosemary Dexter*



# *Richard Edgar*

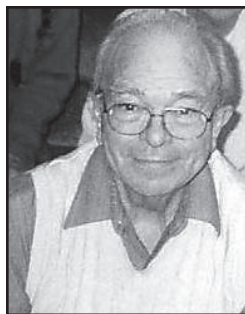
February 11, 1927-December 4, 2008

**EDGAR, RICHARD P.** (T.49; F.52) SCA 49 School; 52 Assoc. Dir. Youth & Student Work, Conf. Bd. of Ed.; 55 Assoc. Dir. Youth & Student Work, Conf. Coord. Council & Conf. Bd. of Ed.; 58 Florence Hts.; 61 Dir., Field Service & Youth Work, Div. of Temperance & General Welfare, Gen. Bd. of Christian Social Con.; 67 LA: Los Feliz-Rosewood Parish; 70 Hollywood U.M Parish; 75 Exec. Dir., MUM, LA; 76 LB Silverado; PSW 77 83 Seal Beach: Leisure World Comm.; C-P 85; 91 R'd (¶451.2c); (Maywood, Assoc.) 94 R'd

Richard Paul Edgar was born in Pomona, California, February 11, 1927 to Cecil George Edgar and May Flickenger Edgar. He had sisters, Evelyn and Earlene. He enjoyed playing the clarinet and saxophone in his youth. During WWII he was an airplane mechanic. He earned a Sociology, Psychology & Religion degree from the University of Redlands. He married Clella Mae Swinney, September 12, 1948, at Trinity MC. Richard attended Garrett Seminary. He was Conference Associate Director of Youth and was close to his life-long friends Tom and Lois Farley. The Edgar children were Kirk, Paula and Susan. Richard was pastor at LA: Florence Heights. He worked for the General Board of Christian Social Concerns across from the Capital. He marched for Civil Rights. Clella Mae's mother, Rev. Irene Swinney, joined the family in DC. Richard established multiple ethnic congregations while at LA: Rosewood. Richard learned to sail. He moved to San Pedro (1975) and to Silverado UMC, Long Beach. He made friends with the Goodwin's, McCravey's and Sato's. More multiple ethnic congregations. Richard was Pastor of Leisure World Community Church for seven years. He and Clella Mae lived there 25 years. The 80's brought good friends, church experiences, sailing and singing. Then came retirement work at Maywood UMC, Leisure World visitation and retirement, interim pastor at Maywood UMC (English, Spanish & Samoan), Waleria UMC, and Fetu Ao UMC (Samoan), Long Beach District committees to support the work of churches, including the Cambodian UMC. He enjoyed plays, concerts and Elder Hostels with Clella Mae. He enjoyed his mother and father living nearby. He "[left] his troubles" and "sail[ed] away" twice a week. He was a tireless worker, as were his mom and dad.

Richard's variety of appointments was comprised of rich experiences with many ethnic groups. Dick and Clella Mae celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in September before his death in December. Dick's three children and families will remember special summer vacations. After retirement Dick was very active in the church instigating large successful rummage sales to help church finances. Dick loved the Scriptures and was eager to share his knowledge teaching Bible classes with around 20 in attendance for each class the last three years of his life. I miss my husband, my three children miss their dad, and the grandchildren miss their grandfather very much!

*Submitted by Clella Mae Edgar*



# Stanley James Gollery

October 18, 1927-June 4, 2009

**GOLLERY, STANLEY J.** (T.55; E.58) SCA 55 Van Nuys, Min. of Youth; 57 S.D.: Wesley, Min of Ed.; 60 Covina, Min. of Ed.; 67 Escondido, Assoc.; 72 S'y.; PSW 77 L/A; 78 Winslow; 82 Sun City: Lakeview, Assoc.; 84 Hemet, Assoc.; C-P 85; 93 R'd (☎ 452.2c).

Stanley J. Gollery was born October 18, 1927, in Pasadena, California and died June 4, 2009, in West Covina. His parents never owned a car, the family used public transportation, and his father rode his bicycle to work. Stan was the first in his family to go to college. He attended Pasadena City Schools through 14th grade, then graduated from the University of Redlands and the Pacific School of Religion. He was baptized in the Baptist Church, which he attended until moving to Berkeley---he later referred to himself as “a recovering Baptist.”

He began studying piano at the age of five, and his professional career began at age fourteen, when he was asked to play in a jazz band for a dance. He played dances most weekends, which enabled him to save money to pay for his college education. His music was always an important part of his ministry---his youth groups always loved to sing with his unique arrangements, and he knew how to make life fun, as well as serious at times.

Stan was an explorer and would rather not go the same way twice. Family vacations were times of exploring the cracks and crevices of places like Red Rock Canyon and caves and caverns across the country. He brought history alive by pointing out the historical significance of each new place, and always knew which factory tour would result in free goodie samples for his growing family. He continued his service in retirement through playing piano at various churches, learning Spanish, and working with Habitat for Humanity. His active retirement also included travel and gardening, which he did in every home he lived in, no matter the climate or space available.

*Predeceased by son, Steven J. Gollery. Survived by his wife, Virginia Ruth Gollery, Children (Spouses): Sharon McCart (Dale McCart), Janet McKeithen (Floyd McKeithen), John Gollery (Margie Gollery), Martin Gollery (Suzanne Gollery), Grandchildren: Matthew McCart, William J. McKeithen, Jamie McKeithen, Sharon Ruth Gollery, Twyla Alita Gollery, Mariposa Gollery, Spencer Gollery, Devyn Gollery, and Daniel Gollery.*

*Submitted by Virginia Ruth Gollery*

# Ralph Guy Holliday

April 23, 1923 – August 31, 2008

HOLLIDAY, R. GUY (T.52; F.56) Wisconsin; SCA 61 (Feb) Boulder City, NV: Grace; PSW 77; 78 LB: Belmont Hts.; R'd 85.

Guy was born in Jonesville, Wisconsin. His only sibling – a brother – died earlier. After high school Guy was in the Army during WWII. He then went to Lawrence College in Appleton, Wisconsin. (It is called the Harvard of the Midwest.) He then went to Garrett Seminary, graduating in the late 1950s.

His first church was a jewel – friendly people eager to help a new pastor and his family. It was in Yorkville, Wisconsin, and Guy served there for nine wonderful years.

He next served Boulder City UMC in Nevada – then a part of the Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference. He was there for more than 17 years. Finally, he served Long Beach: Belmont Heights. He has been in the retired relationship for 24 years.

Upon retirement, Guy and his wife, Jean, moved back to Wisconsin. It was more affordable and Guy's parents needed assistance. In retirement he loved reading – mysteries and Westerns especially. He liked golf but wasn't passionate about it like some of his friends. His liberal theology and social principles meant that finding a church home in retirement was difficult. For several years he held a service for family every Sunday.

Guy was known for his teaching and preaching. At points in his ministry he held weekly early morning classes for children and/or youth accompanied with hot chocolate and donuts. They were well attended. As a preacher he was always careful in preparation and eager to both teach and inspire. One parishioner said: "He always gave me something to think about."

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Jean; and by his children: a daughter in Idaho, another in Wyoming, and a son only a "stone's throw away" from Guy's Wisconsin home. He was blessed with seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

*Submitted by Jean Holliday through an interview with R. Preston Price*



# Donald Inloes

March 10, 1939- January 27, 2009

INLOES, DONALD H. (Amer. Baptist) (P:99; F:) C-P 97 (San Bernardino: Muscoy); 98 (Highland & San Bernardino: Muscoy); 99 Highland & San Bernardino: Muscoy; 2000 San Bernardino: Emmanuel

Donald Henry Inloes was born in Lander, Wyoming and was 69 years old when he passed away suddenly at his home in Redlands. He was in his ninth year of active ministry at Emmanuel United Methodist Church in San Bernardino. He is survived by his wife Iola, his son David, his brother Gene, four step-children, and three grandchildren.

Don was ordained as an American Baptist minister in 1965. He served several churches in Missouri and Wisconsin, but eventually decided this was not “a good fit” so he went into social work for a number of years, mostly in the mental health field. Following the death of his first wife, he eventually ended up in Indio, California. This is where he met and married Iola, who introduced him to the United Methodist Church. They moved to Redlands in 1989 while Don worked for Family Service Agency in San Bernardino. Following the 1994 Northridge earthquake, he was called by the Conference to become Director of Emergency Response for the UMC in the Los Angeles area. He worked with the affected churches in the area for two years and received several humanitarian awards during this period. This is where he grew to love the United Methodist Church and it wasn't long before he felt called back into the ministry-this time within the United Methodist Church, which was a “good fit”.

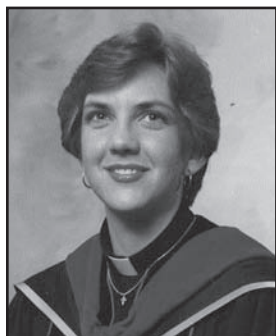
Don took the required courses that enabled him to become a United Methodist minister at Claremont School of Theology and was ordained in 1999. He began serving Muscoy UMC in 1997 and the following year served Highland UMC as well. He was appointed to Emmanuel in 2000, and remained there until his death.

During the time he served Emmanuel he was active in various community organizations, including the San Bernardino Clergy Association and Inland Congregations United for Change (I.C.U.C.). Most of these years, he also served on the board of Frazee Community Center.

Don loved to travel, and one of his fondest memories was of a trip to the Holy Land while he was a student at Claremont. He referred to this trip frequently. He loved the mountains and attended seminars several times in the Wyoming mountains.

Don was a kind, sweet, and generous man who loved people of all races, positions and ages. He was especially interested in helping people who were victims of persecution and discrimination. His love of telling stories and his genuine caring for all people made him a natural minister, and this ministry brought out the best in him. Most of all, Don's family misses his wonderful sense of humor and the love and devotion he held for his wife, Iola.

*Submitted by Iola Inloes and Jill Harper*



# *Susan Lemly*

September 14, 1954 - December 11, 2008

LEMLY, SUSAN, (P.79; F.83) PSW 79 School; 81 S.D., First, Assoc.; 83 EL; 83 D/L

The Rev. Dr. Susan E. Lemly was born in Sacramento, California, on September 14, 1954. She was the youngest of three children. Her parents, Harry and Eleanor Lemly, were life-long members of the United Methodist Church. Growing up in this spiritually nurturing family helped shape Susan's life.

After graduation from the University of Redlands in 1976 with a BA in Religion, she began her graduate studies at Emory University in Atlanta, and received her doctorate degree from the Claremont School of Religion in 1981. Her first assignment after ordination was as the youth director on Mark Trotter's staff at San Diego: First. She was the first female clergy on staff there. In 1983 she returned to Riverside where she was on staff of First United Methodist Church of Riverside.

Susan had been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis at the age of 20, yet she pushed past her growing physical disability to be a contributing member of the United Methodist clergy. She participated in the services at

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in San Clemente until she moved to a care facility in Santa Ana. There she continued her ministry, leading weekly communion services for the residents, as well as greeting each and every new resident while providing help and encouragement for the families dealing with the difficult task of placing a loved one in a nursing home.

Among her accomplishments, in 2002, Susan authored the book, *Christian Discipleship and ME!*, which discussed narcissism's impact upon our understanding of Christian discipleship. She never lost her desire to learn and grow in her faith.

Susan will be greatly missed by her brothers, Don and Carl, their wives Kathy and Laura, nieces Erin and Hannah, and nephews Erik and Jack. She had many cousins, aunts and uncles in her extended family, as well as many friends. We all take comfort in the knowledge that Sue is in God's loving arms.

*Submitted by Carl and Don Lemly*



# Regina Roberts

June 30, 1949 – December 6, 2008

**ROBERTS, REGINA L.** (P.79; F.88) PSW 79 School; 81 LA: Holman, Assoc.; 83 LA: Epworth; C-P 85. 89 LA: Hamilton, Assoc.; 97 Lynwood; 06 IL

Regina Linette Roberts was born on June 30, 1949, in Los Angeles, California. She grew up in a loving Christian home. Beginning at age two, she participated in many childhood activities that she enjoyed such as Sunday school, children and youth choirs and the Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF), piano lessons and the Girl Scouts as a Brownie Scout. Regina began serving the Lord, being greatly devoted towards others at an early age. At age sixteen, she accepted the challenge to be in charge of the junior ushers. She served on the National Level on the Board of Directors of the General Board of Global Ministries assigned to the World Division and Women's Division, representing the World Division to Sierra Leone and Liberia, West Africa. She was on the Board of Directors of National Black Methodist for Church Renewal, Inc. and Western Jurisdiction Representative to the National Design Team for the first United Methodist Convocation for Black Clergywomen; also, she served on the Conference Level and District Level and was a member of Ebony Prophets, Black Methodist for Church Renewal (BMCR).

Regina followed the Lord's calling and attended Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary from 1977-1981 in Evanston, Illinois. She was ordained as a Methodist Minister in 1979. She served as Assistant Pastor of Academy United Methodist Church in Harvey, Illinois; Associate Pastor of Holman United Methodist Church and Hamilton United Methodist Church, Pastor of Epworth United Methodist Church, all in Los Angeles, California; also Pastor of Lynwood United Methodist Church in Lynwood, California.

Regina lived her life selflessly, concerned for all people, especially the most fragile, the elderly and the youth. She immersed herself in their well being, overseeing youth activities such as camping ministries, district youth activities, and community outreaches; her goal being able to take part in anything that would enhance and encourage their spiritual growth. Regina was a loving and caring person who dedicated her entire life to serving the Lord. She never questioned the Lord's calling on her life, and she served Him diligently.

She loved family and friends, always lending a helping hand to anyone in need, sharing her joyful laughter and words of encouragement. Regina was truly an inspiration of courage and faith to all around her, a true example of what Jesus wants us all to be. She was especially devoted to her mother Audrey Roberts, with whom she lived and shared a special bond until her final days.

*Submitted by Carolyn Williams*



# Kathleen Ross

July 20, 1953 – May 24, 2009

ROSS, KATHLEEN S. (P.82; F.85) PSW 82 Huntington Beach: Community, Assoc.; 84 Pomona: Westmont; C-P 85; 88 Torrance: First, Assoc.; 90 SBdino: Del Rosa.; 96 Bellflower; 98 School; 99 Montclair: First (LFT); 2000 Torrance: Walteria; 2008 Incapacity Leave

Born July 20, 1953, in Santa Monica, CA, the first of three children born to Gwendolyn and James Ross, Kathleen Suzanne Ross sang weekly in the children's choir at First UMC in Orange, where she was confirmed at age 13. Kathleen's young soul was nurtured at Camp Wrightwood, where she felt connected to God, nature and Christ. When her family moved to La Jolla, she served as president of the youth group at La Jolla UMC.

In 1975 she graduated with a major in comparative religion from Smith College in Northampton, MA. She then earned an M.Div from Duke Divinity School in Durham, NC, where she finally heeded God's call to full-time ministry.

After serving as associate pastor at Phoenix UMC, she was appointed to Pomona Westmont UMC. She and Rev. Kathleen Puntar served for six years as co-deans of the Riverside District Elementary Camp at Wrightwood. Her experience with the Walk to Emmaus Weekends transformed her prayer life and focus of ministry.

Heeding God's call to explore retreat center ministry, Kathleen spent nine months at Pendle Hill, a Quaker retreat center near Philadelphia, PA, where she met her future husband Anthony Manousos. On December 31, 1988, they were married at Claremont Quaker Meeting with a reception at Torrance First UMC, where Kathleen served as associate pastor.

Rich years of ministry to youth and children followed at Del Rosa UMC in San Bernardino. After becoming first woman president of the San Bernardino Interfaith Association, she became committed to interfaith work.

In the years that followed, Kathleen served a variety of churches: Bellflower, Whittier First, Montclair, and finally Walteria UMC in Torrance 2002-2008. Walteria UMC experienced a spiritual revival and growth, thanks to a restarted Vacation Bible School, a new Kids club, an expanded volunteer base for the monthly Community Hot Meal, and a new Korean congregation.

After being called by God to a sabbatical in June 2008, Kathleen was diagnosed with lymphoma cancer. She was grateful that her husband devoted himself full-time to nursing her back to health. They were supported beautifully in prayer by family and friends, by Santa Monica Quaker Meeting and countless Methodist churches and interfaith congregations, as well as by Dr. Eric McGary and the excellent and caring oncology teams at Kaiser West LA and the City of Hope in Duarte. On May 20, 2009, after complications from her stem cell transplant, she returned home to God.

She is remembered for her easy smile, her quiet flexibility coupled with an ability to be firm, her contagious laugh, her passionate commitment to international and inter-religious dialogue and shared ministry, her love for family (including international students who called her "Mom"), her affirmation of her husband's ministry and her devotion to him.

*She is survived by her husband Anthony Manousos; her father and her mother-in-law; her brothers David and James, Jr. and their spouses; two nephews; three nieces; six cousins; three aunts an uncle; and her adopted daughters Anna Kee and Hye Jeong Ahn.*

*Submitted by Anthony Manousos*



# Lloyd Snodgrass

November 28, 1908 – August 16, 2008

SNODGRASS, LLOYD (AM ) Missouri East; SCA 72 Pearblossom; PSW 77; 79 R'd; C-P 85 R'd

Lloyd served on the faculty of Miltonvale (Kansas) Wesleyan College and Academy from 1936 to 1949. His ministry record is listed above. He retired at the mandatory age of 70 while serving Pearblossom but then became an associate pastor at Glendale:First for several years before moving to Victorville. In the 1990s, after his wife died, he moved to Lawrence, Kansas, close to his daughter Marybeth and his Kansas roots.

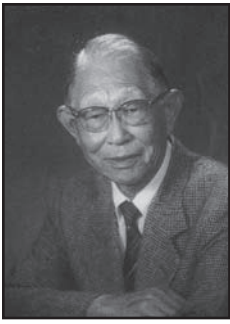
He always was an avid reader with an extensive library that enabled him to speak on many subjects. In his late 80s and 90s, he had his own chair in the Borders Book Store in Lawrence, Kansas. If he fell asleep, they would just wake him before the store closed. The employees even gave him a 90th birthday party.

Lloyd loved music. It was a constant part of his home and was handed down to his family as well. He had memorized religious lyrics version of "O Solo Mio," so when he walked into his favorite Borders while a violinist was playing the melody, he broke into song serenading the entire store.

He loved practical jokes, and he never knew a stranger. He is survived by three children, five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

The family had already put together plans for his 100th birthday celebration when he, at 99¾, went to a grander eternal Celebration!

*Submitted by Robert Snodgrass as dictated to R. Preston Price*



# *Shigeo Tanabe*

November 14, 1908 – May 6, 2009

TANABE, SHIGEO (T.33; E.35) Miss'y Pac. Japanese Msn.; Japanese Prov.; SCA 67 Hilo; 74 R'd; PSW 77; C-P R'd

Born in 1908 in Port Townsend, Washington, Shigeo Tanabe received his BA degree from the University of Puget Sound in 1931. He attended seminary at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California, and graduated in 1937.

Rev. Tanabe's first appointment in ministry was at Pine Methodist Church in San Francisco. Not long after his graduation from PSR, World War II began. Along with 120,000 Japanese-Americans, Rev. Tanabe, his wife Haru, and his young son Gilfred, were sent to the Tule Lake United States Internment Camp in California. While at Tule Lake, Rev. Tanabe, although given a choice to leave, chose to stay as he knew that those interned would be in need of leadership and a place to share their faith in their greatest time of struggle.

He has held pastoral appointments at churches in Sacramento, California; Detroit, Michigan; St. Cloud, Minnesota; Portland, Oregon; and Hilo and Honolulu, Hawai'i. In Honolulu, Rev. Tanabe's leadership helped to build the Harris Memorial United Methodist Church.

Rev. Tanabe has been honored as Pastor Emeritus of several churches. In 1966 he received an honorary doctorate of divinity from PSR. In 2007, Rev. Tanabe received the "Bishop's Golden Cane," which is presented to the minister with the longest term of service in the California-Pacific Conference. And last year, Rev. Tanabe was honored as one of PSR's 2008 Distinguished Alumni.

Long after his official retirement, Rev. Tanabe served as Hawai'i District Trainer for the clergy and led bible study classes at his local church, Kilohana UMC. Known for his ten-minute sermons packed with insight and instruction, Rev. Dr. Tanabe has been a great influence to many.

*Submitted by Clif Tanabe*



# *Gaius Thede*

July 7, 1925- August 17, 2008

THEDE, GAIUS W. (T.50; F.52) Minn. 50 Fairmont; 52 Pleasant Prairie; 57 No appointment; 60 L/A; SCA 65 (Aug.15) Wesley Fdn., San Luis Obispo; 69 Wesley Fdn., Univ. of Hawaii; PSW 77; 78 Wesley Fdn., Univ. of Hawaii and Honolulu: Palolo (LFT); 79 Dir., Wesley Fdn., Univ. of Hawaii; C-P 85; 95 Rd (¶452.2c)

Gaius was born in Kobe, Japan, on July 7, 1925, to Harvey and Viola Thede who were Evangelical Church missionaries. He was the eldest of three children. In the fall of 1937 the family moved to Tokyo where he attended the American School in Japan as a fourth grader. They left Japan due to the impending war. Gaius enlisted in the USNR V-12 program at the University of Minnesota from which he graduated with a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering and an Ensign's rank in 1946. In September 1947, he received a BA from North Central College. He enrolled at the University of Chicago studying philosophy until June 1949, when he received his call to the ministry and entered Evangelical Theological Seminary (ETS).

Gaius and Ann Bode were married on May 27, 1950, in Naperville. In May 1952, Gaius graduated with a BD, was Ordained in the EUB denomination and appointed to the Pleasant Prairie EUB Church, eight miles into the country near Winnebago, MN. Steve and Paul were born in February 1953 and February 1955. In September 1957, Gaius enrolled at the Pacific School of Religion after a summer of the family camping their way to California. In August, he accepted a part time appointment to Dixon Community Church in Dixon, CA, and Joanne was born in November 1957. After graduating with a Th.D. from PSR in 1965, Gaius became the campus minister at Wesley Foundation at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. Bishop Kennedy forgot Gaius was already ordained, so he ordained him a second time. Gaius accepted this with his usual good humor.

After Gaius' nickname, Gay, gained a new meaning, new students began calling him Gaius, while all those who knew him before continued to use his nickname. In July 1969, he was appointed to his second campus ministry at the University of Hawaii, Manoa in Honolulu. In 1978-79 due to the Pacific Homes lawsuit, he was asked to cut his Wesley Foundation ministry in half to help with the need for a half time pastor at Palolo UMC. In 1979 he returned to full time campus ministry which he considered his true calling. He felt privileged to serve until 1995 when he reached the required age of retirement of 70. In August 2004, he and Ann moved to Huntington Beach and one year later to Irvine, California, at the request of Paul and Nancy to have the privilege of helping care for our only grandchild, Brandon.

*Submitted by Ann Thede*



# Howard Walker

May 22, 1929 - December 3, 2008

WALKER HOWARD E. (T.49; F.54) EUB, IND. NL.; C-P 85 Managing Ed., Gen. Bd. of Discipleship, Nashville; 92 (Aug. 1) L/A; 93 R'd. (¶ 452.2c).

Howard Walker was born in South Bend, Indiana, on May 22, 1929. He passed away on December 3, 2008. He is survived by wife, Christine; children, Bruce and Nancy Walker and Judy Dellaripa; stepsons, Greg and Steve Street, and 12 grandchildren.

He was involved with the church for most of his pre-college and college years, working with youth and serving as a camp counselor. Howard served in local churches in Indiana before answering God's call to serve in the local church in the California-Pacific Annual Conference, where he kept his conference membership. From there, he was appointed to an editorial position at The United Methodist Publishing House in Nashville, Tennessee. He eventually became manager of the Department of Interpretation. In that capacity he developed and oversaw the Curri-Shops where Sunday school teachers were taught to teach the curriculum. He also served as Managing Editor of Church School Publications and served there until his retirement in 1993.

After his formal retirement, he opened Westminster Realty in Bellevue, Tennessee, and later co-founded the Nashville School of Real Estate. Both businesses were operated on the principle of honesty and Christian witness. He considered this to be another area of his ministry, relishing every moment that he could spend encouraging people to be the best they could be.

Howard was a man of great faith and continued his Christian witness through many areas after his formal retirement. He was a mentor to many and was a great teacher.

He became very ill in 2002 and up until his death his faith never faltered as he witnessed to nurses, doctors and anyone who would listen to him. His favorite Scripture was Psalm 118:24, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." A family member framed this verse for him and it followed him to the hospital so many times. That would be the first thing he would ask for from home.

Howard loved God, the church, and was a very supportive, loving husband, father and grandfather.

*Submitted by Christine Walker*



# *James E. Williams*

July 11, 1920 – February 22, 2009

WILLIAMS, J. ERNEST (P.73) 73 LA: Wesley; PSW 79 Compton:  
Enterprise; C-P 85; 86 R'd.

Rev. Dr. James Ernest Williams, born in Cleveland, Ohio, and raised in Detroit, Michigan, was the third of eight children.

After serving in the Army in WW2, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA. Continuing towards his goals in education, he earned a Master of Arts degree from California State University, Los Angeles. He taught nearly 30 years in the field of Special Education in the Los Angeles schools at the elementary, secondary, and adult school levels.

Answering the call to the ministry, which pulled at his heart strings, in 1958, he entered the itinerate ministry of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, serving three churches.

In the early 1970's, he began his ministerial journey with the United Methodist Church. He received his Master of Divinity degree from the American Baptist Seminary of the West, Berkeley, CA. Two decades later, he fulfilled a life-long dream by attaining a Doctorate of Religious Education from the International Seminary in Plymouth, FL.

The tapestry of his life was further woven with colorful threads as he served various congregations. He wanted others to know the Lord as he had grown to know Him and love Him. He was particularly involved in mentoring both young and old interested in answering the CALL, counseling members or opening up the Word to students of the Bible. He saw himself as still the teacher and a servant to the congregations. He worked 14 years as pastor of Enterprise, assisted at Wesley, Calvary, and Crenshaw and was an associate at Hollypark; even after retirement. J. Ernest was eager for people to understand the deep love God had for each of them; this was the central theme of his ministry, his message, and his personal life. His favorite hymn was "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand"; his beloved biblical passage was Psalm 34, which he committed to memory and recited in full daily until the morning of his passing.

He is very greatly missed by his wife, Loyce, of 51 years; his son, James; his daughters, Jodette and Janelle; daughter-in-law, Francee; granddaughter, Joelle; sister, Pauline Dean; and a host of nieces and nephews; and all those to whom he re-affirmed the love God had for them.

*Submitted by Jodette F. Williams*

*Diaconal Minister*

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# *Delta Wright*

June 10, 1914 – September 11, 2008

**WRIGHT, DELTA G. (DM.77) PSW 77 Whittier: First, Associate in Christian Education; 79 Garden Grove: UMC, Associate in Christian Education; 82 R'd; C-P 85**

Delta G. Wright was a certified Associate in Christian Education who was consecrated a Diaconal Minister in the Pacific and Southwest Annual Conference in 1977. After her consecration she was appointed to Whittier, First Church. In 1979 she was appointed to Garden Grove UMC where she served until her retirement in 1982.

Delta was a Laboratory School Teacher specializing in training church school teachers who taught older elementary children. As she demonstrated the skills needed, the lab school children loved her, and the teachers appreciated the kind and gentle ways with which she was able to help them become better teachers.

For a period of time during the 1970's she was the Children's Advocate to Annual Conference from the Santa Ana District. Wherever Delta was, adults and children alike sensed that she loved children and was always concerned for their welfare. She wanted the children to have the best possible church school teachers, and during her ministerial career she worked to make that happen.

Her later years were spent in Simi Valley where she was a member of the United Methodist Church. She died on September 11, 2008.

*Submitted by Rosemary A. Davis*

# *Clergy Spouses*

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# *Evelyn Gustafson*

November 17, 1917 – February 21, 2009

**GUSTAFSON, LAVERNE H. (T.44; F.46) EV. CAL.; EUB, CAL. SCA 69 SD: Christ;  
PSW 77; 81 R'd.; C-P 85 R'd; 02 Deceased**

Evelyn Anna Louise Peterson Gustafson was born in Danville, Illinois, on Nov. 19, 1917. She went to be with her Lord on February 21, 2009. She was raised on her parent's dairy farm in Jamestown, New York. She married Laverne Gustafson in 1939 shortly after he finished North Park Seminary in Chicago, Illinois. They moved to Eureka, California where he began his ministry in the Covenant church there. Later they served Evangelical United Brethern churches in Long Beach, Los Angeles, and San Diego. When the EUB churches united with the Methodists, they continued serving the Christ United Methodist church in San Diego. They retired from there after 23 years.

Upon retirement they moved to Santee, CA, where they enjoyed spending time with friends and family, and traveling. After her husband's death in 2002, Evelyn moved to Idaho Falls where she first lived with her daughter, Lynda, and later moved to an assisted care home for patients with dementia. It was there, with family members near, that she passed peacefully.

Evelyn put her faith in Jesus as a young girl and found strength in that faith throughout her life. She was a wonderful minister's wife, becoming involved in many parts of church life, including teaching Sunday School for many years, singing in the choir, and working with the women's groups.

Evelyn is survived by her children - Luanne Snoberger of San Diego, Leland Gustafson of Carrollton, Georgia, and Lynda Moore of Eugene, Oregon, as well as 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. We know that she is receiving her reward in Heaven with her Lord now and has regained all of her lost memories. She was a blessing to all who knew her during her life.

*Submitted by Ms. Luanne Snoberger*

# Mary Heather

November 16, 1915 – November 29, 2009

HEATHER, FRED H. (T.38; F.40) Philadelphia, 39 Philadelphia. Trinity; 43 Chaplain U.S. Army; 47 (Sept. 15) Assoc. Secy. Comm. On Chaplains; So. Cal-Ariz., 56 (Sept.15) L.A. Wilshire, Assoc., 59 San Diego, Normal Heights; 60 Chief, Dept. Civilian Chaplains, Comm. On Chaplains; 70 (Oct. 1) R'd (363.2); PSW 77 R'd (363.2); C-P'85.

Mary was born in Philadelphia and attended Drexel University in the same city.

She moved around the country with her husband and family as the military decided. Often the whole family would take summer vacations around the country that included Dad's visiting other chaplains and all of us seeing the country. Mary loved this time . . . as did we all. Just before Dad retired they both travelled to Japan to see chaplains in that region.

After her husband died, her love of travel continued. With a companion who was also a chaplain's widow she traveled to Egypt, Russia, Turkey, and all the European countries.

In her 70s and 80s she studied the Spanish language and became able to read easily in the language. A portion of the family went with her to Spain as her last trip abroad where she was able to hear the language she had been learning over so many years.

She lived with her daughter's family for many years and then was cared for more intensively in the last years at a nearby care facility where she became devoted to Bingo!

She dearly loved her family of two children, five grandchildren, and a great-grandchild she was able to meet before she died. She was a blessing to all of us.

*Submitted by Bonnie Rand as related to R. Preston Price*



# Laura Miller

November 12, 1908 – April 10, 2009

MILLER, RICHARD W. (T.33; F.35) Nebr. 33 School; 34 Talmage; 37 School; No. Ill., 39 Chicago, Lincoln St.; 40 Field Sec. Conf. Board; 43 Ottawa, First; 45 Chaplain, U.S. Navy; 46 Garrett Biblical Institute; Nebr., 57 Omaha D.S.; 58 Supt. Mothers Jewel Home; Wisc. 59 Milwaukee, Wesley; 64 Fond Du Lac D. S.; 69 West Allis, First; So. Cal-Ariz.; 71 West Anaheim, Assoc.; 74 R'd. (362.1); Pac. And S.W., 77 R'd (362.1), Cal-Pac., R'd 85; 86 Deceased

Mrs. Laura C. Miller was born in Eddyville, Nebraska, on November 12, 1908. The oldest of five children, she was “the farmer’s daughter,” helping with chores and riding a horse and buggy to school in Overton, Nebraska. She skipped two grades in school and graduated from high school too young to go off to college. After spending a couple of years teaching piano in the countryside, her grandfather helped her financially go to Nebraska Wesleyan. It was there she met and fell in love with Richard W. Miller, “the preacher’s kid” who aspired to become a Methodist minister.

After their marriage, Laura and Dick went to Garrett Seminary in Illinois where Dick got his degree. They had several charges before Dick went to the Navy. Back from the war, Dick went to Garrett Seminary where he taught church administration, was in charge of the supply pastor’s school and recruiting. After Garrett, they were called to Omaha where he became a D.S.; to York, Nebraska to head Epworth Village; to Milwaukee’s Wesley Methodist Church and became the president of the Milwaukee Council of churches; on to Fond du Lac to be the D.S.; to West Allis, Wisconsin’s Methodist Church and finally to California where he worked at West Anaheim UMC with Rev. Maxie Dunham.

Laura enjoyed the various situations and added greatly to Dick’s ministry. She was always the honest centered touchstone that helped to keep Dick grounded. Laura greatly enjoyed people and they enjoyed her quiet steadiness. She was totally dependable and practical. She was devoted to helping and loving people as she felt she was called by God to do.

She was 100 years old when she died---deaf, blind and had no long or short term memory. Despite these limitations she repeatedly told her caregivers she was going to be with God by Easter. Amazingly she died on April 10, 2009, Good Friday, and was with God for Easter. She will be missed but all who knew her rejoice for her being with God.

Her husband and a granddaughter, Barbara preceded her in death. She is survived by her son, Richard R. Miller of Anaheim, California; her daughter, Gale Hartman of Evanston, Illinois; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

*Submitted by The Family*



# *Elizabeth Smith*

December 20, 1914 – December 15, 2008

SMITH, MERLE P. (T.45; F.50) SCA 45 Whittier, Min. of Youth; 46 Creighton; 65 Baldwin Park; PSW 77; 78 Bishop; 79 Holtville; 81 Lomita; Wayside; PSW 82 R'd.;

Elizabeth M. Smith was married to Merle P. Smith who predeceased her in January 1995. Elizabeth died of natural causes December 15, 2008, at Ontario, California. She was 93 years old, six days short of her 94th birthday. She is survived by her three sons, Daryl, Brent, and Kevin. The services and burial occurred at Montecito Memorial Park in Loma Linda, California. The services were presided over by the Rev. James Dallas, United Methodist Minister retired.

Dad was a member of the California Pacific Conference from 1945 until his retirement in 1982 serving parishes at Piru, CA, Los Angeles, CA, La Verne, CA, Rialto, CA, Creighton Methodist in Phoenix, Arizona, Baldwin Park, CA, Bishop, CA, Holtville, CA, and Lomita, CA. Mom serviced these charges alongside Dad.

She was born in Macedon, New York in 1914 and met our Dad at Eastman School of Music.

She is remembered as a woman who had a positive approach to life, who never complained. She lived by example and was truly a Christian with a wonderful heart.

*Submitted by Daryl Smith*



# Elizabeth Trever

November 5, 1916 – April 13, 2009

TREVER, JOHN C. (T.37; F.43) SCA School; 42 Santa Monica, Asst.; 44 (Sept) Prof., Drake Univ., Iowa; 47 School; 48 Exec. Dir., Dept. of Eng. Bible, Div. of Christian Ed., NCC; 53(Aug) Prof., Morris Harvey Col., Charleston, W. Va.; 59 Prof., Baldwin-Wallace Col., Berea, Ohio; 75 S'y(358); 75 (Sept 15) Dir., Dead Sea Scrolls Project & Consultant in Lay Ed., School of Theology at Claremont; PSW 77; 80 R'd.; C-P 85 R'd; 06 Deceased

Elizabeth Signe Burman was born in Oak Park, IL, on November 5, 1916. She is best known as a symphony harpist and the wife for 68 years of the famed Dead Sea Scroll scholar and photographer John C. Trever, Ph.D.

Raised in a musical family (her father owned a music store in Chicago), she became an accomplished pianist, organist and harpist. She graduated with the highest honors from Pasadena High School and Pasadena Junior College. She then entered the University of Southern California to study religion and music. Mrs. Trever graduated summa cum laude in 1937. She ranked number two out of over 1500 graduating students at USC. She was also inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and the Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity.

After graduating from college, she was married August 29, 1937, to John C. Trever, also a USC graduate in the 1937 class. She then moved to New Haven, CT, where John entered the Yale Divinity School and she worked as a secretary and records librarian for the Yale Department of Psychiatry and Mental Hygiene.

Her first son John Paul was born in 1943 while John was the Assistant Minister of the Santa Monica First Methodist Church. In 1944 she accompanied John to Des Moines, IA, where John was Associate Professor of Bible at Drake University. In 1945, her second son James Edgar was born.

Despite the rigors of raising two boys and tending to a household, Mrs. Trever made time to play the harp with symphony orchestras in Des Moines, IA, Charleston, WV, and Berea, OH. In addition to presenting numerous harp recitals, she taught both harp and piano lessons. To further complicate her busy schedule, she was often called upon to accompany various choral and instrumental groups.

In 1975 Elizabeth returned to California where John served as the Director of the Dead Sea Scrolls Project and Consultant in Lay Education for the Claremont School of Theology until 1992 when they retired to Leisure World, Laguna Hills, CA. In 2000 Elizabeth moved with her husband to Freedom Village in Lake Forest, CA. In 2006 Elizabeth was named to the Claremont School of Theology National Advisory board.

Mrs. Trever loved traveling, and from 1972 to 1991 she accompanied her husband to Greece, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Hawaii, Alaska, the Panama Canal, Norway, Mexico, the Caribbean, the Amazon, China, Australia and New Zealand.

Elizabeth Burman Trever is survived by sons John Paul and James Edgar; six grandchildren and ten great grandchildren; and her brother-in-law, Winston Trever, also a resident in Freedom Village.

Mrs. Trever led a life, by example, dedicated to music, integrity, worship, love, service, and the desire for world peace.

*Submitted by James E. and John P. Trever*



# *Dorothy Wayman*

February 16, 1917 – September 26, 2008

WAYMAN, HAROLD P. (T:38; F:40) New Jersey; Southern California-Arizona 58 San Diego: First, Associate; 60(November) National City; 63 San Luis Obispo; 65 Ventura, First; 71 Tucson: Christ; 75 Anaheim: United, Associate; Pacific & Southwest 77 Retired; California-Pacific 85

Dorothy May Wayman came to rest in the arms of God on September 26, 2008, in Sun City West, Arizona. Her children were with her in her home, as she went gently into her good night.

She was born in Riverton, New Jersey, on February 16, 1917. Her grandparents, the Rev. and Mrs. John Mason of the Philadelphia-Central New Jersey Annual Conference, raised her and her three sisters during their early years. Her husband was the Rev. Harold P. Wayman (retired) of the California-Pacific Annual Conference, who died June 22, 2000.

She was truly a Methodist matriarch, graciously guiding throughout the years numerous persons in ministry, especially including her son the Rev. Lawrence Wayman (retired), her daughter-in-law, the Rev. Flora Obayashi Wayman, and her daughter, the Rev. Patricia Gayhart, in ministerial service in the United Methodist and Nazarene churches.

She dedicated her life to her family and to the people of her husband's parishes. She was a professional minister's spouse, skilled in the art of hospitality. She knew how to make the best cup of coffee that anyone had ever tasted; however, she preferred to drink tea. She loved people, and constantly welcomed them to her home for meals, refreshment, and conversation. During the Depression she was well known by the wandering, homeless men, who gratefully marked the curb in front of her house with the hobo symbol that meant, "A nice lady lives here. She will welcome and care for you."

Always self-effacing, much to the distress of her children, she provided stability and support for her family and friends. She was a faithful and active member of P.E.O. From time to time she would serve as an officer in Church Women United, holding several Jurisdictional offices; however, she preferred to stay in the background and gently care for others.

She had a quick smile and an easy laugh, a bright sense of humor, and a brilliant mind. All who knew her were enriched by her loving kindness.

Her six grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and five great, great grandchildren will treasure her life in living memory.

Her joy and gratitude for life, despite a deep tragedy in her years as a child, are her perpetual gifts to her family. She and her husband Harold would always say with wonder and humility,

"God has been with us and blessed us in so many ways."

*Submitted by Larry Wayman*



# Ruth Whaley

February 16, 1914 – October 3, 2008

WHALEY, ENNIS M. (T.38; F.40) Cen.West; Southwest; Cen.West; 45 W.Coast; Oregon 46; N.Car. (CJ); Cen.West; Mo. E.; SCA 66 (Dec 1) Phoenix; Wesley; 71 LA: Grace; PSW 77; 79 R'd.; C-P 85 R'd; 03 Deceased

Ruth was born in Pueblo, Colorado. Her parents were Annie McClanahan, a homemaker and Frank McClanahan, a police officer.

Ruth was married to Ennis Whaley for 71 years. Her husband pastored congregations in Missouri, Arkansas, Iowa, Oregon, North Carolina, Massachusetts, Arizona and California.

While living in Portland, Oregon, Ruth directed a nursery school for the Volunteers of America. During her husband's ministry and retirement, Ruth was the acting narrator for his Tri-State Choral group. Ruth was an active member of Baker Homes Retirement Community in Rowland Heights, California, and was a member of Walnut United Methodist Church.

She was also very active in United Methodist Women and in its predecessor organization the Women's Society of Christian Service.

Ruth has four daughters and one son who is deceased. She has fourteen grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

She is remembered for her charm and hospitality.

*Submitted by Connie Williams*

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