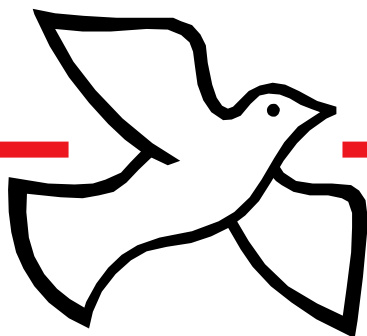

In Memoriam



2007



A Celebration of Ministry

California-Pacific Annual Conference
United Methodist Church

In Memoriam

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We are an Easter People who celebrate the work of these Servants of God who have gone on before us. May the stories shared here enrich your understanding of and love for these workers for the Kingdom, and inspire you in your life of Servanthood.

We thank God for all 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Ann Swenson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Resident Bishop
The Los Angeles Area
The United Methodist Church

William Norris Barnes

August 1, 1926—April 1, 2007

BARNES, W. NORRIS (T.51; F.55) SCA 51 School; 53 Yuma: Trinity; 57 La Mesa, First, Assoc.; 60 Vista; 65 Yorba Linda; 72 Downey; PSW 77 West Covina; 82 Oxnard: St. Paul; C-P 85; 89 R'd



William Norris Barnes was born August 1, 1926 in Santa Ana, California to Mary Lou and W. Shelby Barnes. He and his older sister Audrey grew up in a loving Christian home and were heavily involved in Spurgeon Methodist Church youth activities and music. Norris graduated from high school in 1944 and enlisted in the Navy during WWII. Upon returning he married Jeanne Gordon of the Spurgeon church and became an ordained United Methodist minister. His first appointment was in Yuma, Arizona where daughters Jeanine and Grace were born. Upon Jeanne's sudden death in 1956, Norris was reappointed to La Mesa, California where he met and married Dorothy Seals. Over the next years they added four more children to their flock: Clifford, Maureen, Lorena, and Kathy.



Norris continued to serve Christ in the following Methodist congregations: Vista, Yorba Linda, Downey, West Covina, Oxnard and Los Osos. In addition to serving the church, he and Dorothy were also loving foster parents to many children including Joey Kyle, and Mackenzie Meegel. Following his retirement in 1989, Norris lost Dorothy, after 31 years of marriage. In 1992, Norris was blessed in marriage to Eunice Webb, whom he had known since his days at Spurgeon Methodist Church. The flock grew even larger with the addition of Eunice's children Brian and Christine.

Norris is survived by his wife Eunice, his six children, their spouses, and thirteen grandchildren, Brandon, Cole, Dorothy, Adam, Dawn, Jordan, Bethany, Rebekah, Leah, Chase, Curtis, Kevin, and Andrew.

Many lives were blessed by Norris' Christian witness and his love. He will be deeply missed.

— *Eunice Barnes*

Hal Bruce Dallke

February 15, 1921 — July 1, 2006

DALLKE, HAL B. (T.45; F.48) SCA 45 School; 47 Eastmont; 49(Sept) Prescott; 54 Pacific Palisades; 62 El Cajon: First; 66 Administrator, Wesley Palms, SD; 75 Assis. Dir., Quaker Gardens, Stanton, CA; PSW 77; 79 Exec. Dir., Quaker Gardens Stanton, CA; 84 Garden Grove, Assoc; C-P 85; 89 R'd (¶ 453.) (LB: Los Altos, Assoc.); 94 R'd



On behalf of my brother and sister I'd like to share a brief reflection on a life well lived: that of our father, Hal Bruce Dallke.

Many of you didn't know that our Dad was a "war hero". Actually, he was a living, breathing, practicing Peace Hero. He didn't talk about it much, but his applying for, and being granted, a conscientious objector status in 1943 was of significant importance. His subsequent enrollment into seminary at Garrett Biblical Institute, graduation, and serving of several congregations was a lifetime expression of his embraced "Reverence for Life: Philosophy adopted from Albert Schweitzer.



Hal was a servant of God. His purpose in life was serving and giving to all in need. AS children, what we loved about our d=Dad was his unconditional love. He accepted our choices, lifestyles, and welcomed us home in good and tough times. By this example, we learned the meaning of The Golden Rule: how to be a citizen of the world, how to be a spouse, how to be a parent, a leader, a friend, a confidant, and how to be a follower. It is fitting that the "Prayer of St. Francis" honors both you, conference attendees reading this memoriam, and our departed father.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light; and

Where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled, as console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving, that we receive.

It is in pardoning, that we are pardoned.

And, it is in dying...that we are born to eternal life.

-Jim Dallke, Dennis Dallke and Jeri Baehren

Ben W. Davis

July 25, 1910 — April 12, 2007

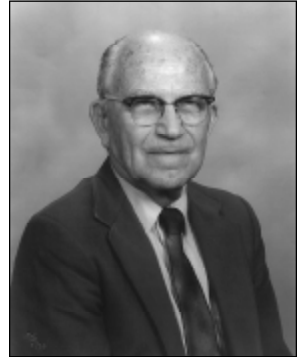
DAVIS, BEN W. (T.35; F.37) Oregon; SCA 44 (May) Randsburg-Inyokern; 45 Inyokern and Ridgecrest; 47 San Dimas; 50 Baldwin Park: First 55 S/L; 56 Coor. Dept. Church Enrichment & Rel. Counselor; 64 Asst. Dir., Compton Couns. Service; 76 R'd; PSW 77 R'd; C-P 85 R'd



Benjamin (Ben) Wesley Davis was born in Kansas City, MO July 25, 1910.

During his childhood, his father Benjamin F. Davis was a Methodist Minister. As a result, the family moved frequently living in Florida, Arizona, Colorado, Indiana, Oklahoma, and California. In high school, he lived in Riverside where his father was assigned to the Corona Methodist Church and then to Grace Methodist Church of Riverside.

While home on vacation, from Willamette University in Oregon, he met Ester Paxson, whom he later married on Easter Sunday in 1933. Ben later graduated from USC in 1934, earning his Bachelors of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts with a major in religion.



Their first appointment was at Chiloquin, Oregon, and then at Independence Oregon. In 1937, they moved to Denver, Colorado so that Ben could do graduate work at the Iliff School of Theology. After graduating from Iliff, Ben and Esther returned to Oregon and joined that conference for 5 years. In 1940 their son Larry was born in Bend Oregon and later in 1942; their daughter, Marilyn was born in The Dalles, Oregon.

Ben returned to California in 1944, joining the Southern California Annual Conference where he served three churches in Inyo County; including, serving as chaplain for China Lake during World War II. Over the next 10 years he served at the San Dimas and Baldwin Park Methodist Churches; (at Baldwin Park Methodist Church, he led the church in building a Sunday School and Education Center).

In 1954, Ben started a new ministry as a pastoral counselor and was later appointed by the conference to do specialized work as a marriage and family counselor. The family later moved to Long Beach, California where he established his counseling practice with the El Camino Counseling Service.

In 1963, he returned to USC and obtained a Master's Degree in Education. He retired from the conference in 1976, but continued his private counseling practice. He became affiliated with the Hawthorne United Methodist Church and Downey Methodist Church and maintained offices at each. While at the Hawthorne UMC, he also did calling, assisted in the worship services, conducted funeral services, led a variety of small group discussions for the church and started several innovative programs. Later, he assisted in calling for the California Heights Methodist Church.

In retirement, he and Esther enjoyed extensive travel in the United States and Canada. Ben is survived by their daughter, Marilyn Leatherwood; 5 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

-Marilyn Leatherwood

Jordan Detzer

December 7, 1924 — January 24, 2007

DETZER, JORDAN E. (T.49; F.51) Col.; SCA 53(Sept 1) Phoenix, First, Assoc.; 56 Barstow; 60 Lemon Grove; 65 Monrovia; 68 S'y.; 69 Chaplain, Dakota Wesleyan Univ.; 72 R'd, (Jacumba); PSW 77 C-P 85 R'd.



Born in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin to Martha and Harold Detzer, Jordan earned his Eagle Scout award and later joined the Army Air Corps piloting a B-29.

Jordan attended Adrian College and received his Th.D. from Iliff School of Theology.

Entering the Methodist ministry, Jordan served in churches in Phoenix, Barstow, Lemon Grove, Big Bear, Monrovia and Jacumba. Jordan was known among clergy for his friendliness and strength of conviction.

Later, Jordan taught religion and philosophy at Dakota Wesleyan University, California State University, San Luis Obispo, Mesa College and Chapman College. Jordan was a prolific writer, authoring many books and articles.

Jordan was a member of S.W. Hackett Masonic Lodge #574 and the San Diego Civil War Roundtable.

Jordan passed away peacefully at home after an illness. Jordan is survived by his wife of 62 years Jeanne, three sons, Ronald, Jordan, Mark; three daughters-in-law, Anne, Gail, Kathy; and three grandsons, Adam, Noah and Paul. His son, David, preceded him in death.



— *Jeanne Detzer*

Tevita Fineanganofa

October 28, 1938 —October 9, 2006

FINEANGANOFO, TEVITA (AM.87) C-P 77 (Honolulu: First, Assoc.); 87 Ontario, Assoc. for Tongan Min; 93 First Tongan of Pomona Valley; 2001 Retired



Tevita Moala Fineanganofa was born in Nuku'alofa, Tonga on October 28, 1938. He was one of nine children. He attended several schools in the Pacific from 1967- 1971 and achieved his certificate in Theology and moved to the United States in the early 70's. He continued his education in Hawaii and in Kansas, Montana successfully. In 1972 he would meet and marry his soulmate, Seini Tufuola Mafua. He went on to be with the Lord October 9, 2006. Tevita is survived by his wife and two children and five grandchildren.



Tevita first served as pastor at Kilohana Tongan Fellowship from 1977-1979. He then transferred to First UMC of Honolulu from 1979-1987. He has helped in establishing several ministries in Hawaii and in California. He introduced the quarterly meetings of all Tongan Methodist ministries in joining in fellowship and singing in Hawaii and in California. In 1987 he was ordained as a deacon and moved with his family to pursue God's call at First UMC Ontario, California. In 1992 they transferred to Pomona where they chartered and became First Tongan UMC of Pomona. Tevita and his wife served for over 20 years and retired in 2001. He loved the Lord and his people. His greatest accomplishment was bringing people together, working in unity and love. This being said was revealed through his great relationships with the ministry's they served and also other ministries such as the Mormon churches, Catholics, and many others. After retirement, they continued to minister to lost souls, visit the sick, and spread the good news.

He lived Psalms 84 faithfully. Although he battled different illnesses, his positive spirit and great sense of humor would always cover the struggle. He also encouraged others who were dealing with difficulties that God will never forget his people. In his sermons he would say "Lord, if there re any more illnesses in this world, I willingly accept it and return all the Glory to You". They attended First Tongan UMC of Pomona and resided in Chino, California. He will always be remembered for his wonderful smile and magnetic spirit. We can only imagine that as Tevita entered heavens gates, he joyfully shouted with thanks and praises, "I am finally home."

-Seini Tufuola Fineanganofa

Cecil Carl Johnson

April 21, 1940 — April 10, 2007

JOHNSON, JR., CECIL CARL (P.72; F.75) SCA 72 School; 73 Ventura, First, Assoc; 74 Redondo Beach, First, Assoc.; PSW 77 Torrance: Hope; 80 Los Osos; 82 Lomita: Wayside; C-P 85 D/L 86 Paramount; 88 D/L.; 92 Glendale: Wesley; 93 Rowland Heights: Bell Mem; 95 Independence; 99 L.A. Chinese, Assoc. English Ministry; 2002 Waianae, Administrative Pastor; 2003 R'd



Cecil Carl Johnson was born April 21, 1940 in Colorado. Shortly after serving the Navy as a medic, Carl received his call to the ministry. Upon graduating from Iliff school of Theology in Denver, Colorado, he began serving many churches in the California area. He enjoyed and had a special place in his heart for the members and ministries at Hope United Methodist church in Torrance, California, where many became life long friends. Most dear to him was the ministry of the shut-ins, be it at home or in the hospital.



A daughter Jennifer was born to Carl and Camilla Johnson later in life as he served at

Los Osos United Methodist church. She was his beloved pride and joy.

Carl and his family always enjoyed life on the ocean. He had a passion for sailing and for the military and had made it known for a long time that he wanted to be buried at sea. Therefore his family is very happy to know that he received a great send off to the Lord by having his ashes scattered at sea from a navy ship.

Carl is survived by his daughter, Jennifer Johnson Pestano; grandson Lucas Pestano of Santa Barbara, California and brother, Kent Johnson of Seattle.

-Camilla Johnson

Earl Kernahan

May 13, 1913 — February 19, 2007

KERNAHAN, EARL (T.37; F.40) Baltimore; SCA 41(Mar 4) Williams; 42 Avondale and Liberty; 44 Avondale; 46 Rosemead; 49 Hon., First; 55 Anaheim, First; 61 Chula Vista, First; 68 Garden Grove; 73 Sup't, Hawaii Dist.; PSW 77; 78 Admin. Asst. to the Bishop; 80 (Jan 1) Leisure World Community, Seal Beach; 83 Retired; 83 (Honokaa) C-P 85 (Honokaa); 87 Retired; 91 (Sept-Dec) (Honolua); 94 (Lihue); 95 Retired



Earl was born the first of four children to an army chaplain and piano player who was to become one of the early women United Methodist Pastors. He grew up three doors down from the family of Calvin Coolidge. As a preteen he was challenged to shoot a bird from 100 yards away. He killed the fowl and never again picked up a gun. A favorite memory was attending a Yankee game with his Dad and watching Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig play.

He graduated from American University and Drew Theological Seminary. Extracurricular activities included drama and the debate team. One of his first church assignments was in the red light district in Washington, D.C. When he took a church assignment in the small western hamlet of Williams, Arizona, he told the town bartender/mayor that he would be competing for souls on Sunday mornings; the mayor replied he expected nothing less.



His first date with Betty Safford was a Jewish Sabbath Service on the outskirts of Phoenix. They were married for 60-odd years, some of them odder than others. They built congregations and churches in Arizona, Southern California and Hawaii. A lifetime highlight was collaborating with Fred Preis in the building of the Honolulu first United Methodist Church; Preis later designed and built the Arizona Memorial. Earl served as Hawaii District Superintendent and Assistant to Bishop Golden. He shepherded many United Methodist and UCC churches in his retirement in Hawaii. Betty died on Good Friday in 2005. Earl is survived by his brother Galal (Mel) Kernahan and his four daughters—Karen (Fred) Peter, Carol (Ed) Wallin, Candy (Hayden) Stephens, and Colleen Kernanhan; he is also survived by four grandchildren—Kristian, Blake and Jordan Peter and Blythe (Stephens) Kirkpatrick—and by Jace Cameron Peter who made him great.

— *Karen, Carol, Candy and Colleen*

James Ledgerwood

August 13, 1942 — September 9, 2006

LEDGERWOOD, JAMES C. (P.65; F.73) SCA 65 School; 68 Costa Mesa; First, Assoc.; 69 Kailua: Keolumana; 70 Communiversity Staff, Ewa; 71 Exec. Dir. Kailua Drug Clinic, Kailua; 73 Tucson: Catalina, Assoc.; 75 Lakewood: Trinity; PSW 77 (Mar) L/A; 79 V/L ; 82 Readmitted (¶451-453) Winslow, First; 84 Lemon Grove; C-P 85; 87 Victorville; 92 Honolulu: First; 99 Lancaster



The Rev. James Clarke Ledgerwood, age 64, died while in active ministry at Lancaster United Methodist Church serving as Senior Pastor where his wife, Kathy, was Associate. Jim had served Lancaster for seven years when he crossed over into glory at his home, Sept. 9, 2006. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, the Rev. Kathy Ledgerwood, daughter Tiffany, son Jordan, a sister, his mother, three grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father James E. Ledgerwood, Jr., and son, James K. Ledgerwood.



In his 40 years of service, Jim pastored churches in Michigan, Arizona, Hawaii, and California. On several occasions under his leadership churches received church growth awards.

While serving in Hawaii in the 60's, Jim also took a special appointment beyond the local church to create and run a drug recovery program for the U.S. Navy and subsequently also created The Kailua Drug Clinic, known as "The Place."

Jim grew up in the San Fernando Valley. He received a B.S. in biology and chemistry from California Western University in San Diego in 1964, where he also received his call to ministry. He was ordained in June 1965 in this Conference and earned his Master of Divinity at Garrett Evangelical Theological School in 1967.

He was known to ask God for "a people to love and a pulpit to preach in." A creative, joy-filled, warm, caring, dynamic, and visionary minister, Jim was always leading his congregations to greater growth and outreach. He supervised and coordinated numerous work projects around the globe including Honduras, the Bahamas, and Mexico. Loving, adventurous, and spontaneous, Jim was a family man. He loved life and lived it to the fullest. He was known for his encouragement, kindness, generosity, and wit. As a husband he was a loving, supportive, and compassionate man; as a father he was dedicated understanding, jovial, and genuine. He was devoted to his family and his church.

Jim and his family loved the ocean, boating, camping and fishing. It was natural that Jim took seriously the call of Jesus to become a fisher of people.

Well done, good and faithful servant. Aloha.

— Tiffany and Kathy Ledgerwood

Han Ok Lee

December 22, 1942 — November 15, 2006

LEE, HAN OK (T.; F.92) C-P 86 Anaheim: Korean; 93 South Pasadena: Pacific UMC (Korean); 94 (Nov) La Palma: Korean



Reverend Han Lee was born in Seoul, Korea and lived over half of his life there as the son of Reverend Hyung Suk Lee. While in ministry, he met his wife, Kum Soon Lee. They were married on October 16, 1976, and have served the Lord together ever since.

In 1982, the Lord brought the Reverend Mr. Lee to the United States where he started a Korean church in Louisiana. After three years of serving at the New Orleans United Methodist Church, he was joined by his wife and two children. Soon after, the entire family moved to California to continue ministry at several different United Methodist churches.

Reverend Lee led many to Christ through his life's journey and has left wonderful impressions on each person he's encountered along the path.



Reverend Lee was a man who lived for God, first and foremost, before anyone, even himself. He truly knew how to die to self and live for God. He was a man who received a calling from God and followed it all the days of his life until death.

2 Timothy 4:7 reads, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." He fought the good fight, he finished the race, he kept the faith.

There are no words that tell of the always-welcoming, forever-giving, joyous and praising, loving life Pastor Lee lived better than those from Philippians 4:4-9:

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."

Reverend Han Lee is survived by his wife of 30 years, Kum Soon Lee, and two children, Yae Rang (Jesus' Love) Samantha Lee and Ha Ram (God's Person) Sam Lee.

— The Lee Family

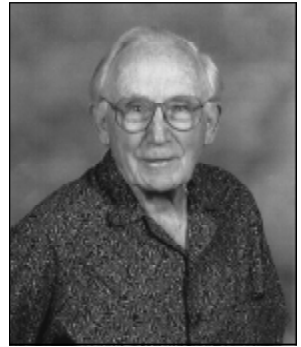
Robert McCullagh

June 22, 1915 — February 6, 2007

McCULLAGH, ROBERT P. (T.49; F.51) SCA 49 Asst. Dir., Wesley Fnd., UCLA; So. Dakota 51; 57 Hawaii Mission; SCA 67 Dir., Wesley Fnd., Univ. of Hawaii; 69 Dir., Wesley Found., Cal Poly. San Luis Obispo; 72 San Luis Obispo, Assoc.; 76 Morro Bay; Estero Bay; PSW 77; 80 R'd.; C-P 85 R'd



Robert Patterson McCullagh was born in Monrovia, California. He attended Frank Wiggins Trade School in Los Angeles and became a hand compositor leading to a lifelong appreciation of quality printing. After seven years in the printing trade, during which time he was active in Epworth League serving one year as President of the Conference Youth, he returned to school. He graduated from UCLA in 1943 where he lettered in Cricket. Bob was drafted and granted Conscientious Objector status serving in Civilian Public Service until July 1946. During that time he volunteered as a subject in a study of Semi-Starvation in the Human Male, which helped determine how to rehabilitate the people starving in Europe after WW II. Results are still being used in Medical Schools and in the treatment of eating disorders. He entered Yale Divinity School with an interest in Religion in Higher Education, graduating in 1949.



His work in Campus Ministry was his primary passion. He led three national Methodist Student Movement Work Camps in South Dakota, Washington, DC, and Hawaii. Following retirement in 1980, he worked in Kiwanis and Friends of the Library in Morro Bay before moving to Rancho Bernardo in 2001.

Bob's ministry to University students touched many lives, encouraging their leadership development and helping them grow in their faith. He was a strong believer in non-violence and the goodness of people. He is remembered for his quiet manner, for living his convictions, for his dry wit, and for the "twinkle" in his eye. Those who knew and worked with Bob would agree that his daily life exemplified the charge of Micah 6:8: "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God." A favorite hymn, "Be Thou My Vision," was sung at his Memorial Service and was testimony to the life and teachings of Jesus that were his guide throughout his life. He is survived by Jeannine, his wife of 56 years, daughter Kathy McCullagh and her husband Paul Tainsh, grandchildren Robin and Alejandro, son James McCullagh and his wife, Angie, and grandchildren Max and Claire.

— Jeannine McCullagh

Sam Paik

February 4, 1933 — September 19, 2006

PAIK, SAM S. (P.90; F.93) C-P 90 Kahaluu; 93 Pomona: Trinity 95 R'd ¶452.2b)
95 R'd



Brother Paik accrued an extensive educational and professional background which included a Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Education at USC; a Juris Doctor from Southwestern University School of Law; a Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary. He was a member of California Bar and, of course, of this Conference.

He served as Deputy Public Defender in L.A. County and the Government of Guam, where later he became Chief Public Defender. He was also Assistant Professor and Chairman of the Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Counsel to the University of Guam. He was Legal Counsel to the Board of Trustees of Guam Community College and served as Assistant Professor at the University of Hawaii where he taught Constitutional Law and Administrative Law.

Sam was tri-lingual; English, Korean and Japanese.

In his marriage to Chie, he was blessed with daughters, Esther and Ruth. Years later he retired to South Korea and married Insook. They have a son, Kevin.

-Editor

Fletcher H. Scharer

December 16, 1909 — January 16, 2007

SCHARER, FLETCHER H. (T.31; F.33) SC 31 Riverside, First, Asst.; 32 Kingman; 35 School; 36 School; SCA 39 Fillmore; 43 LA: Santa Barbara Ave.; 48 South Pas; 53 Sup't., S.Bdino. Dist.; 55 Sup't., Tri-State Dist.; 59 Phoenix: First; 68 Sup't., PS Dist.; 74 Green Valley; PSW 77; 80 R'd; 80 (Fallbrook, Assoc.); C-P 85 R'd



At the time of his glorious home-coming, Fletcher was the senior pastor in our Cal-Pac Conference, with 75 ½ years as a member of this Conference. He was the caretaker for nearly five years of the “Bishop Cane”, the symbol of this honor. He is remembered, however, not for his longevity but for the quality of service he gave for our Lord.

Fletcher was born in Belgaum, India to missionary parents. When he was 16 years old he returned to the states and went to Pasadena College for his B.A., to USC School of Religion for his Master of Divinity, and to Boston University where he earned his Ph.D. In the summer of 1931 Fletcher received his MA, married his college sweetheart, Wylda, was granted in the membership of the Southern California Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and received his first appointment!



During the 1940's Fletcher increased his participation and growth in the life of the Conference. In 1953 Fletcher was the first D.S. chosen by the newly arrived Bishop Kennedy. He was assigned to the “Tri-State District” stretching east from Baldwin Park including all churches in Riverside and San Bernardino counties, Northern Arizona to the New Mexico and Utah borders, and all of Southern Nevada. During his six years of service, 10 new churches were started and six pastors from the Tri-state District became D.S.'s!

Following this term as D.S., he served First Church Phoenix for nine years as it grew to 3,600 members. In 1968 he was appointed as D.S. of the Pasadena District. In each superintendency he was known for his gentle and caring manner to all and his ability to secure the best appointments for each minister. At the mandatory retirement age of 70, he had completed 49 active years. After official retirement, he was appointed as Assistant Pastor in the Fallbrook Church where son Paul was the Senior Pastor. They had a great time together!

Wylda was his constant companion. They enjoyed 72 years of marriage. While serving in the local churches, they were gracious host and hostess to all. They enjoyed travel and hosted many trips and cruises together. They took each one of their grandchildren on a special trip.

After Wylda died in 2002, Fletcher came to live with son Paul and his family. Surrounded by those he loved and his Savior, he was ushered into Heaven.

Fletcher is survived by his son and wife Rev. Paul and Dorothy Scharer and three adult grandchildren: Philip Scharer, Stephen Scharer and Elyse Murphy.

-Rev. Paul Scharer

Leslie Wyman Sim

July 30, 1918 — August 9, 2006

SIM, LESLIE W. (T.41; F.46)SCA 41 School; 45 Blythe; 46 Anaheim: Wesley; 48 (April) Lone Pine; 50 San Pedro: Grand View; 52 S/L; 53 Field Representative, Alcohol Ed. Ass'n; C-P 83 R'd; 85 (Brea, Assoc.); 90 (Fullerton: Orangethorpe, Assoc.); 91 R'd



Leslie Wyman Sim was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, but came to California at the age of four, with his parents and five brothers.

He grew up in Colton, California, graduating from Colton High School in 1936. Further education included graduation from the University of Redlands, 1941, graduating Theological Seminary of Drew University in Madison, New Jersey (1944) and graduate work in Education at California State College in Long Beach.

During the school years he also served as a part-time student minister in several small rural student charges first in Winchester, California and later in New Jersey and New York State.

Always, his special interest was working with youth groups, often in summer church camps in the Southern California-Arizona Conference.

He married Dora May Browning in 1941 a marriage that lasted 65 years.

His interest in working with young people continued to be important, resulting in competing academic work for a teaching credential and with drawing from active pastoral work. As a result, he retired in 1982 after having taught for twenty-one years in the Anaheim, California Union High School District.

During his entire life, Les searched for ways to understand God's will for his own life and to share that knowledge with others.

In 2001, he wrote and published a little book to express his deep faith in God and in the teachings of Jesus, as a goal for his own life and for his relationships with people.

He was affectionately known as "Les" to his family and many friends, in response to his always warm and friendly smile.

Les is survived by his wife, Dora May; daughter, Maureen; son-in-law, Richard; two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



-Dora May Sim

Miriam Ellen Stump

November 16, 1928 — November 13, 2006

STUMP, MIRIAM E. (P.82; F.84) PSW 82 W. Covina, Assoc.; 83 Whittier, East, Assoc.; C-P 85; 86 Crescent Hts.; 88 Brawley, First; 94 (¶452.2c)



Miriam Ellen Marston was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, on November 16, 1928, the only child of Robert and Irene Marston. Her father passed away when she was fourteen months old. Miriam was raised by her mother and stepfather George Dodd. They lived in a rustic two story home in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts which was built by Miriam's grandfather in the 1860's. Miriam attended local schools, graduating from Major Howard W. Beale High School in 1946.



Miriam began her studies at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 1947, with a major in Chemistry and a minor in Recreation Specialist. Miriam met a nice young man named Myron Stump while attending a Methodist conference. She had no idea that the man who was carrying her bags would be the love of her life.

In 1948, Myron was assigned a student pastorate position at Fairlawn Methodist Church, Miriam's family church in Shrewsbury. Myron and Miriam were married on August 6, 1949. Miriam received her bachelor's degree in 1950 shortly after moving with Myron to Indiana.

Myron and Miriam raised five children while serving five churches in Indiana and five churches in California, where they moved in 1961. In 1979, Miriam began her seminary training at Claremont School of Theology. She received her Masters in Divinity and was ordained in 1982.

Miriam was associate minister for two churches and minister for three churches. Myron retired in 1988, working with Miriam serving Brawley UMC until 2003, when she retired. They moved to Baker homes retirement village for Methodist Ministers. In 2003 they moved to Ridgecrest, sharing a pastorate in Inyokern, California.

Myron passed away on May 22, 2004, after complications from a rollover accident that occurred April 13, 2004. Miriam moved in with her son and his wife in Rowland Heights, California.

Miriam was president of Community Support Services, secretary of the Methodist Federation of Social Action, active at the Walnut UMC, serving as a choir member, chair of the evangelism committee, and frequent speaker for the Women of Excellence, until suffering a stroke that led to her passing on November 13, 2006.

Miriam is survived by five children, Philip, Paul, Stephen, Timothy, and Lydia; 13 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

-The Stump Family

Emory Taylor

October 17, 1917 — December 16, 2006

TAYLOR, R. EMORY (T. ; F.64) W.Va.; SCA 65 LA: St. John's; 67 NY; SCA 71 LA: St. Paul's; 75 Phoenix: Wesley; PSW 77; 79 LA: Epworth/Holman; 80 LA: Epworth & Kings Chapel; 83 R'd (¶447.2c); C-P 85 R'd



A Time for All Events in Life

For everything there is an appointed time,
And an appropriate time for every activity on earth:
 A time to be born and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to uproot what was planted;
 A time to kill and a time to heal;
A time to break down and a time to build up;
 A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
 A time to mourn and a time to dance.
A time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones;
A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to search, and a time to give something up as lost;
 A time to keep, and a time to throw away;
 A time to rip, and a time to sew;
A time to keep silent and a time to speak.
 A time to love, and a time to hate;
 A time for war, and a time for peace.

He is survived by his two surviving daughters,
Deborah Taylor and Karen Cromer.

-Editor

Elizabeth Vaughn

June 15, 1955 — January 20, 2007

VAUGHN, ELIZABETH (PL) SCA 05 HIGHGROVE; 07 Deceased



The following is an excerpt taken from the last journal entry of Rev. Vaughn.

.....God can look into our hearts and see our true self. It would behoove us to find out how our heart should be. Every time we have a broken heart it should draw us closer to God because God needs a broken vessel. When our hearts are broken is when we find out what is in them. And everything that's in it that is not of God must come out and He has ways of doing that. When all the stuff is removed, instead of seeking God to replace some of that stuff, we add more. Some stuff becomes hate, power, fear, loneliness, depression, guilt, cynical, broken down, crippled and deformed.

Then there are others who say help me Jesus, you are Lord, help me Father.

They just let tears just come and say Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. They find themselves looking for scripture until they find it. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles they shall walk and not be weary they shall run and not faint."

And then they hold on to that scripture. Some will cut it out and paste it on their refrigerator, some will put it on their dash board to remember while driving or on their desk while at work, some will memorize it and some will place it upon their heart.

They place it upon their heart, they've just added a little more of God. They let God enter their hearts. You see, something was removed, and you thought you had a broken heart. Once something is removed you have to replace it with something else: you are not whole. The Lord said "I've come to heal the broken hearted and set the captive free." A broken heart is a process which brings you closer to God; God will fill your whole heart after all the brokenness.

You are a new creature.

I have come to bring a new thing- a new
Jerusalem- a new.

She is survived by four children, Donrae, Jakaye, Jaquanette and Antonette.

-The Vaughn Family

Clergy Spouses

Robert Armstrong

September 18, 1936 — November 13, 2006

ARMSTRONG, SARA (PD, FD) C-P 2004 Director of Connections/Justice Cal-Pac Annual Conference



Robert A. Armstrong was born in Pasadena, CA on September 18, 1936 to Josephine and Vern Armstrong. He had two brothers Jessie Hardiman and Ron Hardiman. Bob spent his childhood and youth in Pasadena where he attended John Muir College and Pasadena City College. He was active in football and played seven instruments in the band. His grandparents were founding members of Scott Methodist Church in Pasadena.



From his marriage to Alice Watkins six children were born, Robert, Timothy, James, Kim, Virginia and Scott. The family lived in Pasadena where Bob worked for Ralph's Grocery Company and several real estate brokers. He was widowed in 1966. Bob spent a number of years in the Pacific Northwest before returning to Pasadena in the early 1980's.

Bob attended UC San Diego and UCLA where he trained to be a drug and alcoholism counselor. He worked in this field for over fifteen years using his education and personal experience with addiction to help countless others.

He married Sara Wanambwa in 1992 and gained a daughter, Lillian and a son, Edward. Their family expanded to include sixteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Bob's passions were playing music on his elaborate stereo system and his rooting for his beloved John Muir Mustang football team.

When Sara answered her call to ministry he was totally supportive. In fact he often introduced himself as Mr. Rev. Sara Armstrong.

Bob was a man of great spiritual strength and scrupulous honesty. His favorite saying was "Don't worry about anyone else; just keep your side of the street clean."

-Rev. Sara Armstrong

Helen Myers Belcher

August 4, 1915 — December 14, 2006

MYERS, GEORGE A. (T.40; F42) Erie, 40 School; So. Iowa, 43 Luther-Napier; Erie, 44 Big Bend-Emlenton-Foxburg; 47 New Wilmington; 51 Erie, Wayne St. 55 Corry; 61 Clarion; So. Cal.-Ariz., 64 North Hollywood, First. Assoc.; 65 Woodland Hills, Summit; 67 Santa Barbara, St. Mark; 71 Yucaipa; 74 Deceased



Helen Walper was born August 4, 1915 and later became Mrs. George Myers on April 14, 1938. Helen was a dutiful wife as she stood by George as he served over 40 years in the United Methodist ministry in three conferences. In their thirty five years of marriage, they became the parents of four wonderful sons: David, Roger, Bruce and Philip.

At the age of 84, Helen continued to be a vital part of her community by volunteering as a receptionist at the Medical Foundation.

Helen is survived by her sons and seven grandchildren.

-Editor

Eleanor T. Carter

February 18, 1913 — December 30, 2006

CARTER, EARL (F. 05)28 Atlantic Ave; 29 San Miguel Ct.; 31 Paso Robles; 32 Moorpark; 33 San Gabriel; 34 Calexico; 36 Douglas; 39 Glendale Central; 40 Delano; 42 Redwood City; 44 East Long Beach; 46 Shandon-Rivergrove; 47 Voluntary Location; 71 Deceased



Mrs. Eleanor T. Carter was born in Butler, PA, February 18, 1913 to Ed and Edna Thompson, and was the eldest of four children. The family moved to Long Beach, CA when Eleanor was eight. As a teenager Eleanor was active in a Methodist youth group where Earl Carter was the youth pastor. She married Earl in 1932 and traveled throughout California and Arizona as a pastor's wife.

Leaving the active ministry, the family spent several years in Needles where some years they were foster parents to Indian children during the school year. During their years in Needles, Eleanor taught elementary school, was active in UMW, and mothered her growing family. She is survived by daughters, Earlene Holladay and Ina Marie Tanner, and sons, James, Howard and Allan; 12 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandson, Trey Tanner.



After a year in the Fresno area, the family settled in Ventura. Eleanor became a Licensed Vocational Nurse and then a Registered Nurse. She worked first as a night nurse at the hospital in Ventura and then as a visiting nurse. For many years she worked for the California Youth Authority, responsible for the vocational nurses aids training program.

Eleanor remained very active in the Methodist church in every community in which she lived. At First Methodist in Ventura, she helped develop an elder drop in center, she taught Sunday School and she was always involved with UMW activities.

Eleanor moved to San Jose, CA in 1989 to be closer to daughters and grand daughters. She lived at the Atrium, an active senior retirement facility where she remained very busy. She knitted caps for premature babies, quilted crib blankets for the hospital nurseries, and taught crocheting to women living at the homeless shelter, as well as serving on the resident board for many years.

Eleanor had a wonderful relationship with the Lord. She was a great example of Christian Spirit to all who came into her presence. She had a kind and generous spirit. To nearly everyone who knew her she was their "best friend." She listened with attention and always gave encouragement. Through lifelong learning and dedication, Eleanor believed that anything is possible. Surely the Lord greeted her with "Well done, my daughter."

— Ina Marie Tanner

Mary Zambrano Clasper

March 12, 1926 — October 15, 2006

ZAMBRANO, ARIEL (P.70; F.72) SCA 69 Pico Rivera; 73 (Aug 1) Tucson: Menlo Park; PSW 77 Santa Paula: El Buen Pastor; C-P 85; 89 R'd.



Mary Zambrano Clasper grew up on a farm in Castalian Springs, Tennessee. She has always been a devout Methodist. At age 11 she felt the “Call” to be a missionary and this became the dominant theme of her life.

She attended Scarritt College in Nashville in preparation for her missionary work. After being accepted by the Board of Missions, she was sent to Monterrey, Mexico. Years later she studied at Drew University, taking her Masters in Christian Education. On returning to Mexico City, she worked in the Department of Christian Education. Eventually she married Ariel Zambrano, an Ecumenical leader and Dean of Union Seminary in Mexico City. They immediately adopted three Mexican babies. She was also busy teaching in the seminary.



In the late 60’s they moved to Southern California and became members of California Pacific Conference. They pastored bilingual churches in Arizona and Southern California. They spent many years in Santa Paula and identified with social causes, such as the United Farm Worker’s Movement.

Mary was long active in Church Women United and served as President of the State organization for two years. She also served as Dean of the Missionary Conference in Asilomar, California.

A year after Ariel’s death she married Dr. Paul Clasper of Pilgrim Place. He had been a missionary in Burma and Hong Kong, eventually being the first American to be Dean of the Anglican Cathedral in Hong Kong. Their marriage was well-supported by the Pilgrim Place Community. Some said, “You have joined Mexico and Latin America with Southeast Asia – what a combination of missionary experience!” Others said, “Your new love for each other spreads love all over Pilgrim Place.”

As they were preparing to celebrate their six month wedding anniversary, Mary was found to have pancreatic cancer and it had already spread to her liver. She died shortly after that on October 25, 2006. Mary was ever a vibrant and energetic Methodist missionary.

-Dr. Paul Clasper

Ruth Duncan

June 3, 1911 — February 26, 2007

DUNCAN, HUBERT L. (T.37; F.39) Troy; SCA 44(Oct) Clarkdale-Jerome; 46 Avondale; 48 S.D., First, Min. of Ed.; 50 La Habra; 54 S.D.: Normal Hts.; 55 Chaplain, Cal. Inst. for Men. Chino; 74 R'd.; PSW 77 R'd.; C-P 85 R'd



Ruth Fugate Duncan was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana. When six months later her father was killed in a railway accident her mother moved with her four very young daughters to Van Wert, Ohio, near to the ancestral home. While in high school in Van Wert and for a time thereafter, Ruth was employed by the area home office of the Kemper Insurance Company. In early 1936 she moved to Boston and found a position with the Y.W.C.A. It was there that she met Hubert. They were married on Christmas Day, 1936 and were married just one month short of 69 years.

Hubert and Ruth served churches in the Troy, Southern California-Arizona and California-Pacific Annual Conferences. During that time Hubert served two prison chaplaincies—one at Springfield, Missouri and the other at Chino, California. Ruth often visited the prisons and was very vocal in admonishing the inmates to examine their ways and to change their lives!

It was during these days that Ruth became an Avon Lady. She served her company in such manner that eventually she was appointed City Manager for Avon Products. Newcomers to the fast-growing area she served often asked her what churches she would recommend. She never failed to point them in the right direction!

Perhaps the endeavor in which she was most successful was in her role as homemaker. This was ever her chief priority. The poet must have had someone like her in mind when he wrote:

You painted no Madonnas
On Chapel walls in Rome,
But, with a touch diviner,
You lived one in your home!

You built no great Cathedrals
That centuries applaud,
But with a grace exquisite
Your life cathedraled God!

Had we the gift of Raphael
or Michelangelo
O what a rare Madonna
Our mother's life would show!

Ruth was preceded in death by Hubert who died on November 8, 2005. She is survived by her daughters, Denise Larrigan of Yuba City, California, and Jo Nohre, of Burbank, California; four grandchildren, Garth Duncan Larrigan, Patrick William Larrigan, Kendall Ruth Nohre, and Dale Duncan Nohre; three great grandchildren, Hannah Larrigan, Brenna Larrigan, and Gehrig Larrigan; and a step granddaughter, Julie Nohre of Encinitas, California, and her three children.

- Jo Nohre



Dolores Fink

August 21, 1927 — July 10, 2006

FINK, HERBERT M. (T.46; F.48) Detroit; SCA 51 (Oct 1) Fullerton, Assoc.; 54 SBdino.: St Stephen's; 59 Riverside: Wesley; 65 Redlands, First; 70 Canoga Park: St John's; 75 Campus Min. UCLA; PSW 77 Campus Min. UCLA & Dir. Wesley Fnd.; 84 LA: First; C-P 85; 89 R'd



Dolores was the eighth child of parents born in Lithuania, who met in United States. Her father was a stern, but the blue-eyed, golden haired charmer was the apple of his eye. Her mother was a model housekeeper. Her two older sisters, Patricia and Ann, were her role models and helped her get her first job at the telephone company. As a teen, she loved to dance and became a champion figure skater.

In her early twenties she lived in Cleveland with her husband, Ralph Edward Knapp and their son. The family later moved to California and settled in the San Fernando Valley. She was a homemaker and adoring mother to her son. She was active in the PTA and directed the school's science center. She was a superb cook and her Christmas eggnog was to die for.

During these years, she served at St. John's in the Valley UMC, as Finance Chairman, a member of the Board of Trustees and chaired the planning committee for church's 20th anniversary celebration. In appreciation of her dedicated work, the church presented her with a Bible inscribed:



Through the giving of yourself in countless ways,
you are truly a channel of God's blessings.
Please accept this gift in grateful appreciation
for your dedicated work as associate lay leader of
St. John's. May the light of Christ that shines within
you continue to burn brightly in the days that lie ahead!

Your brothers and sisters in Christ-
The People of St. John's

Following her divorce, she became Facilities Manager for the Data Devices Company in Northridge.

Later after marrying Mike Fink, who was campus minister at UCLA, Dolores became the Executive Secretary of the University Religious Conference at UCLA.

At home, their neighbors decided to add a pre-formed swimming pool. After the hole was dug, the pool was to be lifted by a crane and set into the hole. Dolores, persuaded the crane operator to let her ride in the pool as it was lifted. That enabled her to say she was the first one in the pool.

Following their time at UCLA, they were appointed to the First UMC of Los Angeles where she supervised the renovation and refurbishing of the parsonage.

The Finks retired in 1989 and moved to Redlands where they were active in Meals on Wheels.

Dolores constant companion to church and meetings was a Boston Terrier, Maggie Murphy. Some said that Maggie attended church more regularly than some members.

Dolores had deep faith and served her Lord with her considerable talents. Many have said they were so thankful to have known her and she lives on in so many hearts including mine.

-Rev. Herbert M. Fink

Mary Forsyth

November 3, 1928 — February 20, 2007

FORSYTH, ROBERT G. (T.55; F.57) SCA 55 LB: Atlantic Ave., Assoc.; 56 Magnolia; 60 (Feb 1) Wilmington; 63 (Sept) Chaplain, V. A. Cen. LA; 72 (April) Chaplain V.A. Domiciliary, White City, Oregon; PSW 77 Chaplain, V. A. Cen.; 78 Chaplain, V.A. Med. Cen., Batavia, N.Y.; 79 (Dec) Chaplain, V. A. Med. Cen., St. Cloud, Minn.; C-P 85 V.A Northport, N.Y; 88 R'd.



Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion - My constant friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.
"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.
Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

Mary Forsyth was the beloved wife of Rev. Robert Forsyth. She is survived by four children: Charles, Carolyn, Elyse and Gerard; and eight grandchildren.

-Editor

Margery Young Graham

July 19, 1926 — August 19, 2006

GRAHAM, OLIN MAXWELL- (T.55; F.55) Portland First; Oregon-Idaho.: SCA 59 Ventura First; 63 West Covina; 67 LA Mesa 1st ASC; 80 El Cajon Chapel Of The Valley; 89 R'd; 98 Deceased



Margery Young Graham, 80, long-time resident of Rancho Bernardo, died in her home August 19, 2006 after a battle with cancer. She was born in Cedar Rapids, IA on July 19, 1926 one of two children of the late Frederick Keith Young, her father and Mary Barnett Young, her mother. The Young family moved to Utah and Margery attended the University of Utah for one year. The family relocated to Stockton, CA. Margery transferred to the University of the Pacific-Stockton (UOP) to continue her studies. She met Olin Maxwell (Max) Graham, a divinity student at UOP, and they married in a ceremony at the UOP Chapel on June 11, 1948 (their college nickname at the time was M&M).

Margery completed her studies in Christian Community Administration and the two of them moved to Berkeley, CA as Max completed his studies to become a Methodist Minister. Marge entered the ranks of elementary school teachers as she and Max marched through postings in several Methodist congregations, beginning in Portland, CA and including congregations in Ventura, West Covina, La Mesa and El Cajon. She was a senior teacher at Bostonia School in El Cajon, where her wit and wisdom was shared with students, parents and teachers alike. By the time she retired in 1991, she was teaching the children of her prior students.

Max and Marge celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June 1998. Max died in November 1998. She continued as an active member of First United Methodist Church, Escondido and attended numerous classes at the local senior center. Margery is survived by a sister and brother-in-law, Geraldine and Alvin Shayt, of Belcamp, MD, by three children, Tom, Carol and Daniel and their spouses and partners, two grandchildren Dustin and Ryan, and her favorite dinner buddy, Len, and her beloved Deborah Circle from the church in El Cajon.

-The Graham Family

Emma Lou Hershey

July 8, 1907 — June 17, 2006

Hershey, Paul (T.30; F32)DS;SCA 32 Magnolia;34 Santee;36 DS Chandler;37 Blythe;41 Artesia;43 Ocean Park;45 DS Yuma Ariz BAFD Colo;47 DS Yuma Ariz;48 DS Aucndale Community;50 Long Beach Silverado;54 Inglewood Grace;60 Riverside Fontana;65 Rosemead;68 Long Beach Atlantic;70 R'd; 88 Deceased



Amazing Grace!
How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.
'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.
Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shinning as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's Praise
than when we first begun!

She is survived by two daughters, Lois Caldwell and Carolyn Jean English.

-Editor

tj Lofton

June 9, 1954 — March 17, 2007

LOFTON, JR., THOMAS A. (P.98; F.) C-P 98 Lake Elsinore: First; 04 FmL



tj Lofton died Saturday, March 17, 2007, at her residence in Murrieta, California, with her family at her side. She had lived and suffered with a brain tumor for 14 years.

Born in Wichita, Kansas, she lived in California for the last 16 years. She had been General Manager of Tac-Pad, Co. of Temecula, California for 13 of those years. Prior to that she had been co-owner and manager of Lofton Photography in Hobbs, New Mexico for over 10 years. She graduated magnum cum laude from Eastern New Mexico University with a B.F.A.. She did postgraduate work at Claremont School of Theology while looking into the possibility of ordination.



tj was preceded in death by her brother, Jack Woods. She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Rev. Thomas Lofton, Jr. of Murrieta, California; her mother, Teresa Dowell of Murrieta, CA; father, Ken Woods of Dallas, TX; sons, Jeremy Lofton of Murrieta, and Nick Lofton of Santa Ana, California; brother, Darrin Woods of Dallas, TX; and sister, Doreen Blumberg of Phoenix, AZ.

Those are the facts but how do you sum up the whole of a person in any amount of words? tj loved life and fought to keep her life for the last 14 years – she never once complained or felt sorry for herself. She had a personal relationship with her God, she loved her children, almost more than life, and she loved to work. tj was a very creative person – she excelled in anything that she put her mind to and loved to use her hands to work in paint, clay, and all kinds of needlework. When she had time, she made all of her own clothes. She had a dry sense of humor and loved to laugh. She liked to travel, especially with her family! One of her favorite places to visit was Santa Fe, New Mexico - she surprised her husband on one of their anniversaries with a trip there.

It's difficult to describe her relationship with me. She was 18 when we married and therefore we grew up together and grew closer together through the 35 years that we were a couple. I miss her terribly . . . and always will.

-Rev. Thomas Lofton, Jr.

Cuba Moore

May 1, 1913 — March 18, 2007

Moore, Wayne M. (T.52, F.34)WP Mahaffey Brnside CTS;36 Cooksport CT;39 Hopwood Percy;41 Nessley PT Pleasant; 45 Wash Avery;48 Sab'l;48 DS Mesa Assoc;SCA 52 Cardiff COMM;56 LA Bethel; 60 LA Lennox Blvd CO;66 INGLEWD Lennox Blvd;73 Inglewd Lennox;82 R'd,84 Deceased.



Cuba Haskins met her life long partner Rev. Wayne Moore in 1935 and later married him on February 16, 1937. She served faithfully by his side until his retirement in 1982. Although they had no children of their own, they worked with many youth and the spirit they planted will live on in them forever.

1 John 4:19

“We love him, because he first loved us.”

-Editor

Mary Balis Palmer

January 31, 1916 — January 16, 2007

PALMER, C. LESLIE (T.43; F36)Minnesota; 36 Motley Pillager; 36 ST Frances Bethel; 37 Rice Lake; 42 ST Charles;43 C-P San Miguel;46 Indio First;50 Canoga PK First;56 San Diego PK BLVD;60 Gardena Alondra PK; 64 San Diego Mission HI; 73 LOS ANG W LA 1ST;77 DS Disability;77 C-P Disability;82 R'd; 91 Deceased



Mary D. Balis Palmer was the youngest of 5 children. She was born on the family farm near Footville, Wisconsin, the 31st of January, 1916. She lived there until she was married at home to C. Leslie Palmer on the 24th of March in 1936. Shortly after, she and Les started on a long ministerial service in Minnesota, Illinois and California. She is survived by her daughter Nina and husband Jim Bowman, daughter Lyn and husband Bill Griggs. Also, survived by one granddaughter, one grandson, two step grandsons, two great grand children, four step great grand children, two step great-great grand children.



In the mid 1970's Les and Mary moved to Brookings, Oregon where they lived until their end of this earthly life. Mary served in many ways until she was incapacitated by a fall. She was a member of Smith River United Methodist Church.

Mary enjoyed friends, family, community service, crafts, gardening, traveling, fishing and learning new things. She kept her ability to give a quick retort to the end. She started on her next life's journey the 16th of January 2007.

-The Palmer Family

Gloria Mandac Riingen

December 8, 1944 — July 14, 2006

RIINGEN, JUAN N. (F.85) 71 Philippines; PSW 85Honolulu:Aldersgate C-P 85;97El Centro; 2000NationalCity



Gloria Mandac Riingen was born December 8, 1944 in Gattaran, Cagayan, Philippines. She is an alumnus of the University of the Philippines, finishing a degree in Bachelor of Science in Home Economics in 1966. The following year took the state board exam (Nutritionist-Dietitian) and was one of the top eight of that year.

While serving as dietitian of Union Theological Seminary in Dasmariñas, Cavite, she met her future husband, Juan Riingen, who was a divinity student, and later got married in August 21, 1971.

Gloria comes from family that loved the church. Her father used to be a local pastor but later changed course to become one of the unsung heroes of the cooperative movement of the Philippines, with the Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement (PRRM), and International Institute for Rural Reconstruction (IIRR).

She worked as dietitian of Brokenshire Memorial Hospital in Davao City from 1973 until she and her family came to the United States in 1982. From 1984 on, she and John served churches in Honolulu (Aldersgate UMC from 1985-1997), Imperial Valley (El Centro UMC from 1997-2000), and National City (First UMC of National City 2000-). Gloria also worked as a clerk in the City and County of San Diego, Hawaii State Archives, and Sheriff's Office of Imperial Valley, California.

From high school on, Gloria loved books, religious and secular (reading at least 3000 volumes up to the time she died), an addict of the crossword puzzle, (Thanks to Manila Bulletin, Honolulu Advertiser and San Diego Union-Tribune). She enjoyed baking just as her reading. She baked for all the churches they've been assigned to for free. People remember her as the "cream puff lady."

Above all, Gloria's faith and character are extraordinarily infectious. In fact she fought her cancer by befriending it for 17 years and going through eight major surgeries. As a cancer patient of Sharp Memorial Hospital of San Diego, she was awarded the Purple Heart Award upon her discharge. Wherever she was, graciousness is the legacy she left behind.

Gloria is survived by her husband of 36 years, John Nalundasan Riingen, and their only son, Omar John.



- Rev. John N. Riingen

Mary Jane Scott

May 8, 1919 — March 19, 2007

SCOTT, SR., DAVID ANDREW (T.79; F.78) Milwaukee-Solomon.; Wisconsin; SCA 82 Vermont Square; 1984 Pasadena District Superintendent; 88 R'd; 92 Deceased



Mary Jane Tucker Scott was born May 8, 1919 in Muskogee, Oklahoma to Nye James and Carrie Tucker. Mary Jane was the fourth child born to this union of educators.

Mary Jane graduated with High Honors from Langston University receiving a Bachelor of Science in Social Science, English and Elementary Education by 1941. Mary Jane held a Lifetime Teaching Certificate for the State of Oklahoma. In June of the same year, she married David Andrew Scott.

Mary Jane taught high school Social Science and Psychology at Rentiesville Oklahoma and high school English at Waggoner, Oklahoma. She was very proud that she taught South Los Angeles Jack & Jill High Schoolers “Negro History” during 1962 & 1963.

After moving to Milwaukee in 1971, Mary Jane completed work on a Master of Science degree-Social and Philosophical Foundations from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, in 1973. She began working for the city of Milwaukee, Department of Personnel, as a Personnel Analyst II & Employee Counselor in November of 1974. And also became the wife of a minister.

While Mary Jane was nurturing both Scotty and her career, she was also very involved with community life in Milwaukee. Mary Jane was an active and contributing member to The United Methodist Women, United Methodist Children’s Board, The United Methodist Foundation Board, Eta Phi Beta, Inc. Alpha Chapter (Sorority for Personnel Managers), Northcott Neighborhood House Board, The American Personnel and Guidance Association, the National Employment Association, and the Volunteers’ Auxiliary of Misericordia Hospital.

In late 1979, Scotty transferred to California-Pacific Conference and the family moved back to California. Mary Jane became a substitute teacher in the Inglewood Unified School District.

After Scotty became District Superintendent of the Pasadena District of the United Methodist Church in 1985. Mary Jane retired from teaching and became a full time, traveling, supportive spouse. Scotty passed away in January, 1992 after more than fifty years of a beautiful and truly-a-partnership marriage.

Mary Jane lived quietly in Pasadena until 2005, where she was an active member of Grace UMC. Later, with failing health, she moved to Country Villa Terraces Assisted Living Facility.

Mary Jane leaves to mourn her passing a son, Stephan; a daughter, Susan (Homer); a sister, Clara Lyons; grandchildren David Scott, III, Marye Scott Davis (Michael), Wanda Scott, Tres Scott, Olympia Scott, Stephan Scott, Trent Strickland, Leslie Porter, Ayanna and Jabari Porter; a host of cousins, nephews, nieces and friends.

-The Scott Family

Deloris Thigpen

October 25, 1934 — May 1, 2007

Thigpen, Lee (T.74; F. 44) North Texas; 44 Clarksville; 45 US Army Chaplain; 74 Chaplain Veterans Hosp.; 77 LA Crenshaw; 80 Sab'l; 81 Bowen Memorial; 86 Trinity Pomona; 89 R'd; 92 Deceased



Isaiah 12

At that time you will say:

“I praise you, O LORD,

For even though you were angry with me,
Your anger subsided, and you consoled me.

Look, God is my deliverer!

I will trust in him and not fear.

For the LORD gives me strength and protects me;
He has become my deliverer.”

Joyfully you will draw water
From the springs of deliverance.

At that time you will say:

“Praise the LORD!

Ask him for help!

Publicize his mighty acts among the nations!

Make it known that he is unique!

Sing to the LORD, for he has done magnificent things,

Let this be known throughout the earth!

Cry out and shout for joy, O citizens of Zion,

For the Holy One of Israel acts mightily among you!”

Deloris' memory lives on in her children; Ronald, Anita, Valerie and Robert;
and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

-Editor

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