

## 22. MEMOIRS

## Those We Honor

## Deceased Clergy

**Noah Arnpriester**, retired minister, was born on February 13, 1924 and died July 30, 2008 at the age of 84. Noah and Hazel Bartz were married on October 11, 1942 in Eads, Colorado. They had nine children: Marvin, Donna, Marilyn, Paul, Rachel, Lois, David, Hazel, and Teresa. Rev. Arnpriester served churches in Texas and Kansas, then came to Nebraska and served at North Platte, Hastings First, Falls City Parish and Wilber before retiring in 1992. A memorial service was held August 1 at North Cross United Methodist Church in Kansas City, Missouri. His ashes were interred at the church.

**Onamae P. Waddel**, a conference clergy member, was born on March 17, 1949 and died September 10, 2008 at the age of 59. Onamae is survived by her mother, Delores Hays, daughter Alexis Bogus, and son, Brian. Rev. Waddel served churches in Eddyville, Elwood and Grand Island Trinity. A prayer service was held on September 12 at Grand Island Trinity UMC. A graveside service was held September 13 at the cemetery in Edison, Neb.

**Verna Lusk Buell**, retired minister, was born June 30, 1923 and died December 9, 2008 at the age of 85. Verna is survived by two sons, Thomas and Duncan, and a daughter Connie B. Hinton. Rev. Buell served churches in Hemingford, Palmer-Wolbach-St. Paul, and Beaver City before retiring in 1990. In retirement she also served Lee's Landing United Methodist Church in Ponchatoula, Louisiana. A funeral service was held December 15 at St. Timothy on the Northshore United Methodist Church in Mandeville, Louisiana. She was cremated with interment in the Memorial Garden at St. Timothy.

**Vivian Joyce Hand**, retired minister, was born December 30, 1920 and died February 3, 2009 at the age of 88. Rev. Hand served churches in Cozad, Randolph-McLean, Walthill-Rosalie, Elm Creek-Williamsburg, Wilsonville, Allen-Dixon, Palisade, McCook, and Indianola before retiring in 1986. A funeral was held on February 7 at the Episcopal Church of Saint Mary in Bassett, Nebraska with burial at the Wilsonville City Cemetery.

**William B. Anderson**, retired minister, was born on March 20, 1929 and died April 26, 2009 at the age of 80. Bill married Opal on February 6, 1953 and they had five children: Irma, Arlene, Lula, Harold and Eric. Rev. Anderson served churches in Laurel-Dixon, Allen, Hebron, and Pender before retiring in 1994. A memorial service will be held at a later date at the St. Paul United Methodist Church in South Sioux City, Nebraska. His body was given to science. He will then be cremated with burial to be in Oakland, Nebraska.

**James H. Newton**, retired minister, was born on June 20, 1933 and died on April 30, 2009 at the age of 75. James and Geraldine Renschler were married September 7, 1958 in Mandan, North Dakota and had a son, Paul. Rev. Newton served a church in Montana, then as the assistant Chaplain at Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas, Associate Chaplain at the Nebraska Methodist Hospital in Omaha, and then was affiliated with Clergy Financial Management, Inc. He went into private practice in association with Omaha Psychiatric Associates in Omaha and Council Bluffs, Iowa before retiring in 1998. His body was cremated and no memorial service has been held.

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## Deceased Spouses

**Marjorie “Marj” Miller**, wife of Rev. James B. Miller, was born October 18, 1938 and died June 16, 2008 at the age of 69. She married James B. Miller on December 28, 1968 and they had two children, Christina and Joshua. Rev. Miller served churches at Clarks-Pierce Chapel, Harvard, O’Neill-Inman, Columbus, Ord, Milford, and currently Ogallala. Two memorial services were held: on June 20 at the Ord United Methodist Church and then on June 24 at the Ogallala United Methodist Church.

**Ruth Laphorn Kelly**, widow of Rev. Albert W. Laphorn, was born December 7, 1910 and died July 15, 2008 at the age of 97. She married Albert Laphorn on December 26, 1967. She is survived by two daughters, Dorothy Monroe and Beverly; four sons, Roy, Jerome, James, and Timothy. Rev. Laphorn served churches at Omaha Dietz Memorial, Omaha Pearl Memorial, Lincoln Elm Park, Lincoln First, and Kearney First. He served as superintendent of the Omaha and Columbus districts of the Methodist Church before retiring in 1969. After retirement he served the Trinity Community Church in Rokeby, Neb., and was part-time associate pastor of the Grand Avenue United Methodist Church in Hot Springs, Arkansas and the Lakeview United Methodist Church in Sun City, Arizona. Ruth’s memorial service was held on July 19 at the Brighton Court Retirement Home in Lynnwood, Washington. Cremation with interment at the Wyuka Cemtery, Lincoln, Neb.

**Clara Murphree**, widow of Rev. Quincy A. Murphree, was born January 10, 1920 and died September 28, 2008 at the age of 88. Clara married Quincy Murphree on August 8, 1979 and with that he acquired three step children, one son, George Lawson, and two daughters Carla Schumaker and Margaret Shepherd. Rev. Murphree served churches in Oregon, Rocky Mountain Conference, and Kansas West, and then in Nebraska at Methodist Mission, Lincoln Heights-Asbury, Wauneta, Humboldt, Eustis-Farnam, Hebron, Lyons, and Ravenna-Hazard before retiring in 1976. A funeral service was held October 2 at the Town East Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas. Interment at Salem-Sayers Cemetery in San Antonio.

**Naomi Schroeder**, widow of Rev. Frank E. Schroeder, was born July 14, 1909 and died November 5, 2008 at the age of 99. She married Frank Schroeder on October 2, 1937 and they had two children, Robert and Sharon Gillespie. Rev. Schroeder served churches in Morning Star, -Redfern, Culbertson, Hastings, Grand Island, Elmwood-Murdock, Seward-Milford, Norfolk First-Westridge, and Red Cloud-Cowles before retiring in 1977. A funeral service was held November 14 at Hastings First United Methodist Church. Interment at Clay Center Cemetery.

**Carol J. Falk**, wife of Rev. Laurence L. Falk, was born on January 13, 1929 and died on January 13 2009 at the age of 80. She married Laurence Falk on June 9, 1951. Rev. Falk served the church in Milford, then as Professor at Concordia College, until retirement in 1994. A private burial service was held in the spring at Hoskins, Nebraska.

**Mildred S. Bailey**, widow of Rev. K. Roy Bailey, was born on October 5, 1921 and died February 9, 2009 at the age of 87. She married K. Roy Bailey on April 6, 1944 and they had a daughter, Kandra Hahn. Rev. Bailey served churches in Kansas West and then in Nebraska at Lincoln Trinity, Kearney, Omaha First, Omaha Lefler Memorial, Rockbrook, Omaha New Mission, Omaha Aldersgate, and Omaha Olive Crest. A memorial service was held February 14 at Lincoln Saint Paul United Methodist Church. Body donated to science.

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**Leila A. Beck**, widow of Harrell F. Beck, was born on September 21, 1914 and died on February 18, 2009 at the age of 94. She married Harrell Beck on December 1, 1951 and they had two sons, Daniel and David. Rev. Beck served on special appointment to the American University in Cairo, Egypt and Boston University before retiring in 1987. A funeral service was held on February 23 in Lexington, Massachusetts. Cremation.

**Janelle Emert**, wife of Rev. Glen Emert, was born on November 15, 1936 and died April 22, 2009 at the age of 71. She married Glen Emert on July 12, 1986. Her children are Kevin Miller, Karma Reed and Kent Miller. Her step children are Joy Martin, Kelle Dikeman, Bernice Holland and Karen Nowatzke. Rev. Emert served churches at Burwell-Taylor, Hershey-Sutherland, Oshkosh-Lewellen, Pleasanton-Ravenna Zion, Laurel-Logan Center and currently at Broken Bow. A funeral service was held April 25 at the Broken Bow United Methodist Church. Interment at the Fort McPherson Cemetery, Maxwell, Nebraska.