

CLERGY

REV. J. ROBERT ANDERSON

Bob died on November 1, 2013. He transferred to the DAC in 1984 from the West MI. Conference. Bob served the Ida, Henderson, Chapin, Laingsburg and Middlebury churches. Bob had been on disability leave since 2003. He will be missed by all those whose lives he touched through his ministry in the United Methodist Church and by his family and friends.

REV. VERNE W. BLANKENBURG

Verne was born on June 2, 1937 in Goodison, Michigan to the late Lloyd Lester and Marion (Rugenstein) Blankenburg. He married Marilyn Warren on October 3, 1959, she survives him. He served in ministry for 22 years in the thumb area and Mid-Michigan. He was also a member of New Lothrop's First United Methodist Church. Of all things Verne enjoyed in life, his loving family was always most important to him. In addition to his wife, Marilyn, he is survived by two children, Carrie (Barry) Brown of Chesaning, Tad (Donna) Blankenburg of Troy, three grandchildren, Barry Brown Jr., Krystal Brown, Jacob Brown, one uncle, Harold (Dorothy) Rugenstein and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Tara Lee at Birth. Verne passed away Tuesday evening, April 22, 2014 at McLaren Regional Medical Center in Flint, he was 76 years old.



REV. DAVID E. BOURNS

David passed away suddenly on Monday, October 14, 2013, he was 73. David was born the son of Edward and Doris (Hoffman) Bourns on March 8, 1940 in South Lyon. David was a graduate of South Lyon High School where he played Football, Basketball and Baseball. He was married to Carol Lynn Phillips on September 3, 1960. David had been a dairy farmer for nearly his entire life; he had moved to Lake, Michigan from South Lyon in 1974. Besides farming, Dave worked at Kubota Central in Clare for 20 years, and Ministered at the Geneva Hope United Methodist Church. David was very civic minded, serving as President of the Isabella County Farm Bureau; a 4-H leader and served as a member on the Coldwater Twp. Board. David had lived at the Clare Castle where he was a regular card player, and a board member of the Clare County Senior Center. David is survived by his wife Carol Lynn; daughter Pamela (Peter) Stirn of Midland and their children Erica (Ryan) Andrews, Zachary and Zoe; son David Edward (Amy) Bourns, Jr. of Mt. Pleasant and their children Alexander and Taylor; daughter Hope (Jai) Iserhoth of Shepherd and their children Landon, Mason and Carson; his siblings Nancy Granger and Richard (Carole) Bourns.



REV. TRACY BROOKS

Tracy was born May 21, 1959 in Bay City to Rev. Lawrence and Nancy (LaBerge) Brooks. He graduated from Bullock Creek High School of Midland then served in the US Navy. Tracy was a truck driver and mechanic before becoming a United Methodist Pastor

in 1998. He served parishes in Grand Marais, Germfask and McMillan Michigan before serving in Gordonville. In 2007 he moved to Harrisville where he served the United Methodist Churches of Harrisville, Lincoln and Glennie, moving to the Mio Church in 2012. Tracy is survived by his wife, Kimberly Armstrong-Brooks, his mother Nancy Brooks, two daughters, Kristina and Kayla Brooks, one son Joshua Brooks, two stepsons, Zachery(Stephanie) Marlow and Benjamin (Rachel) Marlow, six grandchildren, Mathew and William Garduno, Owen, Grant, Mason and Aiden Marlow, one sister, Rev. Susanne (Craig) Hierholzer and one brother, Philip (Melissa) Brooks and several nieces and nephews. Tracy age 54, passed away Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Alpena Regional Medical Center.



REV. GERALD H. FISHER

Gerry went home to heaven on Tuesday September 17, 2013 after a long illness. He was born on November 26, 1919 to William and Ruth Fisher. He became a “Jesus Man” as a teenager A beloved pastor in the EUB and UMC in Michigan. He served congregations in Monroe, Blissfield, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Flint and Livonia. His favorite pastime was visiting with friends, laughing and sharing the gospel. He loved to be surrounded by family. Gerry and his wife, Norma enjoyed traveling, boating, walking and reading and studying the bible. His joyful loving spirit won him friends of all ages wherever he went. Gerry is survived by four daughters Linda Snider, Carol Harman (Thomas), Judith Zayas (Robert), Janet Fisher, two siblings Duane Fisher and Sharon Pratt, four grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Norma and seven siblings.



REV. WILLIAM E. FRAYER

Bill was born January 5, 1926, in Detroit, the son of Rudolph and Anna (Funk) Frayer. He married Shirley (Hesse) on February 14, 1948. Bill proudly served his country from 1944-46 in the US Navy. Upon his return from service, he worked for the Western Electric division of Bell Telephone Co. In 1947, he enrolled in electronics repair school and worked for Adams Appliance on Joy Road. In the early 1950's, Bill operated Frayer Appliance in Redford Twp; After five years in business, Shirley prodded him to listen to God's call to enter the ministry. Over the years Reverend Frayer served Stony Creek, Stockbridge, Dix Lincoln Park, Nardin Park, and Embury. In his retirement /disability leave he continued to serve the elderly, infirm and shut-ins of both Nardin Park and Birmingham First. Bill is survived by his children, Richard (Valerie), Susan (Mark) Weber, and Cheryl (James) Montville; his brother, Donald (Ruth), and his sister, Dorothy. Bill was the cherished grandfather of Megan (fiance' Ryan Stevens), Margot (Joel), Marissa, Andrei, Carley, Tanya (Jeff), Stephanie (Dan), and Jessica (Greg); great grandfather of Ryan, Molly, Grayson and Harley; and uncle of Dan and Chris (Melissa). Bill died Thursday evening, June 27, 2013 at Angela Hospice, following a lengthy illness. He was 87 years old. In addition to his wife, Shirley, Bill was preceded in death by his devoted daughter, Beth.



REV. CLIFFORD J FURNESS

Clifford was born August 23, 1936 in Avoca, Michigan, the son of Melford and Marie (Bubel) Furness. He graduated from Port Huron (MI) High School, Owosso Bible College, Adrian College and Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. During his seminary years he served at Columbia Drive and Milstead United Methodist Churches. He was ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church in 1971. All churches he served after ordination were on the Flint District (now Crossroads District). The churches he served were: Northwest Venice and Oakley, Juddville and New Lothrop; and Lake Fenton. Clifford married Jerie Hebner on July 12, 1957 in Port Huron. Clifford was 76 years old when he passed away Sunday August 4, 2013 at Sparrow Healthcare Center. At Clifford's request, his body was donated to Michigan State University to be used for research.



REV. JAMES HILLIARD

Jim was born on December 30, 1921 in Jacksboro, Texas, one of nine children of Simeon and Jessie (Johnston) Hilliard, and grew up in rural Oklahoma during the Depression. Jim was a retired Methodist minister and had lived in Chelsea since 2000, coming from Arkansas. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II from 1942-46 in the Pacific Amphibious Force and received his Bachelor's Degree in Social Casework from Northern Michigan University and Master of Divinity from Garrett Seminary in Evanston, IL. He became a deacon in 1966, was ordained in 1970, and served as pastor at churches in the Upper Peninsula, Houghton Lake, and the Ozark Mountains. A published author, Jim enjoyed writing poems, books, and magazine articles, and his interests also included gardening, hiking, classical music, and staying involved with many activities at the CRC. On January 18, 1969 he married Viola "Vi" (Polkky) Wallen in Ewen, MI, and she survives along with several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings. Jim passed away on Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at the Chelsea Retirement Community. He was 91 years old.



REV. DAVID K. KOSKI

David was born November 9, 1949 in Flint, Michigan, a beloved only child of Harold and Eleanor Koski who predeceased him. He spent his early years inquisitive about the world, exploring with his parents and learning values of service and caring for others. David graduated high school, earned an undergraduate degree from Albion College and made the decision to become an ordained United Methodist minister. He earned a Masters in Divinity from Boston University School of Theology in 1972. As United Methodist ministers do, David served several churches in the Detroit Conference prior to his retirement in 2008 with his last assignment at Faith UMC in Coleman, MI. David loved to travel and had the opportunity to visit every state in the union, and explore every continent of the world, traveling to Europe and participating in countless Rhode Scholar tours. His planning and preparation was a hallmark of the adventure and with daily journaling he could recount every detail. In addition to



his deep abiding faith and love of travel, he enjoyed opera, plays, educational lectures, and was an avid reader. David passed away on April 5, 2014 at the age of 64.

REV. MARY JEAN LOVE

Jean was born January 11, 1947 in Allegan, Michigan to Reverend Everett and Mary Katharine (Post) Love. Following her graduation from Central Michigan University in 1969, Jean taught school at Oakridge High School in North Muskegon, She was a counselor and dorm director at Ball State University, and was actively involved in the Wesley Foundation. Jean enrolled at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky and graduated in 1984. Jean served as the pastor of several United Methodist Churches which included Warren, Oak Grove, Clarenceville, Calvary in Holly where she also served as Chaplain to the Holly Fire Department, and Bad Axe. Jean was active in working with the Emmaus Walks in Michigan and also the youth version, Chrysalis and Their Flights. She was passionate about helping teenagers find their way to the Lord and worked as Dean of many summer camping programs. Jean is survived by her siblings, Katharine Cary and Ronald Love; nephew and nieces, Reverend Michael (Tami) Cary, Diane Cary, Stephanie Love and Brooke Love (Sam) Adame; great nieces, Kimberly Cary, Mikayla Cary, Rachel Cary, Ava Adame, Emma Adame and Brenna Adame. Jean died on November 29, 2013 at the age of 66.



REV. ROSS MCLENNAN

Ross passed away May 5, 2013 of natural causes. He was 97. Ross was the son of James and Helga, born in Highland Park, MI. He attended Henry Ford School in Dearborn, MI, Detroit Law School, and graduated from Taylor University in Upland, IN. He did his post-graduate work at Northwestern University and Garrett Theological Seminary, and later returned to his alma mater, Taylor, as vice president of the University. He was an ordained member of the Detroit Methodist Conference. He was the executive director of the Michigan Temperance Foundation, later moving to Oklahoma as the executive director of Sooner Alcohol-Narcotics Education until his retirement, when he moved to south Florida. Ross is survived by his beloved wife of 70 years, Mary Vivian, two sons, James Paul and Robert Donald, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren, as well as a sister-in-law and a niece.



REV. JOHN MILLER, JR.

John Moore Miller, Jr., 95, passed away Sunday, May 19, 2013, at Gross Assisted Living Home in Clio. Rev. Miller was born August 1, 1917 in Hookstown, Pennsylvania to the late John and Audrey (Culley) Miller, Sr. On October 20, 1940 he married the former Bertha Ellen Kintner. She preceded him in death on October 19, 1993. He was a pastor for several United Methodist Churches beginning in 1945 and served in Leaton, Gladwin Circuit, Mesick, Levering-Pellston, East Jordan, Bear Lake, Gaines and Ossineke- Hubbard Lake-Wilson, retiring in June 1982. Rev.



Miller enjoyed baking bread, making fudge, and sharing it with everyone. Surviving are 3 children, Tyler Lynwood (Barbara) Miller, Mary Kathryn (Tom) Mason, John David (Jan) Miller; 10 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; and sister, Peggy (Louis) Hall of Traverse City. Preceding him in death were 2 brothers, Bill Miller, Harold Miller; and sister, Jean Welker.

REV. DONALD J. MOSHER

Don was born May 25, 1960, in Bay City and graduated from T. L. Handy High School in 1978. Don earned his Eagle Scout and had served in the U.S. Army from 1978-1981. His career included work in retail, graphic arts, and as an insurance agent with AFLAC. Don was called to the ministry in 2006. As a minister with the United Methodist Church, he served at Pinconning and was currently pastor at the West Goodland United Methodist Church in Imlay City. Don's passion for fast pitch and modified softball was inspired by his father-in-law, Chet Yoder. Don umpired for 16 years and contributed to the MASA state staff. Don loved the outdoors, and playing chess, Scrabble, or just chatting about life with family and friends around a bon fire. He is survived by his wife, Sharry S. Mosher; stepchildren, R. J. Gandy, and Brad (Susanne) Gandy; grandchildren, Ashtin Gandy, Dylan Jablonski, Noah Jablonski, Bryce Gandy, Hailey Gandy, Samantha Chew, Emily Gandy and Madison Gandy; parents, Don and Ruth Mosher of Bay City; brothers and sister, Eddie, Everett and Liz Mosher and their families; and his brother-in-law, Dennis (Nancy) Yoder. Preceding him in death was his stepdaughter, Tamara Gandy-Chew; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Chet and Agnes Yoder; brother-in-law, Clair Yoder; and his sister-in-law, Kathy Lewis. Don's last gift was donating his organs to the Gift of Life so that others may live. Don passed away unexpectedly Jan. 3, 2014, at his home as the result of a heart attack. He was 53 years old.



REV. ALLEN B. RICE

Allen died June 16th 2013. Allen was born January 5th, 1924, son of Ethel Mae Kaake Rice and Dr. Allen Buckner Rice, grandson of noted preacher M.S. Rice in Ann Arbor Michigan. He was a fifth generation Methodist preacher. He served Methodist Churches in Indiana, Alpena and Belleville, Michigan for 23 years. Chief Executive, CEO and Chief lobbyist of the Michigan Interfaith Council on Alcohol Problems – 1969 to 2003 (MICAP) widely known for his United Nations, New York, Washington Seminars, Leading opponent concerned with reduction of Alcohol Problems and opposition to gambling enterprises. Leader in drunk driving reduction and establishment of 21 as legal drinking age. Graduate of Crawfordsville, Ind., High School 1941 and Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind. 1948. Allen received his Master of Divinity degree from Garrett Theological Seminary 1951. He became an Eagle Scout at 13 years old. During World War II was in the 97th Infantry Division, 387th Regiment, Company M as a Reconnaissance Sargent serving in Germany and Japan in Occupation. Married Treva Marie Hesselschwerdt of Kalona, Iowa, April 24th 1946 to whom four children were born Allen B Rice III (Jan), Eric Joel (Teresa), Aleta Jane Hansen and Tamara Kay Bonning (Mark); He has 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He is



survived by his wife, Shirleyann "Shan" Wilder Rice of 40 years, brother Charles Merton Rice, step-children Beth Wilder (Becky), Jill Shafer, Dennis Wilder (Ursula). Sister, Ethel Aleen Hartill, Wilfred Eugene Rice preceded him in death. Allen died June 16th 2013 at the age of 89.

REV. WILLIAM D. RICKARD

Tex passed away peacefully surrounded by loving family on Friday, November 8, 2013. He is survived by four children, many grand-children and great grand-children, as well as many nieces and nephews and their extended families. He was the last of the "greatest generation" of this branch of the Rickard family tree. Bill (Tex) was born the youngest of four children in Houghton in 1921 to Stephen and Myrta (Hoskins) Rickard. He went to Albion College starting two weeks after school began. While at Albion, he met Mary Helen Gregory, they fell madly in love. Tex and Mary were married in August 1945 and he completed his final year of seminary, graduating in 1946 from Garrett. Tex served as the pastor of Midland, Saginaw State Street, he served churches in Livonia, East Detroit, Sterling Heights, Davis and finally back to his boyhood church in Mount Clements. He also served as the D.S. of the Port Huron District. Tex has maintained a vitality and interest in life through his relationships with many which he cherished deeply. Now is the time to celebrate "a life well lived" that he described as ordinary, but which to many was extraordinary. Tex was 92 year old.



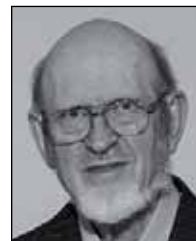
JOHN J. RODGERS

John was born March 31, 1930, in Glasgow, Scotland to Isabella (nee Mackay) and James Rodgers. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict. After retiring from General Motors Research Laboratories in 1984, God directed John into a second career as a lay pastor for Faith United Methodist Church in New Haven, Michigan. He enjoyed this ministry for 8 years, retiring again in the 1990's. He was very active in Walk to Emmaus for over 20 years. John is survived by his son, David (Cindy) Rodgers, grandchildren, Lydia and Luke Rodgers, sister-in-law, Lola Rodgers, and nephews, George, Bob, and Dick Walker. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Lila Walker Rodgers and brother, Robert Rodgers. John died August 4, 2013, at William Beaumont Hospital in Troy. He was 83 years old.



REV. WAYNE SPARKS

Wayne was born October 19, 1936 to Paul T. and Katherine A. (Tinkham) Sparks in Toledo, OH. Wayne graduated from Onsted High School in Onsted, MI, Adrian College in Adrian, MI, and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL. Wayne was married to Myra Lee (Stuck) Sparks and remarried later to Nancy Gail (Leslie) Sparks. Wayne served the following churches in the DAC, Climax; Almena-Northwest Oshtemo; the East Gratiot Parish (Ashley, Bannister, Beebe, Rathbone, North Star); Orleans, Pewamo, and Lyons; Leslie and Felt Plains; Ontonagon County Larger Parish (Ontonagon, Rockland, Greenland, White Pine, Bergland,



Ewen, and Trout Creek); and Caseville. His hobbies included photography, camping, mushrooming, fishing, quilting, and family genealogy. Wayne is survived by his sisters: Barbara (Albert) Vredeveld , Claudia Francis & partner Allen Proskie, and his children: Deborah (Cameron)Lauseng , Nathan Sparks; Bess Anne (Harvey) Wonnacot, and Peter (Sandra) Sparks, several step children, 11 nieces and nephews, 5 grandchildren, 9 step-grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, 3 step-great grandchildren. Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, and by his former wife Myra (2007), his recently deceased wife Nancy (2013), and Nancy's daughter Diana Gosshorn (1993). Wayne died Sunday, May 19, 2013 at MidMichigan Medical Center in Midland, MI. He was 76 years old.

REV. LEWIS C. SUTTON JR.

Lewis passed away on June 29, 2013. As a pastor Lewis served at the Church of the Hills in Evergreen, Co. In 1953 he came to Michigan and served at Holly, Flushing, Clarkston, Flint Central, and Howell. Lewis retired in December of 1985 and has been living in Ft. Pierce Florida. He will be sadly missed by his family, loved ones and all whom were blessed by his ministry for the Lord.

REV. ROY SYME

Roy was born on November 4, 1938 in Detroit, MI. He was a graduate of Detroit Cooley High School, Adrian College, and the Methodist Theological Seminary of Ohio. Upon graduation from Seminary, Roy served the following congregations and communities in the DAC, Farmington, River Rouge, Monroe, Richmond, Onaway, Millersburg, Clinton, and Lincoln Park. "Reverend Roy", as he was sometimes called, officially retired from the ministry in 2002, but continued his unofficial ministry to the community at the various coffee houses and donut shops he loved to frequent.



Roy loved to sing and he enjoyed golfing, movies, and laughed so hard at the corniest things that one feared his teeth would fall out and sometimes they did. Roy is survived by his wife, Judy, their children; Scott, Juli, and Jenni and their respective spouses-Kim, Mary kay and Ottis, grandchildren; Logan, Keegan, Hannah, Ashley, Lexi and Ottis and his brother, David. He was loved from the cradle to the grave. Reverend Roy Syme passed away on April 30, 2013, at the age of 74. He was well prepared for his next journey and his peaceful passing occurred at his home attended by his wife and soul mate.

REV. ROBERT WILLOUGHBY

Robert was a minister, a teacher, and a true champion for civil rights in America. He was born December 12, 1923 in Detroit, MI, prior to the Great Depression. As a scholar, Bob earned his undergraduate degree at Duke and his Masters of Divinity at Yale. Bob served five churches and taught World Literature, while in Michigan. Upon retirement, Bob lived in Lakeland, FL with his wife Elizabeth and published six books about life, religion, and politics. Robert died on October 30, 2012 in San Diego, CA. He is survived by his children, Frank, Jeanne, Mary Ann, and Rob.



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REV. SAM E YEARBY, JR.

Sam died December 10, 2013, and is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Joan; children, Kathy (Matthew) Gausden and Mark; sisters, Farie Mae Reed, Addie Lee Marlowe and Tharetha Harcrow; and grandsons, Graham and Eian. Sam came to the DAC in 1961 and served the following churches River Rouge, Highland Park Trinity, Hazel Park, Davison, Lincoln Park First and Roseville. Sam retired in 1994 and has been living with his wife Joan in Roseville. Sam was 84 years old.



CLERGY SPOUSES

MRS. ELLA BRAKEMAN

Ella was born July 30, 1927 in Yale to the late Almon and Myrtle Ryder. She married Harry M. Brakeman on August 20, 1948 in Fargo, MI. Ella attended the Chicago Evangelistic Institute and was a faithful pastor's wife and missionary for the United Methodist Church for 64 years. Ella and Harry both traveled extensively to Haiti helping to establish 18 schools and churches as well as the Brakeman College which now has an enrollment of 900. She is survived by her husband, Reverend Harry Brakeman; three children, Gilbert (Donna) Brakeman, Vonda LeSavage and Nadine (Ron) Porter; four grandchildren, Bethany (Mike) Walters, Carla (Len) Dyke, Shawna (Chris) Hurst and Will (Lovina) Gayowski; four great-grandchildren, Austin, Morgan, Brooklyn and Rhonin; a brother, Harlan Ryder and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister, Beatrice (Denver) Lossing and sister-in-law, June Ryder. Ella went home to be with her Lord on Friday, May 31, 2013.



MRS. VIRGINIA COLEY

Virginia went to be with her Heavenly Father July 26, 2013. She was the beloved wife of Pastor Ed Coley and a loving mother of Janice (Roger) Frank, Linda (Thomas) Renardo, Joyce Coley, and Gwenn (Timothy) Bartlett. Dear grandmother of Andrea and Bryan, Thomas and Rebecca, Gwynn and Jason, Ian and Christopher. Great-grandmother of eight. She was 87 years old.



MRS. ZOE ANN DAWS

Zoe Ann, loving wife of Reverend Donald Daws departed this world for heaven March 11, 2014. She passed away in Farmington, Michigan with family at her side. She is survived by her husband and two daughters Lanette Bonar (David) and Suzanne White (William). She is also survived by her brother David Michelli, five grandchildren Emily Lee, Donald Lee, Laura Hamler, Nadia White and Alexandra White. Zoe Ann's life was devoted to her family and to serving God through helping others. She was dedicated to missionary work even after retirement. Zoe Ann was an avid reader and loved music and dancing. She is greatly missed by family and friends who are uplifted by her favorite passage, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Zoe was 78 years old.



MRS. FRANCES DONIGAN

Frances passed away on Sunday, January 19, 2014 at the age of 87. "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you (John 14:2)." Frances was born in Flint, Michigan on March 20, 1926. Frances was a nurse at Hurley Hospital for several years. On June 19, 1953 she married Reverend Archie H. Donigan. Until Archie's death in 1988, Frances



assisted him in leading and serving the Churches in Grass Lake, Milford, East Detroit (Immanuel), Redford Aldersgate, and Clawson. Frances is survived by daughters Kathleen Donigan and Sandra (Gerald) Derrig and son Rodney (Mary) Donigan. Also surviving are grandchildren Meghan (Andrew) Muladore, Jacob Derrig, Sean Donigan, Lauren Derrig, Kelsey Donigan, and Jacquelynn Derrig, and great-granddaughter Olivia Muladore. Frances is also survived by a brother, Clyde Bartlett and a sister, Patricia Kallsen.

MRS. DOROTHY FAGAN

Dorothy, age 82, died on, Tuesday, April 1st, at Marquette General Hospital. Dorothy was born in Benson, Minnesota on March 23, 1932, the ninth of Chester and Sophia (Norderhus) Carters' eleven children. She graduated from Glenwood High School in Minnesota and received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Hamline University in St. Paul, MN. She was an Elementary School Teacher in Hibbing, MN and locally at Ely Elementary School in Diorite, Michigan. Dorothy is survived by her husband, Rev. James Fegan, to whom she was married in Hibbing, Minnesota on April 5, 1958, She is survived by six children, John (Monique) Fegan, Noreen (Kurt) Spencer, Nancy (David) Hull, Norma (Bill) Tibor, Timothy Fegan, Jennifer Fegan; eight grandchildren, two sisters, Mary (Thomas) McGuinness and Ruth (Don) Stadsvold, and a brother Donald (Marlys) Carter along with nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and six brothers: Paul, Chester (Bud), Lloyd, John, Calvin, William, and Marvin.



MRS. OLLIE DEAN HIPWOOD

Dean passed away Dec. 7, 2013, with her family beside her at Tendercare Manor in Tawas. She was 80 years old. Dean was born on Jan. 15, 1933, the daughter of William J. and Ollie M. Dees. She married the love of her life, Rev. Billie Hipwood, on March 2, 1952, and together they raised three children, Debra, Cynthia and Jeffery. Dean spent her entire life as a servant to her community, friends, family and strangers. She loved her family dearly and shared that love through her actions of community service, baking, cooking and faithfulness to her church. Dean will be missed by her husband of 61 years, Billie; children, Debra (Hone) Phillips, Cynthia (Larry) Sabin, and Jeffery (Linda) Hipwood; brothers-and-sisters-in law, Glen (Ellen) Jeffes, Deanna Smith, David (Sue) Jeffes, Susan Jeffes, Michael (Carol) Jeffes and Barbara Schuck; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

MRS. BEATRICE HORTON

Bea Horton, aged 84, a resident at Clark Retirement Community, Grand Rapids, died Friday, October 18, 2013, with family members present. Bea was a retired nurse. She celebrated 64 years of marriage in August with her husband Rev. Robert Horton. Bea and Bob had four children, Michael, Deborah, Annette and Susan, and they all offer expressions of gratitude for their mother's love and life, as does her husband, Bob. In addition to her husband and four children, Bea is survived by five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.



MRS. ALVIRA MURBACH

Alvira passed away on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at Cypress Palms. Alvira was born on May 19, 1917 in St Paul, Minnesota to the late George and Winifred Stegner. She was a member of Anona United Methodist Church. Alvira is survived by her loving son, Dr. Richard (Susan) Murbach of Largo, FL along with four grandchildren Tracy Sanders, Tyanna Holbrook, Chelsea Murbach and Richard Murbach, Jr. and five great grandchildren Brooke Sanders, Hudson Sanders, Brynn Holbrook, Luke Holbrook and Layne Holbrook and a sister Lorraine Hawkinson. Alvira was 96 years old.



MRS. HELEN PRATT

Helen, age 88, died Friday, November 1, 2013 at Chelsea Retirement Community. She was born July 3, 1925 in Caledonia Township, MI, the daughter of William F. and Elva Maude (Steeby) Frey. Helen graduated from Middleville High School. She continued her education at the Butterworth Hospital School of Nursing and graduated as an R.N. in July of 1946. Helen was a nurse for her entire career as she also fulfilled her second full-time job as "Pastor's Wife". Retirement brought her back home to Caledonia for 17 years until her move to the Chelsea Retirement Community in 2004. She married Rev. Ralph C. Pratt on March 21, 1948 and he preceded her in death on July 12, 2006. Survivors include three sons, Paul (Denise Chrysler) Pratt, Wayne (Karen) Pratt, Keith Pratt; two daughters, Margaret (Kevin) Lamiman, Gwen (Dale) Dunlap; three grandsons; and one sister, Ruth Frey French. She was preceded in death by her beloved parents, her brother, two sisters, and a daughter-in-law.



MRS. DOROTHY SMALL

Dorothy age 98 of Franklin, TN, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 8, 2014. Dorothy was born on April 2, 1915 in Reading, Michigan. Survivors include her loving children: Jean Thompson, Judy Gaudio (Bob), Robert Small (Toni), Jeri Sutton (Bob), and JoEllen VanConant; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.



MR. CARL VENTOUR

Carl passed away on July 1, 2013. Carl is the spouse of Dr. Margaret Martinez-Ventour of Detroit.

MRS. DORIS WHITE

Doris age 94, passed away Friday, October 25, 2013 at the Chelsea Retirement Community. She was born October 2, 1919 in Waco TX, the daughter of Billie N. and Lina (Starnes) Hayes. Doris obtained her BA from Southwestern University in Georgetown, TX and her MA in Library Science from the University of Michigan. On June 30, 1943, she married Hugh C. White and he



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preceded her in death May 17, 2004. Doris was a librarian for many public schools, including Monroe High School, where she retired. She was a long-time member of P.E.O. She is survived by two sons, Steuart (Lucy) White and Jeffrey White both of Ann Arbor.

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MS. KELLY DEMERS

Kelly Ann Age 43, of Fenton, died February 13, 2014. She is surviving by her two sons, Todd and Matt Morgan; mother, Kathleen Jefferys; brother, John Demers; sister, Molly Smeltser.

MRS. MARILYN MCNITT

Marilyn passed away Tuesday, October 22, 2013, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Ann Arbor after an extended battle with acute myeloid leukemia. She was born on May 10, 1951, in Morenci, Michigan, the daughter of Dallas J. and Ruth Marie Louise (Weinmann) Munsell. She married William H. McNitt on May 6, 1978, in Hudson, Michigan and he survives. Marilyn was a graduate of Hudson High School, earned a B.A. degree in History at Adrian College, and two master's degrees at the University of Michigan in History and Library Science. She worked for twenty-five years as an archivist at the University of Michigan's Bentley Historical Library. She was a loyal Adrian College Bulldog and served on the Board of Directors for the Alumni Association. She was a member of West Side United Methodist Church in Ann Arbor and was chair of the Commission on Archives and History of the Detroit Conference. Marilyn is survived by her mother, Ruth Munsell, her husband of 35 years, William McNitt, three daughters: Sarah McNitt (Jason Sprague), Rebecca McNitt and Marie-Theres Niedermaier, and her brother, John (Pam) Munsell, and many friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Dallas on December 25, 2002.



DEPENDANT CHILD

MASTER CARL DESOTELL

Carl Jeremy, beloved son and baby brother, passed away November 8, 2013 in his parents' arms, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was nineteen months old. Carl was born April 2, 2012. His brief life was filled with love, joy, and laughter. He loved playing with his sister and snuggling with his mom and dad. Carl found comfort in music, he delighted in being tickled, and he enjoyed hammers, bubbles, blue blankets, the Wonder Pets, the Avengers, and of course, the minions from *Despicable Me*. He loved to play peek-a-boo, and he lit up when his daddy would play guitar. Carl found the beauty in each day; he was quick to laugh, quick to love, and quick to forgive. His strength and his spirit brought light and inspiration to everyone he met. He has finally found peace in the place where there is no more sickness, no more pain, no more tears, and no more fears. We will hold you in our hearts until we hold you again in heaven. Carl was preceded in death by his grandpa Daniel Peters and his great-grandpas Carl Blystone, William Desotell, and Thomas Peters. He is survived by his parents, Mike and Bri; by his big sister and best friend, Michaela; by his grandparents Cathy Blystone, Laurie and Phil Tousley, and Mike Desotell; by his godparents uncle Jer and aunt Jen Peters; by his cousins Celia and Daniel; by his uncle Brad Desotell; by great-grandparents Don and Mickie Hanzek, Ken and Doris Tousley, Mary Peters, Theresa Desotell, and Nancy Blystone; by his other best friends, nurses Kirsten Hensler and Amanda Chiti; and by extended family and friends too numerous to count.

