

IN MEMORIAM

CLERGY

<i>Shane Alden Brue</i>	<i>November 13, 2007</i>
<i>Bettye Jo Carr</i>	<i>July 7, 2007</i>
<i>Harold Louis Daniel</i>	<i>December 28, 2007</i>
<i>Jesse Payton Dea</i>	<i>October 25, 2007</i>
<i>Darris Leon Egger, Sr.</i>	<i>June 2, 2007</i>
<i>Glenda Faye Johnson</i>	<i>September 13, 2007</i>
<i>Charles Edward Lutrick</i>	<i>December 6, 2007</i>
<i>John Wiley Mourer, Sr.</i>	<i>September 24, 2007</i>
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SHANE ALDEN BRUE



Shane was born on September 14, 1967 in La Puente, California. His family lived in Idaho before moving to Vega Texas where Shane graduated from Vega High School in 1986. In high school he was active in sports, band, scouting, and church activities.

Shane graduated from McMurry University in 1990 with a degree in psychology. While at McMurry, Shane was active in HEI social club, chanters, campus ministry, and was named outstanding male graduate. He served at Clyde United Methodist Church as a youth minister for three years.

Shane was called to be a pastor. He graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore Kentucky in 1993 with a Master of Divinity degree. He married Jill Smith on December 18, 1993 in Amarillo Texas. They began their ministry in Plainview Texas in 1994 serving Trinity United Methodist Church. Shane was called to serve Haskell United Methodist Church in 1997 as well as Rule United Methodist Church. In 2002 Shane was accepted to a doctoral fellowship program at Asbury Theological Seminary. Shane was one of twenty pastors selected for a year of intense study and preparation for church leadership and biblical preaching. This experience was a highlight for Shane as he endeavored to be the best pastor he could be for the Lord. After their year in Wilmore Kentucky, Shane and Jill moved to Abilene Texas in 2003 to serve St. James United Methodist Church. He received his doctorate of ministry degree from Asbury in 2005. Shane then moved to serve Big Spring First United Methodist Church in 2006.

Shane had a contagious enthusiasm. He enjoyed running and ran in marathons and other racing events. He loved scouting and was an Eagle Scout. He served as a leader in the Boy Scouts. He loved working with children and youth and helped lead Christian camping programs for years. As a pastor, Shane loved his calling and enjoyed preaching and leading the church, especially leading others to Christ. Shane was a devoted father and active in his children's lives, setting up campouts in the backyard, playing games together, teaching his children new skills. He was a loving husband and a good friend to many.

Shane was preceded in death by his sister Debby Tveidt.

He is survived by his wife Jill, children Benjamin, Jacob, Ryan, Micah, and Megan of the home; mother Maxine Brue of Tulsa Oklahoma; twin brother Shawn and his wife Krystal and their three children of Cache Oklahoma; sister Mary Helppie and her husband Mike of Boise Idaho; brother Jimmy Larsh of Boise Idaho; father-in-law and mother-in-law Jim and LuAnn Smith of Amarillo Texas; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Scott and Laura Smith and their three children of Amarillo Texas; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Juli and Kevin Peak of Forest Virginia. He is also survived by his loving church families that blessed his life, and by numerous friends and extended family.

Rev. Dr. Shane Alden Brue went to be with the Lord on November 10, 2007 at his home in Big Spring, Texas after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 40 years old. A memorial service was held at First United Methodist Church in Big Spring Texas on Tuesday, November 13 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Al Martin officiating. Burial was in Amarillo Texas at Llano East Cemetery.

Al Martin

BETTYE JO CARR
Memories of Jo Carr

A compilation by Bobby McMillan

Betty Jo was born September 29, 1926 in Greenville, Mississippi, as the only child of Joseph Neal Crisler and Bessie Esther Gilley Crisler. She graduated from Texas Tech, taught in the English Department for a short time, and then worked as a professional Girl Scout in the Texas Panhandle area. Jo spent five years with the Methodist Mission service in Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) where two of her five children were born.



Jo entered the United Methodist Ministry in 1977 as a local pastor. She went on to complete Course of Study, was ordained an Associate Member in 1983, and ordained an Elder in 1986. She retired from full time ministry in The United Methodist Church in 1993.

Jo died from cancer on July 7, 2007 at home. Services were held at St. John's United Methodist Church, Lubbock on July 9, 2007. Daniel Echols, pastor of St. John's, officiated, assisted by Bobby McMillan and Ted Dotts. Jo's body was cremated. Jo is survived by her children Catherine Ann Carr, Michael Joseph Carr, Glenna Fay Dunnington, Rebecca Jo Barnebey, and Douglas Galen Carr. Grandchildren include Benjamin Shaktinath Carr, Timothy Scott Dunnington, John Andrew Dunnington, David Joel Dunnington, Matthew Skelton Barnebey, and Elizabeth Irene Carr.

Before she died, Jo Carr made known the text she wanted used for her memorial service: "I have enough, my brother." In Genesis 33:9, Esau spoke these words to his brother, Jacob, who was offering gifts of reconciliation after having robbed and cheated Esau. Jo stated that, though the text comes from a story of estrangement and reconciliation, she wanted these words, "I have enough," to express her gratitude for all she had experienced in living, loving, and serving.

Indeed, "I have enough" is a fitting epitaph for one whose cup overflowed with the wine of gentle, yet tough love, simple gifts bringing delightful blessings to all who received, and wisdom to those who sat at her feet to learn and to grow. Out of the abundance of her life and ministry, Jo Carr was a mentor to her children, her friends, the churches she served, and a host of pastors, particularly many women in ministry.

In a letter written to Jo shortly before her death, Rita Crowell Frankie, beautifully summarized so many of Jo's attributes and virtues with which she impacted our lives:

"Supporter"—one who has "held us up" when times was rough.

"Encourager"—one who has pointed the way forward, and always in such a positive way.

"Craft lover"—one who has crawled about on her knees beneath great trees to gather the beautiful offerings of nature to make gifts of love for others.

"Teacher"—one who has taken so many by the hand and led them to places of wonder and inspiration.

"Missionary"—one who went to Zimbabwe in Africa to lovingly share The Gospel and the lives of the people.

"Mother"—one who loved her children so dearly, and who has provided them throughout their lives with roots, and with wings.

"Pastor"—bearer of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in word and deed, by precept and by example, with dignity and with integrity.

"Writer"—one who invites the heart and mind to open new worlds and to new ideas.

"District Superintendent"—(The first woman appointed to this ministry in the Northwest Texas Conference)-an exceptional leader of the leaders of the church, and the only D.S. ever, who helped us pack when we were moving to a new appointment.

"Joyous Spirit"—positive, fun-filled, happy.

Because Jo Carr offered all of this and more from the abundance of her life, we, clergy and so many others, often looked up to this one who never looked down on any person in a condescending or patronizing manner. Always, always, she spoke respectfully and honorably to each and all, never giving the impression to any of us, that she was the all-knowing seer or wise one above her students. It is no wonder, then, that she was mentor par excellence.

As her earthly life neared its final days, her pastor, Kathryn Boren, stopped by Jo's home. Jo was seated in her recliner, observing birds feeding outside her patio doors. Gleefully, she pointed out the antics of each of her feathered friends.

As she and Kathryn talked, Jo began speaking of the lessons she had learned in living and now in dying. When Kathryn asked her what she had learned that she would want to leave with us, Jo, without hesitation, offered three lessons which will continue to guide and bless us in her life beyond death:

How nourishing is our past The Sweetness of friendship That Nothing is Wasted in God's Economy

Ah, so! If we live these lessons as Jo taught them to us, we, too, will know the joy of Jo's text: "I have enough!"

Thanks Be to God!

HAROLD LOUIS DANIEL



“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.” Harold often told others that he was seventeen before he realized that hymn wasn’t written about him! But, in fact the angels did “herald” the birth of Harold Daniel. He was born in Amarillo on April 10, 1935 and through all his travels with education, career, retirement, he kept coming back to Amarillo. It was home and Polk Street United Methodist Church was home as well.

Harold was a graduate of Amarillo High School, Yale University, Perkins School of Theology at SMU, and Nova University. He was a life long learner and a friend to those in need.

He married Barbara in 1957 and together they were blessed with four children: Cohn, Alicia, Trevor, and Andrea. They doubly blessed them with sons and daughters-in-laws and ten grandchildren.

A call to ordained ministry led him to serve at campus minister in Wyoming and Montana. He then pursued his doctorate in Behavioral Science and Educational Research. He was invited to coordinate an off-campus Masters Degree Program in Venezuela. When he returned to defend his dissertation Harold took the family out to dinner. One of his children asked, “what do we call you now?” He replied, “How about “the Rev. Dr. Daddy Sir.” It never stuck, but oh, how appropriate. A man who sewed God through The United Methodist Church, a man of learning which led him to serve those in need, a loving father (daddy) and to many of us, a gentle man. And of course, a loving and faithful husband.

Harold retired from the ministry while sewing on the pastoral staff of his home church, Polk Street United Methodist Church of Amarillo. As one parishioner said, “it is difficult to give expression to the impact Harold had on our lives and on so many others. To us, he was a sterling gentleman, a man of wise words and great faith and yet, he also had a playful sense of humor.”

We give thanks to God for a life of love, service and grace. Thanks be to God for the gift of Harold Daniel.

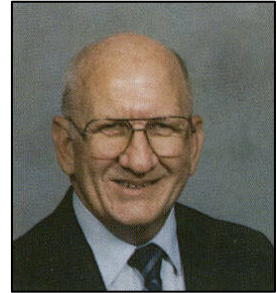
Following cremation, a Memorial Service was held at Polk Street United Methodist Church in Amarillo, Texas on Monday, December 31, 2007 with the Rev. Marty Hamrick officiating.

Marty Hamrick

JESSE PAYTON DEA

Jesse Dea was born on January 12, 1933 in Wichita Falls, Texas, to William and Stella (Boyce) Dea. His body died in Lubbock, Texas, on Thursday, October 25, 2007. He graduated from Quanah High School. Jesse and Marita were married on April 25, 1984.

He was called into the ministry while he was working as a lineman for the REA. Jesse preached his first sermon at First United Methodist Church in Quanah. He enrolled at McMurry University in the summer of 1958, and was a student pastor at Lawn and Blackwell. Other full time appointments included Blackwell, Goree, Dunn-Buford, Snyder-Union-Ira, Clyde, Silverton, Follett, Northridge in Lamesa, Wellington, and Quanah United Methodist Churches. He became an Associate Member of the Conference in 1969, and retired in 1999. From 2002 until 2007 he was the interim pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Quanah, Texas.



Jesse was greatly influenced by the Ashram movement, and also had a passion for world and area missions. Dr. Jordan Grooms and Dr. Harold Spann were beloved mentors to Jesse in these areas. Dr. Thomas Carruth and his book, "Forty Days Of Love", also helped influence Jesse's spiritual formation. Jesse led his church through the study book and the recommended reading of the book of I John every day for forty days. As a result, the congregation experienced tremendous spiritual growth. In fact, Dr. Carruth dedicated the next edition of "Forty Days Of Love" to Jesse Dea and that congregation. Jesse was known for his great love for God and all people, and his ability to have deep talks about following Jesus with just about anyone, sitting down with them over a glass of iced tea. One of his hobbies was whittling figures of people out of wood. Another passion of his was anything having to do with the Texas Rangers. At each church where Jesse served, he attached the following scripture on the pulpit, where he could see it as he delivered God's Word: "Sir, we would see Jesus."

Jesse requested that the scriptures read at his memorial service come from John 14, Romans 5, Romans 8, and I John 3: 1-5. His grandson, Blake, read one of the scriptures, and his obituary. His granddaughter, Cassie, read "Go Down, Death"; it is a chapter from "God's Trombones", which is one of Jesse's children's favorite books. Johnny Ray Watson, music evangelist, sang "Beulah Land" and "Deep River". The congregation joined in singing "And Can It Be", and "Victory In Jesus". Rev. Derrell Patterson and Rev. Lloyd Stice officiated at the services. Danny, Jesse's son, began and ended the services with very moving songs played on the Scottish bagpipes. The memorial service was held on October 30, 2007, at First United Methodist Church in Quanah; the burial service was held the same day at Hilltop Memorial Gardens in Snyder, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Marita Dea of Quanah; two daughters, Cindy Durham of Burleson, Texas, and Terrie Wurschmidt of Plain City, Ohio; five sons, Danny of Vancouver, Washington, David of Covington, Georgia, Timothy of Snyder, Galen Kunka of Owasso, Oklahoma, and Kelly Kunka of Waco, Texas; twenty-two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Derrell Patterson

DARRIS LEON EGGER, SR.



Dr. Darris L. Egger, Sr. was born December 21, 1919 to John F. and Emma (Barton) Egger in Egger, Arkansas. When Darris was nine years old the family moved to McAdoo, Texas where he graduated from high school. Attending McMurry University he was an active leader in student ministry groups where he graduated in 1942. Pursuing a ministerial education he enrolled in the School of Theology at Southern Methodist University graduating in 1947.

Dr. Egger is fondly remembered as a pastor who never met a stranger and whose Christian concern covered everyone in each of the cities where he served. Those included the North and Northwest Texas cities of Wylie, Moran, Caddo Mills-Salem, Josephine Circuit, Stinnett-Morse, Clyde, Wheeler, Amherst, Hamlin, Dimmit, Colorado City, and Sweetwater. Selected by Bishop Carleton as one of his Cabinet members Dr. Egger served as the Abilene District Superintendent twice for a total of 12 years and three years as the Conference Program Council Director. In retirement he continued to serve as occasional interim pastor, pastoral visitor and a beloved Sunday school teacher.

Dr. Egger's contributions to the Conference and General Church were recognized by his election as a Northwest Texas Conference delegate to General Conference in 1976. His administrative contributions were further acknowledged by his service as trustee for numerous Church related boards and institutions including McMurry University, Butman Methodist Camp, the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, the Methodist Mission Home in San Antonio, and Sears Methodist Retirement Centers. As Chair of the Advisory Board of Butman Camp Dr. Egger played a central role in the building of a Lodge for additional rooms and meeting space. He was also Building Committee Chairperson and a principal fund raiser for the Don Davidson Chapel at Sears Methodist Center.

Dr. Egger received many honors throughout his ministry including: the Northwest Texas Conference's Pastors Town and Country Award (1968); an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree, McMurry University (1973); and the NWT Conference recipient of the Texas Methodist College Award (1982). Dr. Egger will be honored with the Cross and Flame Award from the McMurry Alumni Association in the Fall, 2007. In addition to his church affiliations Dr. Egger was a member of the Texas Methodist Historical Society, the West Texas Historical Society, the West Texas Genealogical Society, and the Five State Watch and Clock Collectors.

Retirement in 1987 allowed Dr. Egger the time to perfect his long time interest in clocks and their preservation and to rediscover a latent interest in history. This historical interest led him into the authorship of several books of local history: *Prairie Parsons* (1991) and *Prairie Parsons, II* (1994); *Butman Methodist Camp in Mulberry Canyon* (1994); *A Church Named St. Paul* (1995). At the time of his death a fifth book was being published, a biography of J.W. Hunt, the founding and first president of McMurry University. The retirement years also found Dr. Egger serving as a long time member and occasional chairperson of the Conference Commission on Archives and History and as consultant to the Conference Archivist.

Preceding Dr. Egger in death were his parents, his son, Charles F. Egger, and his brother, Owen H. Egger. He is survived by his wife, Helen Egger of Abilene; his son Darris Egger, Jr. and his wife, Cheryl of Huntington Beach, CA; his daughter-in-law, Melody Egger of Abilene; his sister, Johnnie Shaw of Lubbock; one granddaughter, Amy Yoder and her husband Mike of Navarre, Florida; three grandsons, Russell Buccola and his wife, Lori; Ryan Buccola and his wife Andrea; and Kevin Buccola, all of Southern California; two great-grandsons, Derek and Brenden Yoder; one great-granddaughter, Paige Buccola; and several nieces and nephews.

Dr. Egger died June 2, 2007. His memorial service was held at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Abilene, with the Reverends Greg Kennedy, Jon Sims, Robert Ford and Robert Monk officiating. He is buried in the Elliott-Hamil Garden of Memories in Abilene, Texas.

Robert C. Monk

GLENDA FAYE JOHNSON

Glenda was born February 20, 1938, in Odessa, Texas. She graduated from Odessa High School in 1956 and attended Odessa College. After college, she married Billy Jenkins of Odessa. She raised her children and others in Gardendale and Monahans, Texas. In 1972, Glenda married Carl Julian in Odessa and then moved to Monahans. She worked as a veterinarian assistant, and a clerk for the Justice of The Peace of Ward County. Glenda also worked for a radio station in Kermit, Texas, and trained drug dogs for school inspections across West Texas.



In 1980, Glenda married the Love of her life, Lloyd P. Johnson. Lloyd was a deputy sheriff in Monahans. They later moved to Colorado City, Texas, when Lloyd became a Methodist Minister. He also served the Church in Silverton, Texas. Glenda and Lloyd provided the music ministry for fifty-four Walks of Emmaus. They sang and made music for the Lord in many churches across Texas and New Mexico. In 1994, Lloyd went to be with our Lord.

Glenda returned to Colorado City where she helped with upholstery work and was a volunteer for the American Red Cross. Glenda later became a Methodist minister and served as the pastor for churches in Loraine, Hermleigh, Quitaque, Turkey and Ranger, Texas. She served eleven years as a Methodist minister and dedicated her life to serving the Lord.

Reverend Glenda Faye Johnson, 69, went to be with our Lord and Savior September 13, 2007. Services were held at the First United Methodist Church in Ranger with burial being in Ranger, Texas.

Glenda's parents Elrey and Zanie Ash preceded her in death.

Glenda is survived by: her children, Bradley Jenkins and wife, Tracey of Houston, Laura Jenkins of Brownwood, Becky Hancock and husband, Mike of College Station, Sheila Simmons and husband, Stoney of Missouri, Mikeal Vermilyen and husband, John of Fort Hood, Minerva Colley and husband, Leigh of Arlington; her sister, Barbara Hickey and husband, Carroll of Arlington; her brother, Elrey Ash II and wife, Livvy of College Station; thirteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

CHARLES EDWARD LUTRICK



Charles Lutrick was born July 19, 1922 to a West Texas farm family close to Abernathy. Converted and called to the ministry during a revival led by Jordan Grooms at Lakeview Methodist Church, Charles began his lifelong service to the Lord as a teenager. Graduating from Abernathy High School in 1940 he received a student appointment while a student at Texas Tech while he had also assumed a leadership role at the Tech Wesley Foundation.

Marrying Ruth Monk in 1943 he completed Tech in 1945 and enrolled in the School of Theology at Southern Methodist University that year. Serving as the Youth Director of the Central Texas Conference while a student at SMU he also served the Burleson Methodist Church. Completing his seminary education in 1949 Charles returned to the Northwest Texas Conference entering into four decades of ministry within the conference. Additional education included workshops and short courses at Perkins School of Theology, Iliff School of Theology, and the Ecumenical Institute, Salamanca, Spain. Charles served churches throughout the conference closing his ministry with 13 years at Midland First Church. In retirement Charles served as Minister of Development at First Church, Lubbock. Charles' leadership and contribution to the conference and the church was recognized by McMurry University's awarding him a Doctor of Divinity degree 1968.

Local church members quickly recognized Charles pastoral concern, preaching ability, and found his administrative leadership often guiding their churches into strong organizations concentrated on service locally and beyond themselves. Charles' appreciation of and concern for the connection of Methodist churches nationally led him into service in the Annual, Jurisdictional, and General Conferences. As Executive Director of the Conference Board of Education (the conference executive of that day) he was instrumental in establishing Butman Camp. His service as District Superintendent is well remembered and appreciated by those whose ministry he supervised. A member of some sixteen annual conference committees and agencies throughout his career, Charles also served as a Trustee of Texas Methodist Student Movement, Texas Methodist Mission Home, McMurry University, Southern Methodist University and as a director of the Texas Methodist Foundation. A delegate to six General and Jurisdictional Conferences he served on the church's General Council, the Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy and as the Chair of the General Commission on General Conference planning the 1992 General Conference. Because of his breadth of service he often became the confidant of Bishops through his knowledge and interpretation of the Discipline of the Church. However, in all of this service it was his pastoral concern and his example of Christian living that became his hallmark among his parishioners and his fellow ministers.

For family and close friends Charles was the solid rock on which they could depend whatever their personal situation. As loving husband, father, and grandfather his concern and compassion allowed him to be a teacher of honesty, discipline, integrity, and ultimately to serve as their example of consummate love which he gained through his dedication to Christ.

Charles is survived by Ruth, his wife of sixty-four years, daughter Linda Matsler and her husband Gary, son David and his wife Anne, son Charles (Chuck), five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren as well as his four siblings and their families.

Charles died on December 6, 2007. Services were held December 10th at First United Methodist Church, Lubbock, with Pastor Jay Horton, Chaplain Jeff Matsler, Dr. Keith Wiseman, and Dr. Robert Monk officiating. Burial was in the Strip/Pearce Hill Chapel Cemetery in Abernathy.

Robert Monk

JOHN WILEY MOURER, SR.

On September 28, 2007 life was celebrated as family, friends, parishioners, and Northwest Texas clergy gathered to remember the Reverend John Mourer.

As an elder member of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference, many saw in John gentleness and a concern for people. The best word to describe John was “pastor.” He loved the people he served and he was loved in return.

How does one become that kind of person — “pastor”? Are you born that way? Do life experiences form you into being one type of person or another? One of six children, John and his siblings were orphaned when he was age 5. Placed in orphanages and various homes, they struggled to get through. Separated from his siblings, two school teachers made sure he finished high school and then he joined the army. He faithfully served his country in the Army and then the Air Force for twenty-two years. In the midst of those years he found love and married Eleanor and together they were blessed with four children:



Maureen, Connie, Nancy Jane and John. They were doubly blessed with seven grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren. For one who grew up without a family, his children and grandchildren could not have asked for a better family man — family dad.

Imbedded in the family life was a military bearing. There were rules and the family lived by the rules. One saw that as well, in the way he pastured his flocks. A gentleness and yet a firmness in the way things should be done.

In 1961 John was called into the Methodist ministry. He graduated from West Texas State University and his graduate work was completed at Southern Methodist University’s Perkins School of Theology. He served in the Oklahoma Conference and the Northwest Texas Conference churches of Wildarado, Hunt Memorial-Dumas, Buchanan Street and Polk Street of Amarillo.

John lived by faith and he lived his faith. He grew up in a hurry, took on responsibility in a hurry, served out of loyalty and commitment, saw a need and met it. So, we honor a man who was called by God, marked by God, and whose life was blessed by God in order to be a blessing to others.

John was born February 24, 1918 and joined the saints of heaven on September 24, 2007. The Reverend Mourer’s memorial service was held at the Amarillo Polk Street United Methodist Church Sanctuary on Friday, September 28, 2007 with Rev. Marty Hamrick officiating. Burial was at Llano Cemetery in Amarillo.

Thanks be to God for the gift of life we call John Mourer.

Marty J. Hamrick

RAYMOND P. WOLFE



Reverend Raymond P. Wolfe, 86, passed away Sunday, December 23, 2007. Memorial services were held at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church, with Rev. John Ballard, his long time friend, officiating.

Rev. Wolfe married Beuna Cox Jan. 26, 1943, in their hometown of Clarksburg, West Virginia. They had four children. Their two sons, Rick Wolfe and Ron Wolfe, and daughter, Nodji Riley, live in Lubbock. Their son Tim Wolfe lives in Phil Campbell, Alabama. They have nine grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Rev. Wolfe was born November 22, 1921, in Clarksburg, to Raymond and Estella Wolfe and was the fourth of their thirteen children. He graduated from Roosevelt-Wilson High School.

During World War II, Raymond served in the United States Coast Guard. Following World War II, he graduated from Nyack College in Nyack, New York, where received his Bachelor of Theology degree.

Rev. Wolfe pastored churches in Bartlesville and Tulsa, Oklahoma.; Van Buren, Arkansas.; and Harlingen, Fort Worth, Happy, and Amarillo, Texas. He served as Chaplain of Methodist (Covenant) Hospital in Lubbock for twenty years. At the time of his death, he was still serving as Chaplain for Carillon Life Care Community, and had done so for the last twenty-five years.

Rev. Wolfe’s kindness, loving spirit, and thoughtfulness endeared him to many in the Lubbock community. He was named Lubbock Caregiver of the Year in 1991. He was co-founder of SHARE, an organization formed to provide support for parents who had lost a child. He was also instrumental in starting the Organ Bank in Lubbock.

His middle name was Paul and, like the apostle Paul, he could say, “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness.”

ROYCE CALVIN WOMACK

Royce was born December 1, 1919, the son Carl Ivan and Ila Nelson Womack, Wellington, Texas. Royce lived in several communities in the southern panhandle and south plains of Texas.

After high school Royce attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas and received his Bachelor of Divinity from Perkins School of Theology in 1945.

It was while he was attending college that he met the love of his life, Mildred. They were married on August 14, 1945. They were married 63 years.

Royce and Mildred entered ministry together in the Northwest Texas Conference serving their first appointment, Fairpark Methodist Church in Abilene. Royce and Mildred were a “package deal”. Royce preached and Mildred played the piano. To the delight of many of the congregations they served.

In addition to Fairpark, Royce served churches in Big Spring, Lubbock, Midland, Abilene, Hamlin, Morton, Anton, Baird, Earth, Pampa, Borger, Sunray, Sundown, Paducah and lastly Amarillo for more than 17 years, where he served San Jacinto United Methodist Church as an associate pastor, and remained faithful to it’s off-shoot, Covenant Fellowship Church, in his retirement. Royce retired three times during his ministry, but finally hung up his robe in 1998.

Royce loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. And was remembered as a man with a pastor’s heart; a kind and compassionate man who loved everyone - a true shepherd of God’s people.

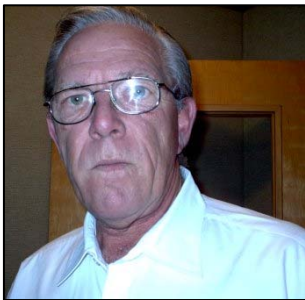
Royce entered into eternal life on Saturday, April 12, 2008 having been a faithful shepherd of God’s people. A Memorial Service was held on April 14 at Covenant Fellowship Church, Amarillo with Rev. Stephen Gaines officiating, and son-in-law Terry Bavousett assisting. Royce was laid to rest at Memory Gardens in Amarillo.

Royce is survived by his wife, Mildred, three daughters; Eileen Womack of Leavenworth, Kansas, Pauline Bavousett and her husband Terry, and Roycille Yarbrough of Amarillo. Six grandchildren: Lynn, Chris, Amber (David), Keri, Misty, Crystal; eight great-grandchildren: Ashlyn, McKinnzey, Brandon, Drake, Dawson, Cambley, Devin & Damon.



Steve Gaines

JERRY EDWARD BOONE



Jerry Edward Boone, 59, of Rotan, Texas died Monday, October 22, 1007 at his residence, following a lengthy illness. He was born November 1, 1947 in Long Beach, California, to Joe and Margaret (Gauch) Boone.

He was a Postmaster. He married Pat Ashley in Bellflower, California, on June 13, 1970. Her served in the U.S. Army, and received 2 Purple Hearts for his service in Viet Nam. He was a lifetime member of the VFW, a volunteer fireman, and a member of the Cross Country Emmaus Community. He loved hunting and fishing, and also was a man who was teaser, and loved to tell jokes.

Services were held on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at the First United Methodist Church of Rotan with Rev. Danny R. Cochran and Rev. Corky Wells officiating.

Burial was in the Rotan Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Pat Boone of Rotan, Texas, one con, Chris Boone and wife Heather, of Monahans, Texas, and daughters, Jerry-Lynn Throgmorton and husband Rodney of Panhandle, Texas, and Shannon Harrison and husband Russell of Lubbock, Texas. He is also survived by his parents, Joe and Margaret Boone of Las Vegas, NV, and a brother, Jim Boone of Las Vegas, NV, and grandchildren Alex Harrison, Sidnee Harrison, Cory Throgmorton , Kendra Harrison, Russell Harrison II. Cade Throgmorton, Corbin Throgmorton, and Fisher Boone. He was preceded in death by a brother, Donnie Boone in 1988 and a granddaughter Haleigh Throgmorton in 2003.

Jerry will be missed by his family and friends as well as his extended church families in both the Methodist churches at Rotan where he and his family attended for many years and in Hermleigh where his wife Pat is currently pastoring.

Danny Cochran

MILDRED FITZGERREL

Mildred Fitzgerrel was born August 21, 1908 in Chicago, the daughter of Robert and Martha G. Endicott Moore..

Mildred married the Rev. John Fitzgerrel in Chicago in August 21, 1928. John and Mildred came to the Northwest Texas Conference in 1952 after many years of service in the Assemblies of God. John was appointed to Dodson and Kelly, Wildorado, Vernon Texas Street, Crowell, Stinnett, Matador, and McAdoo churches. After retirement in 1973, they moved to Kansas, where John was pastor at Isabel-Sawyer and Bushton. John died in 1979. As a widow, Mildred lived in Hutchinson and in Lancaster, California. She returned to Hutchinson in 2004.



Mildred was a homemaker and was active in the churches where John was pastor. She taught children, youth, and adults in various settings. She also participated in choirs and as a pianist. Most of her energies were focused on being a wife and mother. Her children especially appreciated her labors that eased the burdens of poverty in the early years. Her strong faith was an important foundation for her children's lives.

She died September 9, 2007, at Dillon Living Center in Hutchinson, Kansas. She was the surviving spouse of the Rev. John Fitzgerrel, elder in the Northwest Texas Conference, who died in 1979. Her survivors include two sons John, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Bill, pastor of Lamed, Kansas, UMC, and his wife Pam; three daughters Rev. Juanita Catlin, pastor of Alden UMC in Kansas, Joyce Ball, and her husband Leroy, of Malvern, Florida, and Fern Emanuel, and her husband Ronnie, of Amarillo, Texas. Survivors also include fourteen grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at the Great Bend cemetery in Great Bend, Kansas, conducted by her children, Rev. Juanita Catlin and Rev. Bill Fitzgerrel. Her son, John, prayed, and her granddaughter's husband, Bobby Wyatt, sang. The service was a celebration of the grace of God and the blessing of Mildred's life.

Rev. Juanita Catlin

ELEANOR MOURER



We rejoice as Easter People, in behalf of Eleanor Mourer, born April 27, 1917, and who made her transition to God’s nearer presence, March 30, 2008. She won and claimed victory. She is enjoying a sweet reunion with husband Rev. John Mourer and daughter Nancy Jane and other loved ones. She has arrived at a place of perfect peace and rest.

Eleanor was born in Danville, Ill., to Robert and Lula See. Eleanor was a member of Polk St. United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Maureen Witcher and husband Donald and Connie Schofield and husband Donald, all of Amarillo; a son, John Wiley Mourer Jr., and wife Merla of Ardmore, Okla.; seven grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and seven great-

great-grandchildren.

Proverb 31 contains an ode to a capable wife. It reads in part:

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.

The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.

She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.

The proverb describes Eleanor Mourer. She was a capable wife who was more precious than jewels.

John trusted her, and she did him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. They were inseparable. Eleanor willingly followed John to far flung places in the US Air Force, and even into the Methodist ministry. They served the following appointments: Oklahoma Hartshorns-Haileyville, Oklahoma Edgewood, Channing-Middlewell, Hunt Memorial-Spurlock, Buchanan St. Amarillo, Wildorado, and Forest Hill Amarillo.

If John had determined to become a snake oil salesman, Eleanor would have gone with him. She was committed to him 110%. The family moved 52times, but they always took their home with them, due largely to Eleanor’s steady, dependable hand. Perhaps we should say “sticky” hand, because she served as “glue” holding the family together, whether in Europe or Wildorado.

We know also that she “looked well to the ways of her household”; idleness was not in her character. She typically worked full time outside the home and inside the home. She worked outside the home as a secretary, which meant that she wrote her grocery lists in shorthand.

And she feared the Lord—in the sense of love and respect—as evidenced by her strong faith and commitment to Christ and His church. She served and took care of other people, usually behind the scenes, and that’s perhaps how her Quaker upbringing manifested itself.

How grateful we are for her life and for all she contributed to God’s kingdom on this earth. God gave her to us as a special gift; God blessed her, and she in turn blessed us. Yes, as a capable wife and mother, she was “more precious than jewels.”

A memorial service was held April 2 in the sanctuary of Polk Street UMC, Amarillo, with Rev. C. Lane Boyd officiating. Honorary pallbearers were Michael Witcher, Bret Robinson, Eric Copinger, Terry Pedigo, D.J. Harris, Lee Oles, and Steve Schmidt-Witcher. Organist was Noel-Paul Laur, and vocalists included Michael Jones and Cecelia Harris. Burial was at Llano Cemetery in Amarillo.

C. Lane Boyd

GEORGE ROBERT SCHOCK

George R. Schock was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan, on Christmas Day, December 25, 1928. His parents were George S. and Bessie Laurain Schock.

George married Louise Kesler Schock on New Years Day, January 1, 1966 in Winder, Georgia. George and Louise had two children, George Schock, Jr. of Lubbock, Texas and Lori Jeanne Schock of Alexandria, Virginia.

Most of George's career was spent in the military. His wife, Louise, spent many years going with him and supporting him wherever he was sent, When George retired from the military in 1988 it was his turn to be with, and go to, wherever Louise might be sent. George hoped that would not be in a cold climate. He was most supportive of Louise's life in Christian ministry in the United Methodist Church. In fact, George was the first male spouse of a Cabinet member, for Louise was a member of the Cabinet in her position as Conference Council Director.



George had a quick wit, a good sense of humor, and was often a tease. He didn't tease about the fact that while Louise was working he could be found at home cooking. When he answered the phone at home he simply said "Schock" in what seemed to be true military fashion.

George attended church regularly and sat in the back pew. Pastor Louise would include a family member in her sermons from time to time. One Sunday morning she mentioned George as part of an illustration. The mention prompted George to speak up and say out loud for all the church to hear, "Stick to the Scriptures, Louise." His remark brought about a quick response of laughter

George and Louise had agreed that Louise, when retiring from the Conference Office, would serve a church (Asbury United Methodist) for just one year. But she ended up as Asbury's appointed pastor for six years. One Sunday morning after morning worship I asked George how he felt about Louise staying on for a sixth year? His reply was quick and simple: "How can you argue with God?"

George was a man who had a strong faith and who was loved by all who knew him. He continued to come to church regularly even when it meant coming with a portable oxygen tank.

During his waning moments of struggle between life and death while in the hospital, Louise and her sister, Jeanne, were at his bedside singing the refrain from a beloved hymn, "come home, come home, ye who are weary come home, come home." It was precisely during those moments that the heart monitor showed that George had truly gone home.

George died on December 23rd, 2007, almost on the anniversary of his birthday. Services were held at Asbury United Methodist Church in Lubbock, Texas, on December 27, 2007, with Herb Tavenner and Dr. Shera Atkinson officiating. Interment would be in Winder, Georgia,

George is survived by his wife, Louise K. Schock, son George Schock, Jr. and daughter Lori J. Schock.

Rev. Herbert G. Tavenner

MINNIE LEE WARD TODD



Minnie Lee Ward Todd, was born to Forrest and Bea Ward on October 31, 1913 in Osage, Texas. Minnie married Ellis Todd on March 29, 1929. After Ellis became a Methodist minister and completed McMurry College they served churches in the Northwest Texas Conference. Some of the churches they served are Wilson, New Home, Seagraves, Petersburg, Hale Center, Sudan, Stanton, Haskell, Wellington and Mclean.

After retirement Minnie and Ellis lived in Lubbock and Minnie enjoyed serving with the volunteers at Methodist Hospital. Minnie spent her last four years at Sears Assisted Living in Abilene.

Minnie was preceded in death by her husband, two infant sons, Vernon Maurice, Earl Hughlet, her parents and four brothers. She leaves a son, Ellis Hughlyn Todd and wife Marsha from Stanton, Texas, a daughter Wanda Lee Hamblin and husband David from Abilene. She had four dearly loved grandchildren, Bill Hamblin and wife Sharla from Littlefield, Patty Rogers and husband Richard from Abilene, Julie Snellgrove and husband Brian from Stanton and Jill Dillashaw and husband Scott from Melissa. Her twelve great-grand children were the greatest joy of her life. She also leaves five loved sisters-in-law.

Minnie died on November 26, 2007 and the funeral service for Minnie was held at Resthaven in Lubbock on November 29. Rev. Greg Kennedy, her pastor at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Abilene, presided.

Minnie will always be remembered by her family and friends for her humor and her beautiful spirit. In fact Ava Berry, Abilene District Superintendent, said that one of the things she remembers most is Minnie's son-in-law, Rev. David Hamblin, saying that when he got "too full of himself," Minnie would bring him to earth by saying, "Preachers, they are a lot like human beings."

Wanda Todd Hamblin

MARY ELIZABETH COOK WARD

Mary Cook was born July 15, 1928 in Erick Oklahoma. Mary graduated from Higgins High School and attended college at West Texas State University in Canyon. On September 5, 1948 she married Elmer Earl Ward and together they shared a life of joy surrounded by six children . She served along with her husband in various communities throughout West Texas. Rev. Ward preceded her in death in 1990. After Elmer's death Mary moved to Alpine and became a member of First United Methodist Church, Alpine.

Mary was a faithful servant devoted to her church and community. Her greatest joy came from her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed traveling and frequently drove long distances to be present at many important family events. Her family along with many frriends will remember her for her doughnuts, monkey bread, and banana pudding, to name a few other culinary treats.

Mary spent her time in service to others and was recently honored as Alpine's Volunteer of the Year. She delivered Meals on Wheels, cooked for students at The Wesley Center at Sul Ross University, was a volunteer driver for American Cancer Association, served as a member on the board of the Alpine Community Center, and worked on various projects at the Alpine Community Center, including writing the grant for the Children's School located in the center and curriculum development for that school. She attended and supported the Alpine Theater and the Alpine Public Library.

Mary was a mentor to many in Alpine. She taught all of us how to be a more loving and compassionate Christian by her example. We miss her and remember her with love and respect.

Mary Elizabeth Cook Ward passed away October 16, 2007 at Covenant Hospital, in Lubbock, Texas.

A memorial service was held in Alpine, Texas on October 19, 2007 at the Alpine First United Methodist Church, where she was an active member.

Jane Vaughn

LOIS WHITE

Lois White was born May 13, 1919. On May 23, 1964 she married Rev. Aubrey F. White. He preceded her in death on February 5, 1976.

Lois served faithfully along side her husband until he retired in 1974.

On January 3, 2008 Mrs. White died. Services were held January 7 at Tahoka United Methodist Church with Rev. Vernon Baker officiating