

XI. MEMOIRS

THE MEMORIAL ROLL

*In Memory of those persons related to the
Virginia Conference who died in the last year*

With Memoir

Name of Deceased Clergy, (Date of Birth), & Conference Status **Date of Death**

Retired Clergy:

Hunter Presto Mabry (08/04/33) RE.....	July 09, 2016
Shirley R. Mercer (10/27/35) RL.....	July 27, 2016
Weldon D. White (11/18/33) RE.....	August 01, 2016
Frederick J. Pawell Jr. (10/12/18) RE.....	August 19, 2016
Edward J. Taylor Jr. (01/05/29) RE.....	August 20, 2016
William J. Burleigh (05/31/41) RA.....	September 3, 2016
David A. Russell (04/03/41) RL.....	September 30, 2016
Hugh J. Winston Jr. (10/22/20) RE.....	November 21, 2016
H. Randolph Arrington (03/09/31) RE.....	December 10, 2016
Donald P. Davis (10/15/34) RE.....	December 12, 2016
Nancy B. White (11/29/38) RE.....	December 14, 2016
Daniel G. Spauth (10/31/46) RA.....	December 27, 2016
Lewis C. Armentrout Jr. (05/25/24) RE.....	January 16, 2017
Paul C. Harris (09/17/30) RA.....	January 21, 2017
Frank S. Crim (10/14/30) RE.....	January 22, 2017
Avis Bock (07/28/39) RL.....	February 19, 2017
D. Mike Meloy (01/09/43) RE.....	February 26, 2017
Robert H. Garner (10/18/35) RE.....	March 6, 2017
Patrick J. Simon (04/17/36) RL.....	March 18, 2017
James S. Angle (11/19/36) RA.....	April 13, 2017
Ernest Dyson (09/06/26) RE.....	April 22, 2017

Active Clergy:

Michael S.B. Robbins (03/30/53) FE.....	July 16, 2016
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Key to Conference Status Abbreviations:

RE - Retired Elder	RA - Retired Associate Member
RL - Retired Local Pastor	RB - Retired Bishop
PE - Provisional Elder	PL - Part-time Local Pastor
FL - Full-time Local Pastor	RDM - Retired Diaconal Minister
FE - Full Elder	RP - Retired Probationary/Provisional Member

Spouses of Clergy:

Mary Baird (Rev. Donald Baird).....	May 5, 2016*
Mary Anne Noland (Rev. James R. Noland).....	May 15, 2016*
Frances McIntyre (Rev. Robert McIntyre)	May 30, 2016*
Rachel Downs Lewis (Rev. Robert D. Lewis)	July 22, 2016
Ettie Jo Bearden (Rev. William Bearden)	September 25, 2016
Mary Ruth Forstall (Rev. Walton Forstall).....	September 29, 2016
Dr. Paul Salbert (Rev. Janet Salbert).....	October 1, 2016
Elizabeth Worden (Rev. Richard Worden)	December 7, 2016
Roma Reed (Rev. Claude Reed)	December 10, 2016
Faye Smithwick (Rev. Phillips Foote)	December 18, 2016
Oliver Cromwell (Rev. Youtha Hardman-Cromwell).....	January 18, 2017
Ruth T. Reynolds (Rev. James W. Reynolds Jr.)	January 22, 2017
Joseph Hedrick (Rev. Doris Hedrick)	February 08, 2017

Spouses of Deceased Clergy:

Margaret W. Quillian (Rev. William Quillian).....	May 04, 2016*
Pathenia (Tennie) Reid (Rev. Dermont Reid)	May 16, 2016*
Lawrine Burley (Rev. Terry Burley)	May 21, 2016*
Mary A. Parrish (Rev. William D. Parrish)	June 05, 2016*
Marjorie S. Green (Rev. Walter S. Green)	August 03, 2016
June Guldenschuh (Rev. Edward Guldenschuh).....	August 19, 2016
Oscar J. Olson (Rev. Patricia Olson).....	August 28, 2016
Verna Burke (Rev. Darreld R. Shoop).....	September 25, 2016
Louise I. Lyons (Rev. William Lyons)	October 14, 2016
Goldia Miller (Rev. A. Ray Miller)	December 10, 2016
Martha E. Coleman (Rev. Gerald P. Coleman)	December 11, 2016
Marilyn Staley (Rev. Paul Staley).....	December 20, 2016
Louise A. Monroe (Rev. Ralph Monroe)	January 04, 2017
Annabel Winston (Rev. Hugh Winston Jr.)	January 21, 2017
Helen G. Hoke (Rev. John L. Hoke)	February 07, 2017
Hazel M. McClung (Rev. Ardell McClung).....	March 22, 2017

*Not Reported at 2016 A. C.

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Lay Members*of the 2016-2017 Annual Conference who have died in the last year*

Richard I. Lowry (7 / 16 / 16)	Charles Wesley UMC, Arlington District
Evelyn Y. Jones (11 / 7 / 16)	Ivy Creek UMC, Charlottesville District
K. Dane Mills (2 / 5 / 17).....	Thalia UMC, Elizabeth River District
Martha Sue Wood Funkhouser (3 / 1 / 17)	
.....	Mount Zion UMC, Staunton District
Alene "Janice" Marshall (5 / 5 / 17)	Union UMC, Eastern Shore District

MEMOIRS**JAMES SHANK ANGLE
1936 - 2017**

Rev. James Shank Angle transitioned from his earthly body to his heavenly home on Thursday, April 13, 2017 after several months of failing health. He was born on November 19, 1936 the only child of Ralph and Ruth Shank Angle. Preceding him in death are his parents and his first wife, Dr. Kathleen Bailey Angle.

Surviving are his wife, Kate Harmon Angle, step daughter, Mary (Dennis) Reaser; two step grandsons, Alan (Susan) Powers and Philip Powers; two step great grandsons, Remington and Jacob Powers; cousins, Betty Linkous of Christiansburg and Gerald Pendleton of North Yorkshire, England.

James was a graduate of Shawsville High School, and an honor graduate of the College of William and Mary (A.B. and M.E.D.) He received his Masters Degree in English from Middlebury College. He also completed post graduate studies at Vanderbilt, Duke, Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

He was a professor emeritus of English and public speaking at Ferrum College where he taught for 34 years, and served as chair of the Humanities Department. Jim was also an ordained minister in the Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church for thirty years. He served as pastor of St. James United Methodist Church for eight years and then served as pastor of Goodwin Memorial United Methodist Church for 44 years. More recently he was an adjunct Professor at Virginia Western Community College.

**LEWIS C. ARMENTROUT JR.
1924-2016**

Lewis Armentrout and I have been friends for many years. If I were to say when we met, it would be when he came to the Clover Hill United Methodist Church in 1974. Over the years we became good friends and helped one another in our churches on various occasions. I will share a few of my memories of Lewis.

Lewis loved life and got all out of each day that he could. He loved all aspects of his ministry which included Masanuttan Charge at Elkton (1964-1974); Clover Hill United Methodist Church (1974-1983); West Brunswick Charge at Alberta, Virginia (1983-1989). Lewis retired in 1989 and returned to his farm at Timberville. However, the Lord decided it wasn't time for Lewis to stop preaching. He "filled in" as pastor of Fairview Church of the Brethren at New Market, Virginia, from 1994-2014 when his health began to fail.

First and foremost, Lewis loved, served, and shared our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Sharing the Good News was his passion, and he did it faithfully for many years. He was committed to his congregational families. Lewis was always working to win one more person to Jesus Christ, right up to his last days in the hospital.

Lewis was very much a family man. He was married to Helen for seventy years and together they reared two daughters. His love for his family was evident to all he encountered, and Helen was his devoted help-mate in the various pastorates which he served.

In his latter years Lewis enjoyed playing a game with me. He would call with some Bible trivia or theological question, and he expected me to find an answer. Then I would pose a question for Lewis to find the answer. One of his questions was, "Where in the Old Testament were three persons raised from the dead?"

Another special memory – Lewis liked to have fun. After he and Helen had amassed quite a few anniversaries, he began writing a play each year to celebrate their anniversary. Members of his church at Fairview were actors in these plays, and I was invited to have a role. Lewis must have spent many hours incorporating his sense of humor into these productions – they were always good for a lot of laughs.

If I were to describe Lewis' life in a few words, it would be that he loved the Lord, his family, and life in general. Lewis was a great friend, and I am blessed that he was a part of my life.

*Submitted by W.L. "Sonny" Henkel
Pastor of Victory Fellowship Church, Dayton, Virginia, May 1, 2014*

**H. RANDOLPH ARRINGTON
1931 - 2016**

If ever there was a faithful son in Christian Ministry it was Herbert Randolph “Randy” Arrington. He was born on March 9th, 1931 the seventh of eleven children. He was raised on a farm and at the age of nine, following a church revival he attended, he received his call from God to serve the Lord in ministry. He joined South Hill Methodist Church and thus began his journey into ministry. He attended Ferrum Junior College (1951-53), Randolph-Macon College (B.A. in 1955), and Union Theological Seminary of Virginia (1958-1960). As a senior at Randolph-Macon College he was called by Bishop Kenneth Goodson to start a new church in Hopewell which became the Wesley Methodist Church on August 23, 1955 with eighty three charter members. In 1958 he married his sweetheart of four years Annie Mae Hays, and together they had four children, Anne, Pattie, John, and Mark. It was while Randy was in seminary that the Bishop called upon him once again, to establish a church in Kenwood where the congregation was meeting at the Ruitan Community House with thirty seven members. By the time the church was erected there were three hundred and fifty members. Certainly a mark of Randy’s good pastoral work and evangelistic spirit.

A committed servant of the Church, Randy served with devotion, zeal, intensity, and compassion to all he encountered. He was admitted to the Virginia Conference as a Probationer and made Deacon in 1959, and ordained Elder in full connection in 1963. Over forty six years he committed himself to winning souls for Jesus Christ with a spirit that was infectious. Among his appointments were: Wesley, Hopewell; Kenwood, Petersburg; Campostella, Norfolk; St. Paul’s, Chesapeake; Scott Memorial, Virginia Beach; Westhampton, Richmond; Mt. Vernon, Danville; Epworth, Norfolk; Bon Air, Richmond, and he also served as Conference Director of Ministerial Services, Registrar to the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, and President of the United Methodist Foundation of the Virginia Conference. In retirement Randy pastored Prospect Church, Mechanicsville, and later served as Visiting Minister of Adult Ministries with his wife Annie for Shady Grove Church, Mechanicsville. Now, he and Annie are serving the Lord of the Church in that House Eternal. God bless you both!

The Reverend Dr. Thomas Murphy

**AVIS BOCK
1939 - 2017**

The Rev. Avis Bagley Bock, 77, of Madison Heights, passed away Sunday, February 19, 2017 at Guggenheimer Nursing Home after a long illness. She was the wife of the late Rev. James Ray Bock.

Born July 28, 1939 in St. Louis, MO, she was the daughter of the late Joseph Herman Bagley and the late Wilhelmina McKinney. A daughter, Crystene Gilliland, also preceded her in death. Rev. Bock was a graduate of Lynchburg College and attended Duke Seminary. She was a retired minister with the United Methodist Church Conference, where she was a former Pastor of Southview United Methodist Church.

Rev. Bock is survived by her daughter, Cynthia Woodroof and husband Jeff of Lynchburg; her son, John Rosser and wife Susan of Amherst; eight grandchildren, Jospheh Campbell, Jonathan Mikles, Eric Campbell, Brian Campbell, Sarah Rosser Bostwick, Angel Mikles, Emily Jean Rosser, and Willow Mikles and seven great grandchildren.

**WILLIAM “BILL” BURLEIGH
1941 - 2016**

William “Bill” Burleigh was born in 1941. In 1965, he proudly followed in the footsteps of his father, James S. Burleigh, and uncle, Hugh Burleigh, by becoming a Methodist minister. Among the churches he first served was Asbury-Parkside on the Portsmouth District. While there a community center and day care were established. Other appointments saw building projects completed, too.

Bill took incapacity leave from Friendship United Methodist Church on the Arlington District in 1995, and moved to the family farm outside Lynchburg, VA. In retirement, he was an active participant of Centenary United Methodist Church in Lynchburg. Bill had an awesome memory and loved to tell stories of the people and churches he served, especially things that were funny.

Though church was always top priority in his life, Bill also enjoyed the farm. Music was a favorite part of his life, and he sang with the Jefferson Choral Society.

At his death on September 3, 2016, Bill left behind his wife Susan Burleigh, daughters Karyl Bloyer and Catherine Smith, grandsons Zachary and Sean Smith, and many friends and associates.

The heart fails, but the spirit lives on.

**FRANK S. CRIM
1930-2017**

The Rev. Frank Sprint Crim, 86, of Berryville, VA, passed away Sunday, January 22, 2017, at Winchester Medical Center.

A retired minister of the Virginia Conference, Rev. Crim was born in Winchester, VA, his beloved hometown, on October 14, 1930. At Handley High School, Frank was president of the senior class of 1948, co-captain of the varsity football team, and an avid member of various dance committees and clubs.

After bypassing a possible opportunity to play in the National Football League, Frank attended Duke Seminary in Durham, North Carolina. While earning a Master of Divinity degree and serving as Associate Chaplain at Duke University Medical Center, he met and married Minnie J. Crim, a nurse from NC and later, the mother of his children.

After seeking to be a chaplain in the military, he served as Associate Chaplain at Methodist Hospital in Houston, TX; Dean of Men at Randolph-Macon College, his alma mater, in Ashland, VA; Chaplain at Camp Takoa, Hendersonville, NC; and held appointments throughout the VA Conference, including Pace Memorial UMC, Richmond; St. James UMC, Alexandria; McKendree UMC, Norfolk (where he was active during the civil rights movement); and Epiphany UMC, Vienna.

He led numerous retreats at Blackstone Retreat Center, UMC; Camp Highroad, UMC; and others, and conducted many seminars, including at Foundry UMC, Wash DC.

He also served as chaplain of Fairfax Hospital (now Fairfax Inova Hospital), and was a pastoral counselor in the Fairfax and Winchester areas, serving people regardless of their ability to pay.

He returned to the Winchester area in 1997, where he served as minister at Cool Spring UMC in Delaplane, and taught in the Elder Hostel program at Shenandoah University.

Frank was beloved by all, including over 30 cats and dogs, and human friends throughout his life. He conveyed God’s love everywhere he went, touching the nursing home and hospital staff during his brief last days.

Rev. Crim is survived by his wife, Corin H. Crim of Berryville; daughters, Lucy Lee Crim of Knoxville, TN and Dr. Jennie Lynn Crim (Psy D) of Fairfax; son, F. Sprint Crim, Jr. of Leesburg, a brother, Floyd Gladstone (Buddy) Crim of Palmetto, FL; and a cousin, Mary Lou Sprint of Winchester.

**DONALD P. DAVIS
1934 - 2016**

Donald Purgold Davis, 82, died Monday Dec. 12, 2016 at Heron Cove in Gloucester. Don was born in Seaford, VA on Oct. 15, 1934. He was a 1952 graduate of Poquoson High School, a 1956 graduate of Randolph Macon College, and received his Masters of Divinity from Duke University. He also received a Masters of Education from the College of William and Mary.

Don retired from the Methodist Ministry and from the Gloucester County School System after 25 years as a 4th grade teacher. He was also a member of the Stephen Ministry, the United Methodist Men, taught Sunday school and was a choir member for over 60 years. He was a long-time member of the VA Poultry Breeders Assoc. and an avid gardener and poultry breeder his entire life.

Don was preceded in death by his wife, Anne Presson Davis, his Parents Leonard and Virginia Davis and his sister Dolores Hautz. He is survived by his loving wife of 31 years, Miriam Davis, his children C. Keith Davis (Lisa) of Gloucester, Kevin Davis (Stephanie) of Mechanicsville, Jack Thomasson (KK) of Sandy UT, Barry Thomasson of Phoenix AZ, Ame Gilbert (Stephen) of Beavertdam. Grandchildren: Travis Davis (Adriana), Erin Fairbanks (Warren), Mary, Elizabeth, Paige and Leah Thomasson, Kayla, Collin and Lyndsey Gilbert, Abigail and Olivia Davis. Great Grandchildren: Ethan Davis, Emma and Gavin Fairbanks and Landon Davis.

ERNEST DYSON
1926 - 2017

Reverend Ernest Dyson, Ed.D., died April 22 at Mary Washington Hospital, in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Ernie was born September 6 1926, in Philadelphia, where he attended Olney High School. He left high school early to serve in the U.S. Merchant Marine and then the U.S. Navy, participating in the invasion of southern France. Ernie was aboard the destroyer U.S.S. Benson alongside the U.S.S. Missouri, in Tokyo Bay, when the Armistice was signed, September 2, 1945. He left the Navy in 1946, and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Temple University in 1950, as well as a Masters and Doctorate in Education in 1956 and 1965. He received a Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary in 1984. After a career in public school education, including as a high school teacher, principal, and district superintendant in Pennsylvania, he decided to enter the ministry, pastoring in Virginia at Hopewell, Bowling Green, and most recently, Hillcrest United Methodist Churches. Ernie authored two books, *Living With God in Loss*, and *Yearning For Eden*. He was on the staff of Fredericksburg Personal Counseling Service for many years. More recently, he counseled at Lake of the Woods Church and also Wilderness Community Church, where he was a member and preached.

Ernie was predeceased by his two sons, Ernest and Theodore and by two of his siblings, James and Doris (Payne).

He is survived by his dear friend and partner, Helen Ramsey, of Spotsylvania, by his brother Ronald and sister-in-law, Linda, of Wilmington, Delaware, and loving nephews, and by his “adopted” children, Robert and Cathy Kravetz. Ernie will be missed by the many whose lives he touched as an educator, author, minister, counselor, and friend.

ROBERT H. GARNER
1935 - 2017

Robert H. (Bob) Garner of Roanoke, Va., passed away on Monday, March 6, 2017. Bob, as he was known, married his high school sweetheart, Loretta Dillehay, and they had two children, Robert Dale Garner of Altamonte Springs, Fla., and his wife, Susan Voll Garner, and Pamela Garner Culbreth of Greensboro, N.C., who passed away in 1994. Bob and Loretta have three grandchildren, Zachary Robert Culbreth of Roanoke, Va., and Rachel Elizabeth Garner and Robert Maxwell Garner of Altamonte Springs, Fla. Their only great-granddaughter is Lillyah Elise Garner of Altamonte Springs, Fla.

Bob entered Oxford Masonic Orphanage at age 11 where he grew up and graduated from John Nichols High School on the campus of the orphanage in Oxford, N.C. He was a Morehead Scholar at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and continued his education at Greensboro College in Philosophy and Religion. He graduated from Wesley Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity.

Those who were close to him knew his passion for scholarship. He loved the pursuit of knowledge and writing. He considered his book, “The Way of St. Francis” to be one of his greatest accomplishments. He took great pleasure in authoring sermons and would light up when an idea for a new one came to him. His wife Loretta remembers his delight when he shared passages with excitement and enthusiasm. She especially remembers his joy in writing and delivering his sermons “The Lord of the Dance,” “A Whole Lota Shakin’ Goin’ On,” and “Singing in the Rain.” She often said his excitement over a new sermon was only matched by his excitement over a UNC win. When he wasn’t partaking in scholarly endeavors his favorite activity was cheering for the Tarheels with his grandson Zachary, and son Dale.

Bob was dedicated to Ministry. He was ordained into the Methodist Church in 1959. He served multiple assignments for the Virginia Annual Conference, including Associate Minister – Mt. Vernon UMC in Alexandria, The Hillsboro Circuit near Leesburg, Va., Associate Minister, Wesley UMC in Vienna with good friend Jerry Fink, Tabernacle UMC in Virginia Beach, Great Bridge UMC in Chesapeake, Central UMC in Arlington, First UMC in Charlottesville, Greene Memorial UMC in Roanoke, Minister of Visitation, South Roanoke UMC, and Boones Mill UMC in Boones Mill.

Bob also served the Virginia Conference as Vice President of the Board of Ordained Ministry, Chairman of the World Hunger Commission, Delegate to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of the UMC, and Editor of the Virginia United Methodist Heritage (the annual publication of the Virginia Conference Historical Society). He also served as Secretary of the Board and Registered Agent of Arlington Hospital while serving Central UMC in Arlington, Va.

Although Bob’s professional activities and friendships gave him great satisfaction, nothing brought him greater pleasure than being a father, grandfather and husband. His many friends and family members will always remember his hilarious Irish jokes and stories, delivered enthusiastically with a rich and colorful Irish brogue.

Bob’s favorite movie was “Singin in the Rain.” He loved it’s joy and he loved the scriptural significance of hope, faith and optimism. In his sermon of the same title he said: “I’ve been through a lot in the past several years. Whoever said that growing old is not a game for sissies surely knew what he was talking about...But when people would ask, ‘How are you?’ [he’d smile that inimitable smile and say] “I can still sing in the rain.”

- Dale and Loretta Garner and Ernie Zulia

PAUL C. HARRIS
1930 - 2017

Rev. Paul Cassidy Harris, a third generation United Methodist minister and associate member of the Conference, died January 21, 2017. He was the husband of Patricia Walker Harris for 60 years. They married in 1956. He is survived by a son, Brian Cassidy (Danielle) and a daughter-in-law, Dora Michelle Harris. Also three grandchildren, David (Haley), Andrew, Brianna and a great grandson, Quinten Harris. Other survivors include three step granddaughters, five step great grand children, a sister, Zuma Truitt (Rev. Donald), Eastern Shore, three brothers, Larry (Tommi) of Goldsboro, NC, William of Jacksonville, FL, Jay of Glen Allen, VA and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death was a son, Richard Paul, and his parents, Rev. William Glenn (Virginia Pauline Curtin) and brothers, Alvin Glenn and Harry Adrian.

Paul was born September 17, 1930, in Premier, WV. He graduated from Gary High School in Gary, WV. He then spent the next four years in the U. S. Navy aboard the USS Taconic serving during the Korean Conflict. At age 39 he left a managerial position for Eaton Corporation in Salem, VA and answered God’s call to begin the ministry. He finished his two years at Virginia Western in Roanoke, VA and the Duke Pastoral studies at Duke University in Durham, NC. Paul served the Virginia Conference as clergy of six churches: Crockett Springs, Catawba Charge; Lafayette/Halls, Roanoke District; Mt. Bethel, Danville District; Parrish Court and Mt. Carmel, Staunton District. While in the Danville District, Paul served as representative to Camp Altamons for youth and was a representative on Evangelism to Lake Junaluska. While on the Staunton District, he was a delegate to World Conference on Evangelism at Hilton Head, SC. He also was president of the Staunton District Ministerial Association for two years.

Paul and his wife, Pat, enjoyed hosting tours overseas. They took groups to Israel and Jordan on seven occasions. They also took groups to Greece, Turkey, & Italy following the Apostle Paul’s missionary journeys, and in 2010 to see The Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany and to see the Austrian Alps.

Paul loved to preach and held revivals over the conference. He had a heart for missions and the Haitian people. He went there two times to witness, preach, and build a school.

Paul retired in 1994. He built his dream, a log home, on the Jackson River in Alleghany County. He spent many happy hours fly fishing and tying his own flies. He attended Granbery Memorial, UMC in Covington, VA and continued to serve the Lord singing in the choir and teaching Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted by his wife, Pat Harris

HUNTER P. MABRY
1933-2016

Roanoke – Hunter P. Mabry, 82, died on 9 July 2016 after a long struggle with chronic radiation damage to his intestinal tract many years ago. Born in Timber Ridge in Rockbridge County, he was a native of the Shenandoah Valley. During his youth he lived in the Waynesboro area and graduated with the Wilson Memorial High School class of 1951. Later, he completed his B.Sc. in Rural Sociology at the then Virginia Polytechnical Institute (Virginia Tech), his B.Div. at the Candler School of Theology (Emory University) and served as a missionary to the Philippines, 1959 – 1963 under the Board of Missions of The United Methodist Church.

Desiring to help train persons to become pastors, he completed his Ph.D. in Sociology of Religion and Social Ethics at the Boston University School of Theology in 1969 and over the next 25 years served on the faculty of the United Theological College, Bangalore under the sponsorship of The United Methodist Board of Global Ministries (GBOGM) where he helped to train students at the B.D., M.Th. and D.Th levels. His published writings include *Christian Ethics*, *An Introductory Reader*, *The Christian Clergy in India, Vol. 1*, *Social Structure and Social Roles*, and *Manual for Re-*

searchers and Writers.

He was pre-deceased by his late parents, William P. and Hallie Kemp Mabry. Survivors include one sister, Marie Lowe, who lives in Mississippi; his beloved wife of 53 years, Dr Esther Galima Mabry; son Philip of Waynesboro, and daughter Ruth of Oman along with son-in-law Abdulrahim Al-Bahlani and grandchildren Malik and Zakaria.

After his retirement from the GBOGM in 1996, he devoted much of his time and energy to voluntarism – he was one of the founders of the Virginia Chapter of the Methodist Federation for Social Justice and of the Augusta Coalition for Peace and Justice; participated actively in other social justice established organizations such as Virginians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty and Virginia Organizing and initiated actions on issues such as restoration of voting rights and opening of job opportunities to ex-felons who have paid their debt to society.

**D. MICHAEL MELOY
1943 - 2017**

The Rev. D. Michael Meloy, 74, of Richmond, died Sunday, February 26, 2017. Born in Roanoke on January 9, 1943 to Cyrus E. “Bud” Meloy and Elsie Padgett Meloy, he spent his childhood in Roanoke and Northern Virginia. Mike was nurtured in his faith at a young age by his Grandma Williams who had a hunch he might become a minister one day. He graduated from Ferrum College, George Washington University, and Union Theological Seminary.

In the summer of 1969 (after nearly failing Greek in summer school), Mike married Jane Sydney and they embarked upon a wonderful life and ministry together. Their ministry began at Westhampton United Methodist Church where Mike was involved with the youth program and became the Associate Minister. In 1973, the family moved to the two point charge of Mt. Vernon in Toano and Tabernacle in Barhamsville where Mike also served as a volunteer firefighter with the rescue squad and was active with youth at the conference level. Mike and Jane Sydney’s ministry continued with moves to Huguenot Road in Richmond (1977-1985), Immanuel in Annandale (1985-1989), and Windsor Hills in Roanoke (1989-1996). In 1996, Mike was appointed District Superintendent of the Peninsula District. He continued in this role until 2004 and retired from full-time ministry in 2005. In retirement, Mike continued sharing his faith as the Minister of Congregational Care at Williamsburg United Methodist Church. Throughout his ministry, Mike worked to build relationships and nurture others in their faith.

Serving others was also an especially important part of Mike’s ministry. On trips to Appalachia through the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) and Mozambique through the Virginia Annual Conference, he was deeply affected by his encounters with others who shared profound faith and gratitude amidst economic strife.

Although his ministry was always an important part of his life, Mike was also a devoted husband, dad, “G-daddy”, and friend. He cherished times with family and friends, whether it was sitting around the table talking, dancing to Motown in the kitchen, or walking the sandy shores of the beach. Mike and Jane Sydney also enjoyed quiet weekends hiking through the woods at The Peaks of Otter.

Mike also had a love of planes, trains, and automobiles. He could often be found at an airport watching planes take off and land or at Virginia International Raceway (VIR) enjoying a weekend of classic car racing. His favorite mode of transportation was the Norfolk and Western Class J 611 steam locomotive. He loved watching the train run and hearing its mournful whistle echo through the Roanoke Valley.

Mike is survived by his wife of 47 years, Jane Sydney Meloy; daughters and sons-in-law, Ashley and Dustin Love and Mary Douglas and Mark Roscoe; grandchildren, Cameron Love, Emmie Love, Sydney Roscoe, and Sam Roscoe as well as many additional family members and friends.

**SHIRLEY MERCER
1935 - 2016**

Our mother, Shirley, became a local pastor after her husband, the Reverend Ira Vincent, passed away in 1995. She was appointed to three different charges/churches. A true Christian, Shirley firmly believed in helping people any way she could.

Her biggest joy was seeing the beautiful children in church. Her eyes lit-up seeing them wander around looking at everything, talking to people, and having a good time. In as many ways as she could, Mom involved them in the worship service.

One person, who later joined Mom’s church, arrived late one Sunday morning. Her adopted daughter, a part of the youth group which was singing that morning, had wanted her to come and had told her the church was awesome. Seeing the woman arrive, Shirley stopped in the middle of what she was saying to greet the woman with these words, “Welcome, come on it!”

This person felt really welcomed, and from then on thought a great deal of our mom. In fact, she thought of our mom like her second mom. She said mom was the gentlest and sweetest person she had ever met. When she touched our mom’s hand, she said she felt as though she was touching God.

Although not a church goer before meeting our Mom and attending her church, once she met our mom she began attending regularly. She had found a place a welcome and love.

Mom was the best wife, mother, sister (adopted sister to all), adopted mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and a grandmother to two special dogs.

Submitted by her family with love and appreciation for our Mom.

**DAVID A. RUSSELL
1941 - 2016**

David Arthur Russell, 75, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, September 30, 2016. He was born to Elroy Arthur and Esther Mae Russell in Marshalltown, Iowa on April 3, 1941. When Dave was 4 years old, his parents moved from Iowa to the mountains of Kentucky, to serve as home missionaries at The Red Bird Mission. He grew up at Mill Creek, Bright Shade, Beech Fork and Beverly Kentucky, loving the people of the area, the mountain culture and nature.

Dave developed a heart for people from an early age. He would ride on horseback (or a mule) behind his dad on Sunday afternoon’s to hold services for a small group of people in an isolated area. He met his wife Phyllis, while attending Red Bird Mission High school, graduating in 1958. They married in 1962 and just celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary.

When Dave graduated from Warren Wilson College, he wanted to serve his country and joined the Marine Corp, and proudly served for four years. They moved to Virginia in 1964, and he worked for Continental Can Company, and then in 1966 he started his government career with The National Park Service as a gardener, loving to work with the soil and keeping the grounds of our National Capital looking beautiful. Later, he became a Park Technician helping to plan and establish what was then called “Turkey Run Farm”, a 15th century, working farm. He portrayed the “dirt farmer.” When the FBI built their training facility at Quantico, Va, he wanted to help beautify those grounds. He made a lateral transfer from the Interior Department to the Justice Dept. He started out as an agronomist and worked there for 30 years, retiring in 2003.

Dave loved God and always served in some capacity in his home church and community. He was a Stephen Minister and an Industrial Commercial Ministries Chaplain. He always said he could serve God best as a layperson, but God has a sense of humor and later in life Dave felt the call to Pastoral Ministry. He became a Licensed Local Pastor in the Virginia Conference of the UMC. He served Salem UMC in Widewater and later as Pastor of Congregational Care at Ebenezer UMC, both located in Stafford County. He never met a stranger, loved to “know your story” and was respectful of everyone.

He was an amazing husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, Man of God, story teller, encourager, lover of life, of people and Gods great creation. One friend said, “Dave taught us how to serve God, and to have fun doing it!”

Dave was blessed with his wife who was always by his side, his two children, five grandchildren and great granddaughter, who were an additional source of joy and pride in his life. The family shared many happy and precious moments together. They remember him as being kind, compassionate, caring and he taught them to have strong Christian values, to be people of integrity and to enjoy life to the fullest. He never met a stranger, always ready to listen and give encouragement.

He will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to have known this man of God, who led his life by example. To know Dave was to love him.

He is survived by his devoted and loving wife, Phyllis Russell; children, Shannon Arthur Russell and Lisa Russell Laufer (Art); grandchildren who were the apple of his eye, Chad, Abby, Jasiah, Eric and Eddie; great-granddaughter, Ava; sisters, Margaret Cleaver (David), Rebecca Cutshall, Aunt Phyllis Dunham; and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and cousins; and many loving friends.

DANIEL G. SPAUGH
1946 - 2016

Rev. Daniel G. Spaugh was born in Winston Salem, NC on October 31, 1946 to the late Raymond M. and Mamie Speas Spaugh.

I first met Danny in 1989 when I served as a Local Pastor at Community United Methodist Church (Portsmouth). From that time forward, we grew in friendship and mutual trust, and I witnessed his great love for the Word of God as contained in the Holy Bible. In short, Danny lived the “Great Commandment”, and he worked diligently as a “shepherd” to fulfill the “Great Commission”. His memory is truly a treasure which will never die.

We had many talks about his being called by the Lord to enter Christian Ministry and his journey began in 1992. I had the great honor to recommend him for acceptance into the UMC ministry, and to witness his excellent progress in his ministerial calling. Further, it was a blessing to see him accepted as a candidate for the UMC ministry, and become a student pastor as he progressed through Virginia Wesleyan College and Duke University Divinity School, and earning his Master of Divinity Degree.

Danny was exceptionally gifted in the depth of his scriptural knowledge and its teaching. He loved to teach Biblical history and its applications in the world of today. He lived as the man of whom the prophet wrote in Micah 6:8 who is commanded to do justly, to love mercy, And to walk humbly with his God. That description was a perfect fit for the Reverend Daniel G. Spaugh. As a man, he valued the truth of God’s Holy Word, and he lived a never-ending quest to seek God’s wisdom in every aspect of life and ministry.

In his time serving the Lord, he brought the Word so strongly to two members of the church he was pastoring, that one is now a minister in the Portsmouth District and the other serves a church out of state.

He was also a faithful husband, being married to the earthly love of his life, Bette. They were a team that could face any challenge and their love would never die. The last church Danny served was in Winchester where they both enjoyed their time spent in the mountain community meeting new brothers and sisters in Christ – and especially learning how to make apple butter!

Rev. Spaugh retired from the ministry of the United Methodist Church in 2011 and on December 27, 2016 he went home to be with the Lord.

NANCY B. WHITE
1938 - 2016

Rev. White was born and raised in Washington D.C. At a young age, Rev. White was a determined and focused young lady. Always focused on doing above and beyond which carried over during her time as a Pastor in the United Methodist Church. She worked hard to receive high grades and awards and was an officer in her Student Government. After graduating Woodrow Wilson High School she completed D.C. Teachers College and followed with teaching in the Anacostia schools. She worked diligently to provide the best for her students, both with their class work but also helping them with learning life skills. Wherever we were, she was always involved with the church, the youth and Sunday school. As she got older she felt a strong desire to learn more about having a personal relationship with our Savior the Lord Jesus.

Later in life she felt a strong call to the Ministry. After much prayer and talks with Pastors and Church leaders she started her studies to become a Pastor at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington DC. She completed enough classes at Wesley to be ordained as a Deacon in 1988. Before she could complete all her classes, her husband, Doug, was relocated to Germany for work. This did not deter Rev. White. She found a Baptist Seminary in Switzerland, and worked with Wesley Seminary to find classes that were transferable towards her Master’s degree in Divinity.

Her determination to become a Pastor was shown in so many ways. The Baptist Seminary was located in Ruchlach Switzerland outside of Zurich. The first year, Rev. White stayed on campus for most of the week to complete her courses. The following year with only a few courses left to take, she would commute. She would leave Frankfurt in the morning, take the Metro to the Frankfurt train station, take the train to Zurich, transfer to the local train to Ruchlach, and walk up the hill to the Seminary. On her return she would repeat all of the transfers and finally arrive home at 11:00 pm at night.

Upon our return to the states, Rev. White completed her final courses at Wesley and graduated with her Master of Divinity with Summa Cum Laude Honors in 1991 and started her ministry.

Her first charge she had three churches. One was a former Episcopal Church built in the 1800s. This church didn’t have a room for Sunday school classes or even bathrooms. The church had plans to renovate yet never started. Rev. White stepped in and helped get the project moving to start the addition for the church. She was moved to her next charge before completion. A few years later, the Pastor that replaced Rev. White was awarded at the annual conference for having the greatest percentage increase in membership in the Virginia Conference. It could not have happened without Rev. White’s determined efforts. There is so much more that could be said about Rev. White’s ministry. Her work with the many churches she served made each a better place for the members and Pastors that followed.

After her retirement Rev. White couldn’t stop serving the Lord. She pastored small churches that needed a Pastor and always taught Sunday school when possible. She continued up till the end with her Sunday school class. When she could no longer manage the lessons and prayers, her loving husband who always supported her would help her along and contribute to the teachings.

In her last days in the nursing home, she would always insist the residents pray at each meal and would provide comfort along with singing and reading scripture. Lovingly, you would catch her correcting visiting clergy when it came to the scriptures. Rev. White truly knew God’s Word. Our loving and faithful Rev. Nancy Bageant White was the Lord’s Servant till the end.

WELDON D. WHITE
1933 - 2016

Weldon’s father was Darrel Weldon White and his mother was Marie Cook White. He was born in Indiana and the family moved to Florida when he was 12 years old. His sister, Virginia Marie White was 13-months younger, born December 18, 1934.

As a teenager Weldon was involved in many youth for Christ activities. His first preaching was in Spanish to a small congregation in Florida.

Weldon married Linda Faye Marshall on October 12, 1963 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Roanoke, VA, officiating minister was H Wark Curry.

Our first appointment with the United Methodist Church was in June, 1964 to the Mt Solon Charge (Parnassus, Mt Solon, Sangerville, and Centerville churches). Weldon attended Bridgewater College, graduating in 1967.

In June 1967 we moved to Marshall, VA serving the Rectortown Charge (Rectortown, Cool Spring, and The Plains [later renamed St Marks] churches). Weldon attended Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC, graduating in 1971 with a Masters in Divinity.

In June 1972 we moved to Waynesboro, VA to serve St Marks United Methodist Church. Weldon became active in the community, continuing to hold early Sunday services at the drive-in theater and very active in the Lurnmor School, a school for disadvantaged children before they were incorporated into the regular school system. Our first son, Darrel Weldon White, was born November 11, 1972 and our second son, Marshall Wesley White, was born November 19, 1975.

In June 1977 we moved to Chesterfield County, Richmond, VA to serve Sherbourne United Methodist Church.

In June 1981, We were assigned to St Marks United Methodist Church, Richmond, VA when it was located on Midlothian Turnpike.

In June 1984 we went to St James United Methodist Church in Pleasant Valley, VA.

In 1985 we moved to Sedley, VA to serve the Trinity Circuit (Grace Memorial and Sebrell churches). On Christmas Eve, 1986, the Sedley Baptist Church members, whose pastor died of a heart attack while on a community caroling event, joined with Grace Memorial for a candlelight service. On the morning of December 26, 1986 Grace Memorial burned. We worshiped with the Baptist members a couple of Sundays, then with our sister church, Sebrell, through January and then we met in a two-room building known as the Woodman Hall Building until our new structure was completed. I don’t believe there are more supportive people anywhere in the world! Our son, Darrel, graduated high school there and joined the Army.

In 1991 moved to Waynesboro, VA to serve Wayne Hills-Oak Hills Charge. Our son, Marshall, graduated in 1993 and still lives in the area.

Weldon retired June 1996 and we were blessed with the birth of our first grandson on the same day.

Weldon loved flowers and made parsonages and church yards beautiful with his work.

After retirement we decided to attend/join St Marks in Waynesboro and enjoyed reuniting with old friends and making many new friends.

HUGH J. WINSTON JR. 1920 -2016

Hugh and Annabel Winston were a team. Married eleven years with two daughters, Hugh had a calling to go into the ministry. It was 1952. They sold their home in Norfolk, packed up all of their belongings and headed to Randolph-Macon College, where they settled into GI Village and started on a great adventure. They both worked on campus, and Pixie, their dog, followed Hugh to classes.

It wasn't long before Hugh was assigned his first two churches, the Hanover Charge which included Enon and Lebanon churches. He spent five years in Hanover while he finished his education at Randolph-Macon and started at Union Theological Seminary. He finished seminary while serving as the Associate Pastor of Highland Springs Methodist Church.

Over the next six years he moved three times. After Highland Springs came Waverly, New Hope, in Stafford County, and Arlington Forest as an Associate pastor, and finally to Culpeper Methodist as head pastor. After Culpeper, he served Main Street in Suffolk and then back to Northern Virginia, to Wesley UMC, then to the Reston Ecumenical Churches from which he retired. He then went back to Wesley as the Minister of Visitation.

In addition to his appointments, Hugh served as a statistician for the Virginia Conference for eighteen years, as well as on various boards and commissions. He was always involved with various civic organizations and was active in the mental health field as a Pastoral Counselor. At the age of 93, Hugh became a published author with his book of sermons for special days, *Nothing Can Stop Christmas*.

Through all the moves Annabel was by his side. Focusing on the young members of the congregations, she was a youth counselor at the local, district and conference levels. She was associated with the United Methodist Student Movement and was always active with the United Methodist Women. Additionally, she was active in the community, serving as a fund chairperson for the American Red Cross, a Job Corps case worker, a Pink Lady at Culpeper Hospital.

While they were devoted to the church, Hugh and Annabel also had other passions. Hugh's was softball and Annabel's was art. Hugh played softball well into his 80's as a member of the Northern Virginia Senior Softball League. Annabel was an award winning artist. She was also an accomplished seamstress, woodworker and entrepreneur.

Hugh and Annabel were an extraordinary couple. They celebrated their 75th Wedding Anniversary on October 22, 2016, Hugh's 96th birthday. His death on November 21, 2016 came as a shock to his family and friends. He had been active and well until the day before he died. Annabel had suffered a severe illness sixteen years prior to her death on January 21, 2017 and all felt blessed to have those additional years with her.

Hugh and Annabel were devoted to each other and their family, but they were also devoted to their church and their God. With extraordinary faith and love, Hugh was both a gentleman and a truly gentle man, with a ready smile, a kind heart and a true love of life! They will be missed!