

## MEMOIRS 2004-2005

### *Clergy*

#### *Rev. Joseph M. Burke*

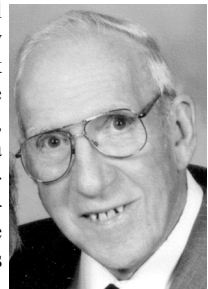
Rev. Joseph M. Burke, age 84, died October 31, 2004. He was born in New York, New York on October 8, 1920, the son of Joseph Michael Sr. and Anna (Palumba) Burke. He married Mary Margaret of Douds, Iowa. They had one son, Joseph Michael. At the time of Mary's death on August 18, 1989, they also had two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Joseph married Emiko Ishimoto on June 23, 1990. She survives him.

He went to High School in New York City and earned his G.E.D. in the U.S. Navy. His college experience was at the United States Air Force Institute in Madison, Wisconsin. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1936 to 1957 and retired as an officer. He served on the cruiser Phoenix from its commissioning in 1938 until 1943. He was on the ship in 1941 at Pearl Harbor and was part of the crew credited for shooting down the first Japanese plane in World War II. He was commanding another ship in 1943 which was sunk by a German submarine. In 1954, Burke became the advisor to the film "Mr. Roberts," starring Henry Fonda. Two years later, after his third heart attack, Burke was dead, or at least physicians thought that. He had a memorable after death experience and when he came back to life he knew his life was pointed in a different direction – the ministry.

Burke worked as an Insurance Manager from 1957 to 1964 while he attended Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois in the four-year program to become a Supply Pastor. He entered the East Wisconsin Conference as a Local Deacon in 1967. He became an Associate Member in 1969 and an Elder in 1971. He served as pastor in Wild Rose and Dopp (1964-1972) and Bethany United Methodist Church in Racine (1972-1975). He moved to Egg Harbor and served the Northern Door Parish: Calvary in Egg Harbor, Zion in Gibraltar and Community in Fish Creek from 1975 until his retirement in 1984. Rev. Burke also served his community through the Cancer Society for twelve years. He was a member of the Hospital Board in Wild Rose for eight years and a School Board member for four years. He was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Shrine. He was also active in Toastmasters.

#### *Rev. Roy Deming*

Rev. J. Roy Deming died February 9, 2005 at the age of 85 at Mercy Hospital in Janesville. He was born in Canfield, Ohio with twin brother, Ray, on July 27, 1919, the sons of Jarvis and May (Noll) Deming. Roy achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, and worked at various Scout camps during the summers. He graduated from Kent State University, preparing to teach math and science, but was called to pastoral ministry instead and served a small church as a student. He entered United Methodist ministry in the North East Ohio Conference in 1943 and transferred to the East Wisconsin Conference in 1944 when he was ordained Deacon. He graduated from Garrett Biblical Institute in 1945, and was ordained Elder in 1946. He served several small churches as a student pastor and expected to serve rural parishes after he graduated.



Roy married Mirabel Hansen on September 17, 1945. During his full-time career, Roy served the churches of Bethel in Racine (1943-1946); Wauwatosa (1946-1950); South Milwaukee (1950-1958); Algoma Boulevard in Oshkosh (1958-1968); and Christ Church in Racine (1968-1972). He

enjoyed being a Wesley Foundation director at Oshkosh along with his church responsibilities. He was asked to serve as District Superintendent in the Northwest district, which he did reluctantly from 1972 to 1976. He enjoyed returning to parish ministry and served the churches in Delavan (1976-1984) and then First UMC in Milton until his retirement in 1987. He served as chair of the conference Health and Welfare Committee, for two terms. Notably, he was able to play a role in establishing Evergreen Manor Retirement Community in Oshkosh, and the start-up and development of United Methodist Children's Services in Milwaukee. Roy also gave energy and time to local Kiwanis groups. With is wife, Mirabel, Roy was a co-leader during eight summers with Lisle Fellowship, an experimental learning seminar where students from around the world learned to live together and discuss ways to bridge differences between groups and individuals. Roy developed a strong interest in global affairs and a desire for world peace. He expressed this interest by working in the United Nations Association and World Federalists. Roy was a quiet revolutionary. In the 1950's Roy made a name for himself when he was selected Outstanding Young Man of the Year by the South Milwaukee Junior Chamber of Commerce. He accepted, on the condition that he not appear on the same stage with the main speaker of the evening, Senator Joseph McCarthy. It made the front page of the Milwaukee Journal. In retirement, Roy and Mirabel moved to Cedar Crest Retirement Community where he was active in the Men's Forum. He was active in Cargill United Methodist Church's Mission Outreach and XYZ group.

Roy's children and grandchildren held a special place in his life and attention, and he gladly traveled to see them, attend their events and be with them. He became appreciative of music by attending hundreds of recitals and concerts. He was a super-dad to his five children: Joan (Don Schultz) Deming, Martha (Ulrich Henes) Deming, Laura Jean (Jack Stubbs) Deming, James (Judy) Deming, and Barbara (Mike Mulcahy) Deming. He delighted in each of his 12 grandchildren.

The funeral service celebrating his life and eternal life was held at Cargill United Methodist Church on February 14, 2005. Roy's spirit is captured in his own words, answering a request for the list of his achievements: "Small children and dogs seem to like me."

### *Rev. Lewis M. Douglass*

Rev. Lewis M. Douglass, a retired clergy member of the Wisconsin Conference, went to his heavenly home on April 16, 2005. Lewis Manson Douglass was born in Frankfort, Indiana on July 27, 1916. He was the son of Lewis Manson Sr. and Hazel Marie (Wilson) Douglass. He graduated from Arsenal Technical High School, Indianapolis, Indiana in 1935. He was licensed to preach in Indiana in 1933. He married Phyllis Irene McMahan on November 13, 1943 and together they had one daughter, Helen, and one son, John. After nearly 58 year together, Phyllis preceded him in death on October 8, 2001.

He graduated from Anderson College in Indiana in 1945 with a Bachelor of Science degree and from Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois in 1948 with a Bachelor of Divinity degree. He became a Certified Minister of Christian Education in the Central Illinois Conference in 1965. He earned his Doctor of Ministry in 1978 from San Francisco Theological Seminary. He also studied at Butler University, Indiana University, Taylor University, Ball State University, the University of Wisconsin and a five-week course in Mid-East Countries in 1967.

Lewis entered ministry in the North Indiana Conference in 1941 as a supply pastor. He served Ingalls (1941-1943) and the Alexandria Circuit (1943-1945). In 1945 he transferred to the East Wisconsin Conference and served Mayville (1945-1946) then Mayfield and Campbellsport (1946-1947) then just Mayfield (1947-1948). He was ordained Deacon in 1947 and Elder in 1948. He served First Methodist Church in Ripon (1948-1952); First Methodist Church in White-water (1952-1957) and St. Paul's Church in Green Bay (1957-1962). In 1962 he transferred his conference membership to Central Illinois for service at First Methodist Church in Kankakee as a

Certified Minister of Education. In 1964 he returned to the East Wisconsin Conference, serving churches in Oconomowoc (1964-1969); Wauwatosa Avenue (1969-1971); and Tomah for 4 months in 1971. He took a six-month Sabbatical in 1971 then served Bethel Hill United Methodist Church in New Berlin (1971-1974) and Waupun (1974-1978). From 1978 to 1980 he was the Administrator of Schmitt Woodland Hills in Richland Center. He transferred to the South Dakota Conference in 1980 to be the Administrator at Sunnycrest Village Retirement Center in Sioux Falls until his retirement in 1981. He transferred back to Wisconsin and served Lyons and Spring Prairie churches from 1986 to 1988.

In addition to his ministry as a local church pastor, Christian Educator and Administrator, Lewis was also a Phi Kappa Phi since 1937, a Mason in Ripon, Wisconsin since 1948 and in the Rotary since 1964. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of the YMCAs in both Kankakee and Oconomowoc and the YWCA in Green Bay.

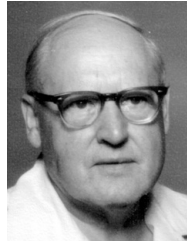
### *Rev. Milton C. Feldt*

The Rev. Milton Charles Feldt passed away on Marcy 11, 2005 at his home, the Angelus Retirement Community in Marshfield at the age of 95. He left his surviving family, the Hospice team and the Angelus staff to go to his heavenly home eleven days after his wife, Grace, passed to her eternal home.

He was born August 8, 1909 in Algoma to Rev. Hubert and Lillie (Wiese) Feldt. He graduated from Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, and from Garrett Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. He married Grace Eleanore Knuth on February 6, 1938 in Merrill, Wisconsin. They had just celebrated their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary when she preceded him in death on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Survivors include their son, Bruce (Linda) Feldt of Marshfield, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Their daughter, Barbara Myers, preceded them in death.

Milton entered the ordained ministry in the East Wisconsin Conference. He was ordained Deacon in 1934 and Elder in 1935. He served churches in Crandon and Argonne (1934-1938). Then Milton and Grace served in Seymour, Black Creek and Angelica (1938-1944); Niagara and Goodman (1944-1948); Wisconsin Rapids (1948- 1957); and Immanuel in Kenosha from 1957 until his retirement in 1974.

Milton made the decision not to have his pacemaker refitted in August, 2004, but to let nature take its course. Somewhat surprisingly, he showed no symptoms until four days before his passing. Honoring his wishes, no public services were held.

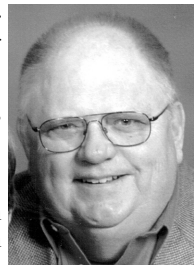


### *Rev. Jay Carl Gitchel*

Jay C. Gitchel, a former resident of Rothschild, died August 4, 2004 in Wisconsin Rapids following a brief illness. He was born in Chicago on November 4, 1944 the son of Wayne and Jacqueline (Houston) Gitchel.

He married Judith A. Gilbert on December 4, 1966. Survivors include his wife, Judy, their two sons, Carl (Sue) Gitchel and Jeffrey (Kristi Carr) Gitchel; and two grandsons.

Jay worked as an attorney for the State of Wisconsin for 22 years. He then served United Methodist congregations as a full-time local pastor for seven years. He was pastor at the Willow River Parish from 1994 to 1999. From 1999 to 2001 he served the Zion church in Juda and the Oakley church in Union.

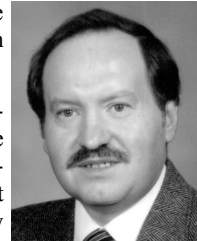


Jay's mind was a sponge for knowledge. He had a widely varied intellectual curiosity and was an avid reader. He was a great teacher who listened to those who had information to give and patiently imparted what he had learned to others, taking complex issues and making them easily understandable to those he taught. It was in his nature to immerse himself in every task he took on. After arriving in Evansville in the early 70's, he rebuilt the floundering Jaycees into one of the top chapters in the state. He was active in Boy Scouts, serving as a Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, leadership-training instructor, District Commissioner, unofficial ghost-story teller and various other posts where his counsel was sought.

Jay was always seeking to learn new things and lived by the courage of his convictions. He kindly and sincerely encouraged and challenged others to be continual learners and faithful disciples of the Master.

### *Rev. Dale Arthur Kelm*

The Rev. Dale Arthur Kelm, age 60, passed away April 7, 2005 at Hospice Home of Hope in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. He was born May 30, 1944 in Ripon, the son of William Herbert and Yvonne M. (Hoeft) Kelm.



Dale graduated from Montello High School in 1962 and then entered the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree with majors in English and History, and minors in American Civilization and Philosophy in 1967. He entered Evangelical Theological Seminary at Naperville, Illinois in 1967, and graduated in 1971 with the Master of Divinity degree with emphasis in Old and New Testament studies and pastoral counseling. He received the Dr. Edgar Faust Award for preaching. Dale was chapel organist for three years at Evangelical Theological Seminary, and served as pulpit supply in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Michigan.

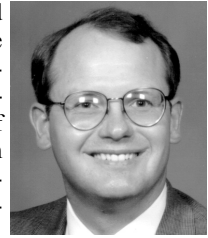
He entered United Methodist ministry in the Wisconsin Conference- Evangelical United Brethren Church as a probationary member in 1967 and was ordained Deacon in 1969 and Elder in 1971. Rev. Kelm was appointed to Bethany church in Wauwatosa (1969-1970); Brandon and Ladoga churches from 1971 and then just the Brandon church from 1975 to 1976; Emmanuel church in Lark and Zion church in Reedsville from 1976 until he took a leave of absence in 1981. He went on Honorable Location in 1990 and was a member of Immanuel United Methodist Church of Ripon. He conducted Sunday worship services at Sheltered Village while he lived in Ripon.

Dale enjoyed music. He played the organ and piano and loved listening to his favorite CDs. He played the piano and helped with worship services at Hospice Home of Hope in Fond du Lac. He was a very good cook and enjoyed making special meals for holiday and family get togethers. He made special desserts for Hospice staff and residents.

Survivors include his mother, several cousins and other relatives. His father preceded him in death in 1991. Funeral services for the Rev. Dale A. Kelm were held on April 11, 2005 at Immanuel United Methodist Church of Ripon with the Rev. Neil S. Wilson and the Rev. David Busker officiating. Interment was at Princeton City Cemetery.

***Rev. Phillip C. Kenas***

Rev. Phillip C. Kenas passed away on February 8, 2005 at the Don and Marilyn Anderson HospiceCare Center after a courageous two-year battle with cancer. He was 49. Phil was born on May 23, 1955 in Ripon Wisconsin, the son of Robert and LaVerne (Meyer) Kenas. He was united in marriage to Barbara A. Ladwig on September 19, 1992. He was a graduate of Rosendale High School, 1973; Platteville State College, 1976; and Boston Theological Seminary, 1981. As a student he served churches in Marlborough and Amherst, Massachusetts. He was ordained an elder in the Wisconsin Conference in 1982.



Following graduation from Seminary, Phil's served as pastor of the Superior: Trinity and First UMC from 1981 to 1983. From 1983 to 1985 he received a special appointment to serve as director of the Doctor of Ministry program at Boston University; He returned to Wisconsin in 1985, serving as Associate Pastor at Whitefish Bay, until 1990. He was appointed to Manitowoc: Wesley (1990-1994); First UMC of Beloit (1994-2001) and Sun Prairie from 2001 until his health required him to take incapacity leave in August of 2004.

Phil was active in the church at the conference level, serving as a member of the Board of Ordained Ministry, as well as many service organizations in the communities in which he lived.

Phil was a generous, thoughtful and compassionate person. He enjoyed golfing and reading. He was interested in music and theatre. And cooking was one of his interests and activities. He will be remembered with thanksgiving for his passion for ministry, his supportive mentoring, his good sense of humor and his ready smile.

Phil is survived by his wife, Barbara; his mother, LaVerne Kenas of Ripon; five brothers and a sister; 17 nieces and nephews and many other relatives. A memorial service in celebration of his life and ministry was held on March 5, 2005 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Madison.

***Rev. Rodney Liverett***

Rev. Rodney Liverett was an ordained pastor in the Evangelical Covenant Church who served the United Methodist Churches in Hammond, Martell and New Centerville from 2001 to 2003. He departed this life to serve in the Church Triumphant October 9, 2004. He is survived by his wife of 17 years and their two daughters, many friends and brothers and sisters in Christ.

Rodney's early upbringing was in the Baptist Church and the Evangelical Free Church. He graduated from Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Missouri with a Bachelors of Arts degree and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois with a Master of Divinity degree. He said he "married into the Evangelical Covenant Church" since that was his wife's background. He attended North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago for a year of orientation. He was ordained in the Evangelical Covenant Church in June of 1991 and served churches in Summerdale, Alabama; Park Falls, Wisconsin and Wallace, Michigan during a 13-year period before being appointed to the United Methodist Churches in Hammond, Martell and New Centerville.

He lived his life faithfully and was constantly striving to be a growing and obedient disciple of Jesus Christ, living his life to the glory of God and for the good of his neighbor. His desire was to see God's people grow in faith and the church in numbers by spending time in God's Word, prayer, worship and reaching out to those who do not yet know and love God.

*Rev. Walter L. Moffett*

The Rev. Walter L. Moffett passed away on October 17, 2004 at the age of 77 at his home in Kamiah, Idaho after a long struggle with diabetes. He was born in Kamiah June 23, 1927, to the Rev. Harry and Sarah Moffett. He was an enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe. He grew up in Kamiah and graduated from Kamiah High School in 1945.



Walter enlisted in the Army in 1945, serving in Okinawa and Korea as corporal, personal section and head clerk of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment. He received an honorable discharge in 1947. In January of 1947 he graduated from a post-high school commercial course in Lawrence, Kansas, now Haskell University. In 1951-52 he attended the University of Iowa, Dubuque, and graduated in 1955 from the College of Idaho in Caldwell with a bachelor's degree in liberal arts. In 1958 he graduated from the San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, California and in 1959 from the U.S. Public Health Sanitation School in Phoenix, Arizona. While a student in high school and college, Walter worked during the summer in various harvests and sawmills in Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

In 1955, he began his long and distinguished career in ministry by serving as an intern pastor in Brigham City, Utah for three years. Rev. Moffett then accepted an appointment as pastor to the Wellpinit United Presbyterian Church from 1962 to 1963 at Wellpinit, Washington. In 1964, he began serving the people of the Kamiah and Kooshia area as community pastor for 15 years. He also served as moderator for the northern Idaho presbytery. In 1974, he served as a counselor through the Johnson O'Malley federal program for the Kamiah, Kooshia and Orofino school districts. From 1979 until his retirement from full-time ministry in 1992, he served as pastor in Lapwai, Idaho at the Lapwai United Methodist Church; as Minister of Presences in the Alaska Missionary Conference in Anchorage, Alaska; in Covelo, California at Round Valley United Methodist Church and in Oneida, Wisconsin at the Oneida United Methodist Church.

Rev. Moffett was first elected to the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) in 1967. He would go on to serve 10 years with NPTEC, where he served as chairman, vice chairman, treasurer, secretary and chaplain. He was a member of the board of directors for the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory in Portland, Oregon. Rev. Moffett also served as member of the state advisory council, Title III, elementary and secondary education for the state of Idaho. He was a member of the Idaho Human Resources Development Council under Governor Don Samuelson.

He was past executive director, president and treasurer of Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians. Then he was the regional vice president, Portland area, National Congress of American Indians. He also spent time as a member of the State of Idaho Advisory Council, U.S. Civil Rights Commission, and was nominated by President Carter and approved by the U.S. Senate in 1978 for membership on the Federal Council on Aging.

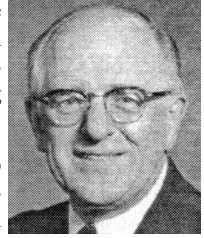
Rev. Moffett enjoyed fly-fishing, photography, sketching and drawing, camping and traveling to such destinations as Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Holy Land. He served the community through his involvement in local, state and national politics and his participation in Indian politics.

Survivors include his wife, Bernice, who Walter married on July 29, 1950, their five sons: Steven Moffett, Scott Moffett, Elliot (Vonda) Moffett, Rev. Barrett Moffett, Elroy (Laurie) Moffett and their daughter, Sara (Ben) Sedgwick and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and two sisters; his son, Walter L. Moffett Jr. and his granddaughter, Rebecca Nicole Moffett.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Rev. Walter L. Moffett was held at the Wa-a-yas Community Building in Kamiah on October 20<sup>th</sup> and the funeral service was held October 21<sup>st</sup>. Private graveside services were held later at the Second Indian Presbyterian Cemetery.

*The Rev. W. Richard “Dick” Steffen*

The Rev. W. Richard “Dick” Steffen, age 82, died January 21, 2005 at home in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, after an extended illness. Warren Richard Steffen was born December 27, 1922 in Madison, Wisconsin to Fredrick Herman and Grace (Huss) Steffen. He grew up in Mt. Morris, Illinois, graduating from Mt. Morris High School in 1940.



He married Ruth Elizabeth Swan in Madison, Wisconsin on June 8, 1946. To them were born Frederick (Catherine) Steffen, Keith (Betty) Steffen, Christine (Stephen, deceased) Stavar, Elizabeth (Ronald) Lowell and Kathleen (Jeffrey) Werner, all of whom survive, as well as eleven grandchildren and two great-granddaughters. His parents and a younger brother, Peter, preceded him in death.

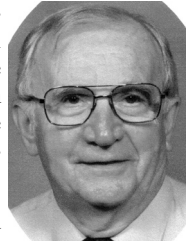
Dick attended the University of Illinois for two years before entering the army in WW II. He attended the University of Oklahoma under the Army Specialized Training Program. He was transferred to the 103<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division and served in Europe for a year as an infantry messenger. After leaving the service he graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and received the Masters of Divinity degree from Garrett Theological Seminary. He was ordained as a Deacon in the Rock River Conference of the Methodist Church in 1949. He then earned a Master’s degree in Guidance and Counseling from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He was ordained Elder in 1951.

Throughout his ministry Dick was involved in ecumenical activities, peace movements and with Ruth in the Marriage Encounter program. He believed the family was the basic social unit and the local church was the touchstone of faithful living. He served churches in northern Illinois including Harvey: Academy (1949-1951); Elizabeth (1951-1953); Sandwich and Millington (1953-1955). He transferred to the North Dakota Conference and was appointed as campus minister at the Wesley Foundation on the campus of the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks from 1955 to 1961. He continued in the Wesley Foundation, serving at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis (1961-1963). He transferred to the East Wisconsin Conference in 1963 and served through the Wesley Foundation and also as director of the Methodist Campus Ministry at the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point until 1975. After nineteen years as a campus minister he concluded his full-time ministry serving as pastor at Wisconsin United Methodist churches in Marshall (1976-1979); Highland church in Rothschild (1979-1984) then Mosinee and Rothschild from 1984 until his retirement in 1987. Dick and Ruth retired to Stevens Point, where he served on the board of the Portage County Historical Society, the board of the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point Academy of Letters and Science and the Portage County Senior Center Advisory Council as well as on numerous denominational and ecumenical church boards and agencies.

A memorial service celebrating his life was held at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church in Stevens Point, with the Reverends Graham West and Nancy Moffat officiating. Dick generously shared grace and compassion with all. His epitaph was “If I Don’t, Who Will” following the admonition of II Timothy 2:15 “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.”

*Rev. Herb Thompson*

The Rev. Herbert H. Thompson, age 84, died February 12, 2005 at St. Michael's Hospital in Stevens Point surrounded by his family. He was born April 27, 1920 in Petrolia, Butler County, Pennsylvania, the son of Bernice (Campbell) and the Rev. Homer H. Thompson. He was united in marriage on September 9, 1939 to his Karn City High School sweetheart, Helen Louise Myers. He graduated in 1943 from Grove City College – the only married student on campus at the time.



Pastor Herb graduated from Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Illinois and was ordained elder in the Wisconsin Conference of the Methodist Church. Beginning in 1945, he and Louise served Methodist churches in Clarks Mills, Pennsylvania (1945-1947); Mount Horeb, Blue Mounds and Ridgeway (1947-1953); Mineral Point and Willow Springs (1953-1956); Platteville (1956-1961); and Bethany in Madison (1961-1964). In 1964, he was appointed by Bishop Alton to be the West Central District Superintendent serving more than 80 pastors and their congregations while living in La Crosse. In 1969 he began serving St. Paul's in Stevens Point. During the 17 years until his retirement in 1986, Pastor Herb was a well-known champion for all young people, university students, Boy Scouts, local clergy and faculty and students from foreign countries attending the university. He continued to serve others outside the church through the food pantry and holiday food baskets for those in need and family counseling. He valued contemporary worship services, choirs for all ages and handbell choirs.

He became a friend, mentor and confidant to a countless number of people. He was raised to Master Mason in Mount Horeb in 1949 and was a member of Evergreen Masonic Lodge No. 93 in Stevens Point. Upon retirement after a 41-year career in the full-time ordained ministry, he and his wife Louise spent many summer months at their cottage in Barronett, winter months in the Florida Keys and enjoyed special times with each of their children and families. A very special joy for Herb involved not only baptizing grandchildren and great grandchildren on or near each child's first Christmas, but also performing most of their weddings. He treasured his many community friends and the members of St. Paul's, who continued to provide him with many happy memories throughout his retirement.

Rev. Thompson is survived by Louise, his wife of 65 years, their children Judy (Tom) Dillon, Harv Thompson, Mary (Philip) Hacker, Susan (Donald Hudson, Jeanne Klein (Todd) Jacowski and adopted daughter Lois (Bob) Knudson, 18 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

The visitation and the Masonic Ritual were held on February 15 and the memorial service to celebrate his life, death and resurrection was held the next day at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Stevens Point.

***Clergy Spouses and Children***

***Rafael R. Alicea***

Rafael Alicia, age 80, of Oneida went to be with the Lord on February 22, 2005, surrounded by his family. He was born July 10, 1924, in Barranquitas, Puerto Rico to the late Eduvigis Rivera and Generosa Alicea. On December 31, 1952, he married Harriet May Skenandore. She served as the Local Pastor at the Oneida United Methodist Church from April 1997 until her retirement in 2002.



Rafael retired from Lindquist Machines after 28 years. He enjoyed fishing, working in his garden and spending time with his family. He was a member of the Oneida United Methodist Church for over 40 years and served as an usher for many years. He was a member of the Methodist Men and served as Past President. He was also a member of the Cemetery Committee up to his death. He was a faithful reader of his Bible and shared his faith with many. Rafael loved to cook and was well know for his Spanish rice and beans.

Survivors include his wife, Harriet, his six children: Dean (Gloria) LaFlex, Rafael G. Alicea, Juan (Glynis) Alicea, Ana Alicea, Michael (Hilda) Wisneski, Leon (Tonya) Boucher and his fifteen wonderful grandchildren.

The Oneida Hymn Singers honored him at his wake and the funeral service was celebrated at Meadowbrook Church of Green Bay with Pastor Michael Moralez officiating. Burial was at the Oneida Methodist Cemetery.

***Helene M. Allison***

Helene Allison, age 104, died August 5, 2004 at Barron Medical Center. She was born May 30, 1900 in Belmont, Wisconsin, the daughter of James and Gertrude (Barrett) Hambly. She attended school at Lawrence College and at Platteville Teachers College, receiving a teacher certificate in 1921. She taught at South Wayne High School for two years. On June 14, 1923 she married Harold Arthur Allison at her home church in Belmont. Harold was ordained in the Methodist Church in 1925. They both served in Churches across western Wisconsin for the next 39 years, including Troy Center (1925-1927); Mount Hope (1927-1931); Bloomington (1931-1938); Black River Falls (1938-1945); New Lisbon (1945-1946); Dodgeville (1946-1949); Barron (1949-1962); Monroe (1962-1964). Harold and Helene retired to Barron in 1964. Helene was a minister's wife and helpmate, a mother of three sons: Keith (Marge) Allison, Dean (Bonnie) Allison, Ross Allison, one daughter Ruth (Robert) Clark and their foster son Fred (Phyllis) Field. They had eighteen grandchildren, twenty-eight great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.



Helene served as Treasurer for the West Wisconsin Conference of the Methodist Church for 30 years from 1943 to 1973. She enjoyed needlework, and crocheted hundreds of Afghans over the years. She also enjoyed raising roses.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Harold A. Allison who died May 6, 1969 and her foster son, Fred Field. Helene's funeral service was held August 19, 2004 at First United Methodist Church in Barron, with burial in the Wayside Cemetery in Barron.

***Marjorie Carlsen***

Marjorie Carlsen, widow of Lay Pastor Millard S. Carlsen, passed away this year at the age of 92. Her late husband, Rev. Millard Carlsen, passed away in Aquilla, Texas October 10, 1995. Their children are Jane, Jean and Martin. Marjorie had been living with her son and his wife in Mound, Minnesota. No further information was available at the time the Journal was printed.

***Grace E. Feldt***

Grace Eleanore Feldt, 91, of Marshfield, died on February 28, 2005 at the Saint Joseph's Hospital Palliative Care Unit. She struggled with Parkinson's and other health problems in the past few years and died due to congestive heart failure and pneumonia. Her husband, the Rev. Milton Feldt followed her to their heavenly home eleven days later.



Grace was born to Frank and Etta (Palmer) Knuth on February 5, 1914 in Sawyer, Wisconsin. She graduated from St. Luke's Presbyterian Nursing School in Chicago, Illinois.

She married Rev. Milton Charles Feldt on February 6, 1938 in Merrill, Wisconsin. She was his helpmate and partner for 67 years. Together they served churches in Seymour, Black Creek and Angelica (1938-1944); Niagara and Goodman (1944-1948); Wisconsin Rapids (1948- 1957); and Immanuel in Kenosha from 1957 until Milton's retirement in 1974.

Family and clergy were present at the time of her death, and bedside transitional and committal services were held. No other public services were conducted. Survivors include their son, Bruce (Linda) Feldt of Marshfield, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Their daughter, Barbara Myers preceded them in death.

***Laverne F. E. Helmerich***

Laverne F. E. Helmerich, formerly of Sun Prairie, entered her eternal home on November 10, 2004 at the age of 88 from the Hospice Care Center in Fitchburg. She was born on July 30, 1916, near Huntingburg, Indiana, the daughter of Harvey and Clara (Hunefeld) Wessel. She married Wayne D. Helmerich on July 30, 1939 in Indiana. After 43 years of loving partnership and teamwork, Wayne preceded her to their heavenly home on March 31, 1982.



Together Rev. Wayne and Laverne served churches in Indiana, South Dakota and in the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church. They enjoyed camping together. After his death, she did some traveling while she was able.

More than anything she loved her family and took great delight in her four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She is survived by her two daughters, Faith (Neil) Piepenburg and Mary (Randy) Wayne, and also Laverne (Ron) Reese who was like a daughter to her.

Laverne was an active member the Sun Prairie United Methodist Church, where her memorial service was celebrated on November 15, 2004.

***Linda K. Huenink***

Linda (Linny) H. Huenink, the wife of Pastor John Huenink, passed away on July 7, 2004, after 8 years battling Multiple System Atrophy, an untreatable disease, that gradually robs one of their physical functions. She was 64. Linda will be remembered by all who knew her for her never ending smile in the face of adversity, for her outgoing spirit, for her love, for the strength she gave to others, for her willingness to help, and for the inspiration that flowed from her.



Linda was born in Racine on June 27, 1941, the daughter of Everett and Helen (Coe) Hanson. She was a 1963 graduate of Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin. On September 21, 1963, she married John Huenink in Racine. Linda, formerly of Hartland and Palmyra, was very active in her churches and the communities where she lived. Prior to, and during the first years of her illness, Linda gave of herself generously as an assistant activity director at River Hills West Nursing Home, as Director of the new Berlin and Pewaukee food pantries and Meals on Wheels programs, as president of the Suburban Woman's Club of Wauwatosa, as coordinator of S.H.A.R.E in Palmyra and as an active member of the United Methodist Churches in Palmyra and Caldwell.

Linda is survived by her husband Rev. John Huenink, her daughter, Brenda Roberts, her sons Jim Huenink and John L. Huenink, her 2 grandsons Maxwell and Lewis Huenink, her parents Helen and Everett Hanson, her brother Jim Hanson, her sister Sharie Schroeder, numerous nieces and nephews, her beloved congregation at Caldwell UMC, to whom she was forever grateful for their love and understanding, and many other friends.

The service celebrating her life was held at Caldwell United Methodist Church on July 11, 2004 led by Rev. Sue Leih. A private burial service took place at Union Cemetery in Cedar Grove.

***Karen Kellin***

Karen Kellin, wife of retired clergy member Rev. David Kellin, died on March 30, 2005. Her memorial service was held at Hunt United Methodist Church in Hunt, Texas. No further information was available at the time the Journal was printed.

***Ruth Mandigo***

Ruth Mandigo, widow of Rev. Albert Mandigo, passed away on September 1, 2004. The former Ruth Satterlee married Albert Randall Mandigo on June 7, 1942. They had two sons, Randall and Robert. Ruth was a graduate of Western Michigan University. She taught Kindergarten in Hartford. She had done considerable work in the National Council of Churches' Migrant Ministry. She was active in summer theatre and other civic affairs.

The Mandigos lived and served churches in Michigan for 14 years: Reading (1943-1945); Quincy (1945-1948); Fernville (1948-1950); Cassopolis (1950-1957); and Keeler Methodist Church in Hartford (1952-1957). Rev. Mandigo transferred to the West Wisconsin Conference in 1957 and served in Hudson (1957-1960); Darlington (1960-1963); and Reedsburg from 1963 until his retirement in 1965.

Albert died suddenly and unexpectedly on March 19, 1966, less than a year after his retirement. Ruth continued her life and ministry in new areas. She was part of a District Work Team to Haiti in 1989 and worked on projects for the United Methodist Committee On Relief. She moved from

Michigan to a retirement home in Tucson, determined to be as active and positive as possible. Her strong faith sustained her through various health problems. Her love of the Lord and compassion for people were blessings to many around her and those distant friends she held close in prayer.

***Randall S. Nulton***

Randal S. Nulton, son of Rev. Virgil W. and Dorothy Watson Nulton, died October 16, 2004 at the age of 47, after a yearlong battle with cancer. He was born October 25, 1956 at Lakeside Methodist Hospital in Rice Lake, Wisconsin. He lived with his family in Rice Lake, Sparta, Madison and then West Bend where he graduated from High School in 1973. He earned a Bachelors degree from Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky in 1997 and a Masters degree in Mission Development from Wheaton College in Illinois in 1982.

His skills in Journalism and Public Relations were utilized by several non-denominational organizations. He worked for over a year as a magazine editor for Christian Service Brigade, and then as a book editor for David C. Cook Publishing Co. in Elgin, Illinois. He worked for Russ Reed's Management Development Associates in Orange County, California and then as Communications Director for International Students Incorporated in Colorado Springs, Colorado until 1986. In 1989 he wrote a book about the ministry of Don Wildman, "The Man the Networks Love to Hate," of the American Family Association. After working in Pittsburgh for a year, he became a writer for the 700 Club in Virginia Beach, Virginia and developed a seminar project for Regent University there. For his last eleven years, he was organizing and directing large group seminars for Dr. Ken Canfield's National Center for Fathering in Kansas City. He was a member of the Metro Christian Fellowship Church in Kansas City, Missouri. He made Christian contacts and friends in all parts of the United States.

Randall is survived by his father, one brother, Rev. Paul (Shelly) Nulton, and one sister Kathy (Lee) Ware and his nieces and nephews. Randall was laid to rest in the Rural Cemetery at Wau-paca, Wisconsin beside his mother, who preceded him in death in 1993.

***Janet M. Wagner***

Janet M. Wagner, the wife of Rev. John Wagner, was a partner in ministry for sixty years at twenty churches and eleven parsonages in the East Wisconsin Methodist Conference and the Wisconsin United Methodist Conference. She passed away at the age of 93 on June 21, 2004 at Ripon, Wisconsin, and was buried in Markesan. Janet was born in Madison on July 1, 1910. She married Rev. John Albert Wagner August 15, 1938 who survives her at American House in Ripon.



As a clergy spouse she applied her special interests, which included church school education for children. Janet graduated from Milwaukee State Teachers College. At several different times in her career she taught kindergarten and special education. Janet and John served together at the United Methodist churches in Orfordville and Plymouth (1937-1940); Wild Rose, Dopp and Crystal Lake (1940-1946); Stoughton (1946-1947); Markesan, Kingston and Marquette (1947-1952); Lake Mills and Millford (1952-1954); St. Matthew's of Fond du Lac and North Fond du Lac (1954-1959); Oconto and Abrams (1959-1963); Bethel of Elkhorn and LaGrange (1963-1967); and Waterloo from 1969 until their retirement in 1974. Then they served Kingston and Dalton Congregational from 1976 until 1983.

Janet was especially proud of her affiliation with Eastern Star, her four grandchildren and one great grandchild. Besides her husband John, she is survived by daughter Jill Hull of Green Bay and son Jack Wagner of Waukesha.

## **Lay Members of Annual Conference**

### ***Karen L. Fonstad***

Karen Lea Wynn Fonstad was born April 18, 1945 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the daughter of James and Estis Wynn. She graduated from Norman High School, Norman, Oklahoma. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Therapy and a Master of Arts in Geography, specializing in cartography, from the University of Oklahoma. While attending OU she met and married Todd A. Fonstad of Oshkosh on March 21, 1970. They have two children: Dr. Mark A. Fonstad, San Marcos, Texas and Kristina Stingle, Sussex, Wisconsin.



Karen was a freelance cartographer, part-time lecturer at The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, and an invited speaker for many events. She was the author and illustrator of *The Atlas of Middle-Earth*, *The Atlas of Pern*, *The Atlas of the Land*, *The Atlas of the Dragonlance World* and *The Forgotten Realms Atlas*. Karen helped develop *Eowyn Challenge-Worldwide Walk to Rivendell and Beyond* where over 800 people have logged 200,000 miles in the past two years.

She has been listed in *Who's Who of American Women*, *Who's Who in the Midwest*, and *World Who's Who of Women*.

Karen was active in the Oshkosh community. She served on the Oshkosh City Plan Commission for twenty-four years and as a member of the Oshkosh Common Council. Some of her other civic participation included: Grand Opera House Board of Directors, Hotel/Convention Center and Mass Transportation Center Development Committees, Oshkosh Commercial Development Corporation, Business Improvement Council Board of Directors, and the Downtown Oshkosh Committee.

At various times Karen served in the Oshkosh Symphony League, Camp Fire and Cub Scout programs, and in the UW-Oshkosh Faculty Dames, where she held the offices of president and secretary.

Karen was an active member of Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church since 1974. She was the unofficial curator of *The Nativity Collection* housed at the church. She was largely responsible for designing and coordinating the cabinet construction, displaying, promoting, and maintaining the 1000 sets of the collection. She helped plan the Centennial Center Building Addition, was Director of Program Ministries for two years and webmaster for seven. She served on many committees, participated in church mission projects and was a Certified Lay Speaker and Lay Member of the Wisconsin Annual Conference.

Karen is survived by her husband, Todd; her son, Mark; her daughter, Kristina (Chad) Stingle; two sisters, Peggy (Jerry) Rhoton and Marsa (Derald) Crissup of Norman, Oklahoma; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers.

**Frances B. Reneau**

Having lived her life faithfully and fully for 90 years, Frances B. Reneau went to her heavenly home on February 27, 2005. Frances Brown was born November 16, 1914 in Corydon, Indiana, to parents Thomas Alfred and Minnie Smith Brown. She married Jesse B. Reneau on July 2, 1938. Together they celebrated love and life for nearly 50 years until his passing on December 1, 1987.



Blessed by her loving parents, who always wanted their children to do their best, she was active in her church, her community and social organizations. Always willing to lend a helping hand, her many affiliations included being a Girl Reserve Advisor, Boy Scout and Girl Scout activities, a member of the Home Makers Club, Retired Senior Volunteers of America, Warm Line and a member of the State Historical Society of Madison, Wisconsin, to name a few. Participating with other Beloit citizens along with her son and daughter, Frances marched around the Capital Building in Madison for "Fair Housing" in Beloit. As a result, the "Fair Housing Bill" was passed. She was recognized by the Beloit Daily News for her 50 years of Volunteer Service to the Community.

Frances was featured in four documentary books at the University of Wisconsin Historical Society: "*Women Remember the War 1941-1945*," "*Voices From Viet Nam*," "*Back to the Past*" and "*150 Years of Service*," which outline some of her accomplishments and personal experiences. She was a well-known and very busy seamstress in the Beloit area for over 50 years. Frances was an active member of the Henderson Avenue United Methodist Church, served on the Wisconsin Conference of United Methodist Women's organization, the Wisconsin Conference Council of Ministries and was a Lay Member of the Wisconsin Annual Conference.

One of the great joys and privileges in her life was becoming a Certified Lay Speaker. She was a God-fearing woman who loved to spread the Word of the Lord. She drew strength and wisdom from reading the Bible and *The Upper Room* often, and had the gift of sharing with others and cheering people up. Her life was blessed. She was always surrounded by family and the many friends whose lives she touched. But in the words of Frances, it was her life that was touched by the many people she encountered over her 90 years. Her life's motto, which came from a favorite song, was, "If I can help somebody along the way, then my living will not be in vain." She leaves behind a legacy of ultimate love of the Lord and family, kindness to all and her undying faith.

Her love for her family was never-ending and will continue to be felt by her beloved children: Thomas A Reneau and Peggy Y. Reneau; her two grandchildren and two great-granddaughters, and a host of other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, eight of her siblings and her loving husband, Jesse.