

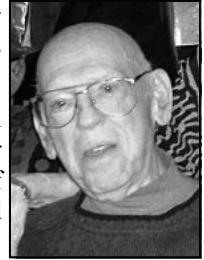
**2006-2007 MEMOIRS**

*Clergy Members*

***Rev. Dr. John L. Adams***

John Leslie Adams, a former clergy member of the Wisconsin Annual Conference, passed away on December 13, 2006 in Livonia, Michigan.

Rev. Adams was born on September 20, 1918. He graduated from high school in Brownsville, Tennessee in 1936. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Asbury College in 1940, and the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Garrett Biblical Institute in 1947. John married Evelyn Dorothy Whitney on August 13, 1940.



He entered ministry in the Detroit Conference in 1943, and was ordained an elder in 1947. He served Methodist Churches in Michigan at Armada, Detroit: St. Andrews, Detroit: E. Grand Boulevard, Royal Oak, Highland Park: First, Detroit: Christ, and Detroit: Nardin Park. Rev. Adams transferred to the Wisconsin Annual Conference in 1963, where he served First United Methodist Church in Oshkosh.

He withdrew from the ministry of the Methodist Church in 1967 in order to accept a call to serve as the pastor of the Mizpah United Church of Christ in Minneapolis. From there he became senior pastor of Zion U.C.C. Church in North Canton, Ohio. After a severe heart attack, he was forced to retire in 1983. He and his wife lived in Kinde, Michigan until 2006, when they relocated to Plymouth, Michigan to be near their children and great grandchildren.

John was active in the cause of mental health, serving as chairman of city, county and state boards of mental health. He chaired United Way drives at the city and county levels. He also served on numerous conference boards and committees. He was a member of Kiwanis and Rotary for 40 years. The Ecumenical movement and the Red Cross are also part of his faith story. In 1961, he received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Adrian College in Michigan.

Dr. Adams was a 32nd degree Mason and member of Royal Arch Masons and Knights Templar (Commandery). He was an avid gardener in retirement. His gardens and orchard supplied beautiful flowers and delicious fruits and vegetables to friends and neighbors throughout the county. He also loved fishing and all sports.

Dr. Adams is survived by his wife of 66 years, Evelyn; his son, John, his daughter, Susanne; his granddaughter, Kristen, and two great grandsons, Adam and Drew White.

*Rev. Nathan Norval Bartel*

Nathan Norval Bartel, 90, a retired Clergy Member of the Wisconsin Annual Conference, died Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2006, at his home in Wheaton, Illinois.

He was born Aug. 15, 1915, in Wautoma, Wisconsin, the son of Rev. William and Ellen (Clocksene) Bartel. He grew up in the parsonage, and attended schools in Lomira, Gillett, Cedar Hill, Prairie du Sac, and Monticello and graduated from Union Free High School in Juda.

Rev. Bartel attended Carroll College in Waukesha, and later transferred to North Central College in Naperville, where he graduated in 1937. He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Evangelical Theological Seminary in 1940, and the Master of Divinity Degree in 1972. He received his license to preach in 1935, was ordained a Deacon in 1938, and an Elder in 1940. He married Marina Isabelle Williams on June 1, 1946. The couple had two children, Ellen Claire and Marina Paulette.

During his 30 years of successful parish ministry, he served four pastorates in Wisconsin, at Prairie du Chein, Walworth, Wauwatosa and Racine. He returned to Naperville in 1966 to assume the position of Director of Church and Alumni Relations at North Central College. In 1975, he joined the staff of the Center for Parish Development, an interdenominational research and development agency, then located in Naperville. Upon his retirement in 1980, he continued to serve as an adjunct staff consultant for the center and as a development associate at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston. He held extensive leadership roles in the Wisconsin Conference of the former Evangelical Untied Brethren denomination, serving on the Board of Church Extension and Missions. He chaired committees and commissions of the Council of Churches in Wisconsin. Throughout his ministry he was enthusiastic and instrumental in developing programs for Christian youths, church camping, ecumenical relations, mental health organizations and radio and television interfaith ministries. In 1944, he created the "Interfaith Radio Program" for WTMJ, the Milwaukee Journal newspaper's station. In 2005, he was awarded a Certificate by the Wisconsin Conference of the UMC for 70 years of service to God's people.

His volunteer community work included directorships on numerous civic and welfare boards in the cities where he ministered. He served as president of the alumni associations of both of his alma maters: the Evangelical Theological Seminary (1956-1957) and North Central College (1988-1989). In 1982, he received the Outstanding Alumnus Award from North Central College.

The Rev. Bartel was president of the Naperville-North Central College Performing Arts Association from 1980 to 1983. This association's board of directors made him a "Life Director" in grateful recognition of his many contributions to the association. He was a member and chaplain of Kiwanis International in Wauwatosa and Racine and of the Evening Kiwanis Club of Naperville, which awarded him the Hixson Fellowship Award. The Naperville Jaycees gave him an award for his community service in the religion category. He was a leader in the organization of the Edward Hospital Chapter of Mended Hearts, working with cardiac patients and their families, as an "On Call Chaplain" at Edward Hospital.

As an active member of Community United Methodist Church in Naperville, he served as a Sunday school teacher and chaired commissions on worship, education and evangelism. A world traveler, he and his wife, Isabelle, shared their personal travelogues with many church and civic groups.

He will be remembered as a friendly, dedicated people's pastor. The Christian faith and the Christian church were a tremendous influence and were so much a part of his being and his personality that they radiated and extended in his personal relationships to all he met during his lifetime. He was a very sincere and warm individual, making his ministry to people not officious. He was proud to be a leader of worship and pastor of a congregation and ministered whenever requested, be it a baptism, wedding, funeral or visiting hospital patients.

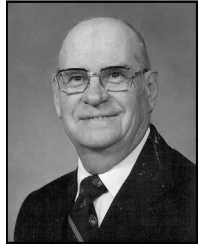
The Rev. Bartel is survived by his wife, Isabelle; two daughters, Ellen Bartel, and Marina Semprevivo, three grandchildren, Michael, Paul and Laura Semprevivo, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Elsmer; and a sister, Dorothy Fulton.

### ***Rev. Carl Wilfred Bloedow***

Carl Wilfred Bloedow, a retired clergy member of the Wisconsin Annual Conference, passed into eternal glory on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006 in Janesville at the age of 100.

Carl was born on June 30, 1906, in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Canada. He was the son of Rev. Ferdinand and Carline Bloedow. The oldest of four children, he outlived a brother and two sisters, and was the only sibling who became a citizen of the U.S.A.



Carl was educated at the University of Rochester, New York, where he graduated in 1929, and at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, graduating in 1932. He was ordained by a council of the American Baptist Convention on May 25, 1932, and served Baptist Congregations until 1963, when he transferred his membership to the East Wisconsin Conference of the Methodist Church.

Carl Bloedow lived for others. His career path as a minister, first in the American Baptist Convention and, after 1963, in the United Methodist Church, was a commitment to humble service in the name of his God. He served congregations in Bristol, Clinton, Beloit and Janesville: Cargill, where he served as minister of visitation and led the program for seniors.

Carl married Alice Ruth Maas on August 27, 1932. They served together as partners in ministry for 66 years, until she preceded him in death in 1998. They had three children: Wilfred, Lucetta, and Phillip. A daughter, Nathalie, died in infancy.

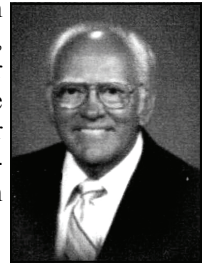
Carl enjoyed fishing, teaching all of his grandchildren and most of his grandchildren how to fly cast. He was a lapidary, collecting, polishing, and working with rocks, and was a member of a rock club. During World War II he learned to be an electrician, and worked as one to supplement the available technicians who were in the military. He

became a 32nd degree Mason, and was a member of the International Order of Oddfellows, the Wisconsin State Historical Society, and the American Association of Retired Persons.

The last years of his life were spent at Cedar Crest in Janesville. The care he received there from caregivers, friends and admirers allowed him to go on giving, and doing for others - and thus made the last ten years of his life meaningful and productive. His ministry will continue on beyond death. Always giving to others, years ago this generous man arranged to donate his remains to the UW-Madison Medical School for anatomical study.

### *Rev. James T. Carrico*

James Thomas Carrico, a retired Clergy Member of the Wisconsin Annual Conference, was born on November 11, 1916 in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was the son of Richard and Nellie Carrico. After graduation from Manual Training High School in Indianapolis, he attended Evansville University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1948, and Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, where he earned the Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1951.



James married Betty Jane Mock on June 14, 1941. They had six children: Stephen, Philip, Timothy, Mark, Jane and Rebecca.

Rev. Carrico entered the ministry of the Methodist Church in the Indiana Conference, where he was licensed to preach in 1939, and was received as a probationary member in 1945. In Indiana he served congregations in Maywood, Arlington, Francisco, the Bonnevill Parish, and Michgantown. He served the Bondville, Illinois congregation while in Seminary at Garrett. He transferred to the East Wisconsin Conference in 1950, and was ordained a Deacon that same year. He was ordained an Elder in 1951. In Wisconsin he served congregations in Brillion, Clintonville, Marion, Green Bay: St. Paul's, Wausau: First, Fond du Lac: Division Street, and Barron. He retired in 1981. After retirement, he continued to serve congregations in Forest Junction, Whitefish Bay, and Bradenton, Florida, where he and his wife Betty spent many winters.

Jim was active on the Board of Missions and served as District Secretary of Missions. He was a member of the Commission on Town and Country Ministry, the District Board of Church Location and Building, the Conference Commission on Christian Vocation, the Conference Committee on Finance, the Conference Board of Social Concerns, and the District Council on Ministries. and was a member of the Commission on Outdoor Education, serving as a camp counselor for many years.

He taught Sunday School Classes in many churches, went to Mexico on a mission trip in the 1960's, and was involved in the formation of the Group Home for the Disabled in Fond du Lac. He served on the County Association for Retarded Citizens, the Wisconsin State Association for Retarded Citizens and the Advisory Board for Mental Health Care. He was a member of the Library Board, the Rotary Club, Kiwanis, the United Way, and was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. On July 15, 1997 he was awarded the Key to the City of Green Bay by Mayor Paul Jadin.

Jim enjoyed fly fishing and woodworking, making church bird houses, wooden flowers, cranes, paper towel holders, and other craft items. He enjoyed going to the symphony, and traveling. For the last eight years of his life Jim and Betty resided at Evergreen Retirement Community in Oshkosh, where he preached many services and led a Bible Study. He enjoyed reading with young people in a program at Evergreen called "Twirl," run in cooperation with the school system.

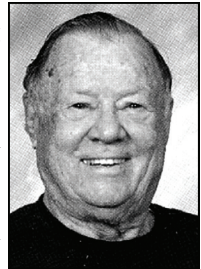
Jim's ministry, which spanned 60 years, was about love and genuine care. He touched countless lives. He performed marriage ceremonies for most of his children and marriage and baptism ceremonies for many of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His final mission was to be a loving caregiver to his wife, Betty, who has been struggling with Alzheimer's disease for several years.

Jim passed away in Oshkosh, Wisconsin on Thursday, September 14, 2006, with his daughter at his side. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Betty, his four sons and two daughters, 15 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and two sisters.

### *Rev. James "Jimmy" Allen Feay*

James Feay, a retired clergy member of the Wisconsin Annual Conference, passed away unexpectedly on July 16, 2006, while visiting family in South Dakota.

Jim Feay was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on December 22, 1927, the son of Henry and Edith (Archer) Feay. He grew up in Sioux Falls, graduating from Washington High School, and, at the age of 17, joined the Merchant Marines. After serving with the Merchant Marines he returned to Sioux Falls where he worked as a mechanic in Feay's Garage with his uncles. He also worked for seven years as the owner and operator of a fishing resort in Ashby, Minnesota.



Jim married Leita Siegfried on August 31, 1952 at First United Methodist Church in Sioux Falls. He attended Sioux Falls College from 1959 to 1961. He then transferred to Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota and graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1963. He attended Drew University Seminary in Madison, New Jersey and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in 1968. He was ordained a Deacon in the South Dakota Conference of the Methodist Church in 1965, and an Elder in 1968. He transferred to the Wisconsin Conference of The United Methodist Church that same year.

Jim, Leita and their family then moved to northeast Wisconsin, where he served for 35 years doing mission and ministry work among the people of the Menominee Indian Nation. He served the Menominee Ministry for his entire active ministry, from 1968 until his retirement in 1993.

In his free time Jim enjoyed woodworking, and many outdoor activities such as pheasant hunting, fishing and camping. He also liked traveling all over the United States with his wife, spending summers in his cabin in Hill City, South Dakota, attending REC LAB leadership retreats and the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally where he conducted many weddings for the bikers. Jim would also spend his free time doing volunteer work and ministering to the inmates at state and federal prisons in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Survivors include his 4 children, Sharon Williams, Cynthia Feay, Grant Feay, and Sheila Feay-Shaw; 8 grandchildren; one brother, Richard Feay, 2 sisters, Doris Graham and Judy Greer, and a large loving family of nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Leita; parents, Henry and Edith Feay; one sister, Elnor Mortenson; and two brothers, "Bus" Henry Feay Jr. and Oliver "Joe" Feay.

### ***Rev. Rolland L Ferch***

Rolland Livingstone Ferch, a retired Clergy Member of the Wisconsin Annual Conference, passed away on Friday, May 4, 2007, at Meriter Hospital in Madison at the age of 88. He was born on Dec. 15, 1918, in Naperville, Illinois, the son of the Rev. Henry and Ella (Nienas) Ferch.



Rolland graduated from North Central College and Evangelical Theological Seminary in Naperville, Illinois. He started serving a ministry in Plymouth and Walworth while in the seminary. In June, 1942, Rolland was united in marriage to Evelyn Rebecca Jackson. He served a total of 60 years as a minister in the Wisconsin Conference of The United Methodist Church, which included 10 pastorates, often serving two parishes simultaneously. During his ministry, Rolland served as pastor in the Evangelical United Brethren and United Methodist Churches in Elkmound, Jefferson, Menomonie, Blackhawk, Appleton, Lake Geneva, and in 1970, associate pastor at First United Methodist Church in Madison, where he served until his retirement in 1982. While at First United Methodist, Rolland was responsible for the building program of the new sanctuary and the installation of the pipe organ. In his retirement, he served the United Methodist Church in Belleville, and as chaplain at Meriter and University Hospitals. Rolland also secured a master's degree in gerontology from the University of Wisconsin - Madison, at the age of 67.

During Rolland's pastoral tenure, he served many leadership roles. His service to the community included membership in the Wisconsin Board of Missions, the Boy Scouts of America, Kiwanis Clubs throughout Wisconsin, the Lions Club of Menomonie, and the Optimist Club of Sauk City.

Rolland is survived by his son, Rolland Jackson Ferch. He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Ferch, in 2000; daughter, Suzanne Lee Ferch, in 1969; and son, Stanley Paul Ferch, in 1998; and two brothers, Sheldon "Bud" Ferch and Jim Ferch.

### ***Lydia L. Goehring***

Lydia L. Goehring, a former Probationary Member of the Wisconsin Annual Conference, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006, at St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay following a short battle with cancer. She was 52.



She was born on November 19, 1954, in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, the daughter of Merlin and Doris Goehring. Lydia graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois.

Lydia was ordained a Deacon in 1977, and served churches in Bonduel, Angelica and Richfield, Wisconsin, and also Mason City, Iowa. She was discontinued as a probationary member in 1984.

She earned her Ph.D in Philosophy from Union Institute in Ohio. Lydia was employed by Encompass in child care, and most recently was a bus driver for Laidlaw Educational Services. She was a CPR instructor for the American Red Cross, and was a Health Care Provider for the American Heart Association.

Lydia is survived by her mother Doris (Goehring) Vandello, three brothers and one sister, Tim Goehring, Steven Rose, Richard Goehring, and Heidi Goehring, nieces and nephews,

Lydia was preceded in death by her father, Merlin Goehring.

### ***Rev. Dr. Young Ho Kim***

Young Ho Kim, a Clergy Member of the East Annual Conference of the Korean Methodist Church who served the Algoma, West Kewaunee, Montfort, and Cobb United Methodist Churches between 2001 and 2005, passed away unexpectedly on April 9, 2007 in Vietnam while on a mission trip there.

Rev. Kim was born on March 24, 1947, in Chinhae City, Korea. He was the fourth son of a large family. His father was an elder in the Presbyterian Church. While serving in the Korean Army, Rev. Kim saw combat during the Vietnam war, serving there for two years.

He was married to Kang-Mi Kim. The couple had two sons, Sang-Bum Kim and Jung-Bum Kim.

He was a graduate of the Methodist Theological Seminary in Seoul, Korea, where he earned the Bachelor of Theology Degree in 1981. He earned a Master of Arts in Christian Education from the Graduate School of Theology of Yonsei University in Seoul in 1983, a Master of Arts in Religion and Education from Pacific School of Religion in 1987, and a Doctor of Education degree from the Teacher's College of Columbia University in New York in 1991. After finishing his studies he returned to Korea, where he taught courses in Christian Religious Education at Methodist Theological Seminary in Seoul, and served as a chaplain at the branch campus of Yonsei University in Wonju. He was a published scholar and author with many books to his credit.

Dr. Kim was ordained in the Korean Methodist Church in 1984. During his ministry prior to coming to Wisconsin he served the Jang-Yang Methodist Church in Wonju, Korea, the Marysville Korean Methodist Church in Marysville, California, The Korean Methodist Church and Institute in New York City, the Korean Church and the One Family Church of Flushing, New York, the Jesus People Global Village Group (Internet Church), the Jesus People Small Communities in Korea, and the Mustard Seed Church in Seoul, Korea.

*Bishop David J. Lawson*

Bishop David Jerald Lawson, who served as the Episcopal leader of the Wisconsin Annual Conference from 1984 – 1992, passed away at his home in Franklin, Indiana on May 31, 2007, following a lengthy illness. He was 77.

Born March 26, 1930, in Princeton, Indiana, Lawson earned degrees from the University of Evansville and Garrett Biblical Institute, now Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois.

Lawson was ordained a deacon in 1956 and an elder in 1959. He was pastor of numerous churches in Indiana, in addition to his appointment at the Indiana University Wesley Foundation, and served as superintendent of the Evansville District and the director of the South Indiana Conference Council on Ministries. He was pastor of Carmel United Methodist Church near Indianapolis when elected bishop in 1984 by the North Central Jurisdictional Conference.



Lawson was assigned to the Wisconsin Area from 1984 to 1992 and the Illinois Area from 1992 to 1996. He served as vice president of the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry and president of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship. He also was president of the Wisconsin Conference of Churches and served on various committees of the United Methodist Council of Bishops, including chairing the Committee to Study the Ministry. He was a member of the executive committee of the World Methodist Council and president of its Committee on International Theological Education.

Lawson played a key role in establishing and developing Africa University. He served on the site selection committee for Africa University, which opened in 1992 in Old Mutare, Zimbabwe. He wrote the mission statement for the university's faculty (school) of theology in consultation with Dean David K. Yemba, who is now bishop of the Central Congo Area.

"He probably lived and breathed Africa University for a while," said James Salley, the university's associate vice chancellor for institutional advancement. "He will be greatly missed by all of us. He was a good friend of Africa University."

Upon his retirement, the former Central and Southern Illinois annual conferences, now the Illinois Great Rivers Conference, established the David and Martha Lawson Africa University Scholarship Endowment Fund in his honor. The fund provides a perpetual scholarship for at least one student at Africa University annually.

After his retirement in 1996, Lawson served as bishop-in-residence and a faculty member of the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Retired Bishop J. Woodrow Hearn called Lawson "an extremely insightful leader" who was dedicated to the mission of the church. "He had always carried out his responsibilities with a warm heart, a loving interest in people and was dedicated to helping the world move toward the goal of being a part of the kingdom of God," Hearn said.

"David shared a rich life of talent and love, a legacy long to be remembered."

Bishop Michael J. Coyner called Lawson his “consecration bishop” and recalled how he preached at the 1996 service at which Coyner was consecrated as bishop. “Since that time, David has been a colleague, friend, advisor and supporter,” Coyner told members of the North Indiana Annual Conference as he announced Lawson’s death. “He once told me, ‘I am one of your balcony people - encouraging you in your ministry as a bishop.’ I have felt and experienced his support, especially since I returned to Indiana three years ago. I will miss having him around to provide that kind of encouragement and advice.”

The Rev. Lloyd M. Wright, who went to seminary with Lawson and was a lifelong ministry colleague, said Lawson “shared a rich life of talent and love, a legacy long to be remembered.”

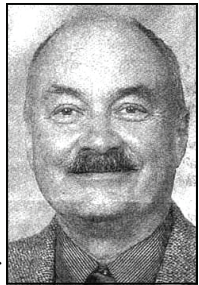
“David was a man of deep drives of passion for ministry,” said Wright, a retired minister of the South Indiana Conference. “He could hold you spellbound as he described his spiritual development at the time of his ordination as deacon and at his ordination of elder. David spent much of his leadership time with boards of ordained ministry. He shared a real passion for making every step into the ordained ministry a step of faith and growth.”

Lawson leaves his wife, Martha Ellen Pegram; two children, John Mark Lawson and Karen Sue Eynon; and three grandchildren.

### ***Rev. Gerald L. Mann***

Gerald Louis Mann, a retired clergy member of the Wisconsin Annual Conference, passed away on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at Centre Hospitalier Universitaire in Poitiers, France, following a brief illness. He was 62.

He was born Oct. 28, 1944, in Sturgeon Bay to Eileen and Wallace Mann. He graduated from Sturgeon Bay High School in 1962, and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he learned to play the bagpipes. In 1969, he earned his Master of Theology from Boston University School of Theology. He entered the ministry of The United Methodist Church in the East Wisconsin Conference, where he was ordained a deacon in 1968. He was ordained an Elder in 1970.



Gerry married Elaine Fox on Aug. 2, 1969, in Granite Falls, North Carolina. He served United Methodist parishes in Butler, Germantown: Calvary, Milwaukee: Bay View, Elkhorn: Bethel, LaGrange, Chippewa Falls: Zion, and was chaplain of Lakeside Nursing and Rehabilitation for many years. He retired from The United Methodist Church in 2006. At the time of his death, he was serving as pastor at North Presbyterian Church in Eau Claire.

In the early part of his ministry, he was involved in the camping programs of The United Methodist Church. Gerry’s ministry included the presentation of many Taize services while at Lakeside, and later Celtic services at North Presbyterian.

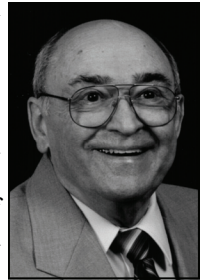
Gerry was the Pipe Major of the Chippewa Valley Pipes and Drums; involved in the

Chippewa Valley Cultural Association; Alzheimer's Association; and Kiwanis Club; was President of the Community Chorus; and served in many other organizations throughout the years.

He will be dearly missed by his loving wife, Elaine; two daughters, Heidi Lambertz and Janet Baldwin; brothers, John Mann and Kenneth Mann, nieces Jennifer Leiberg, Gwynyth Scherperel, and Nicole Mann; nephews, Jason Mann and James Mann; and foreign exchange children, Michael Knechten of Cologne, Germany, Graeme Henderson of Glasgow, Scotland, Tatjana Steinberger of Munich, Germany, and Be'ne'dicte Defois of Dax, France.

### ***Rev. Richard G. Maser***

Richard George Maser, a retired Clergy Member of the Wisconsin Annual Conference, died peacefully at his home in Eau Claire on October 30, 2006, after suffering for over two and a half years with emphysema. He was 75.



Richard was born in Milwaukee on September 5, 1931 to George and Rose Maser. He was raised in St. Paul, Minnesota. Dick was a medic in the Army from 1951 to 1953. He graduated from the University of Minnesota and University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. He attended United Theological Seminary. He entered the United Methodist Ministry in the West Wisconsin Conference, and was ordained a Deacon in 1973 and an Elder in 1976. Prior to going into the ministry in 1968, Dick worked as a carpet layer, and then as an agent for Prudential and Mutual of Omaha Insurance Companies.

Dick married Beverly Jean Van Campen on September 14, 1956. He served as a United Methodist pastor for 36 years, serving churches in Jim Falls, Anson, Holcombe, Pepin, Alma, Sparta, Spooner and Lakeview, and as a pastor of visitation at Lake Street United Methodist Church in Eau Claire. He was an active participant in many ministries of the Annual Conference, including serving as a member of the Board of Ordained Ministry, the District Finance Committee and Trustees. He was a Counseling Elder, a Hospice Chaplain, and chaplain for Morrow Memorial Home in Sparta. He was involved in work with the Salvation Army, Citizens for a Clean Mississippi, Community Clergy Groups, and the Lions Club, and was trained as an Emergency Medical Technician.

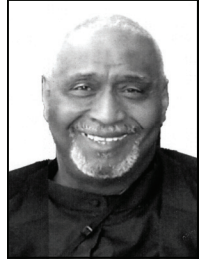
Dick enjoyed art drawings, playing the harmonica, biking, golfing, and was an avid sports fan.

Dick is survived by his wife, Bev; children, Carole Maser, Cheryl Hakimi, and Dean Maser; two grandchildren, Tiffany Rankin and Lucas Hakimi; and great-grandson, Cairon Rankin. He is further survived by a brother, Gary and a sister, Judy Olsen. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his son, David.

Dick's love of family, God and the many blessings of life enriched all who knew him.

*Rev. Herbert W. McGuin, Jr.*

Herbert W. McGuin, Jr., a former clergy member of the Wisconsin Annual Conference, was born to Herbert W. McGuin, Sr. and Henrietta Elizabeth Terrell-McGuin on October 1, 1942 in Chicago, Illinois. He was the oldest of two children.



He received his early education in Chicago, graduating from Fenger High School. He received his bachelor's degree in Biology from Dillard University in New Orleans in 1965. In 1968 he married the former Dorothy Anne Brown at the Princeton University chapel. The couple had four children: Herbert Willard III, James Lawrence, Martin Douglas, and Martha Elizabeth. They also had a foster daughter, Carmen Bryant.

Herb continued his education at Dillard University, where he joined the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc – Beta Gamma Chapter. Acknowledging his call to ministry, Herb attended Princeton Theological Seminary, where he received his Master of Divinity degree in 1973. He then entered the Doctoral Program at Rutgers University in Urban Planning and Policy Development, graduating in 1976.

Herb entered the United Methodist Ministry in the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference in 1978, where he served the Peoples United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs. From 1981 to 1985 he served Centenary United Methodist Church in Salt Lake City, Utah. Herb transferred to the Wisconsin Annual Conference in 1985, where he served St. James United Methodist Church in Milwaukee. He transferred to the South Indiana Conference in 1989, serving the Wesley United Methodist Church in Jeffersonville and Saulters Chapel UMC in Terre Haute.

Herb had a passion for serving his community that was reflected in his work as the Director of Northside Forces, an Urban Ministry in Patterson, New Jersey.

As an educator, he taught at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, the Milwaukee Theological Institute, and he served as a College Chaplain at Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina, as well as a Prison Chaplain at the Utah State Prison.

He actively pursued programs of outreach to the community surrounding St. James United Methodist Church in Milwaukee. He worked tirelessly for the children, youth and elderly as an advocate. He was instrumental in three Milwaukee residents acknowledging a call to ministry, all of whom eventually served as pastors in the Milwaukee Metro area. One of the greatest joys of his appointment was serving as an Instructor at Milwaukee Theological Institute, an ecumenically sponsored educational ministry. He taught preaching, church administration and social science classes. He often went into the inner-city parishes where many of the students served as pastors and lay leaders to demonstrate practical applications to ensure effectiveness. He encouraged many people to complete the GED, the Community College equivalency, and to graduate from accredited colleges and seminaries.

Rev. McGuin was also a strong supporter of those called to ministry in his family. He mentored his younger brother, Lawrence, through his call, theological education, and first pastoral appointment at St. James United Methodist Church in Milwaukee. He encouraged his wife, Dorothy, to serve as a staff person at an ecumenically funded ministry for paroled women during their tenure in Milwaukee. He supported his eldest son,

Herbert W. McGuin III, a recent graduate from the Interdenominational Theological Seminary, through the discernment and candidacy processes.

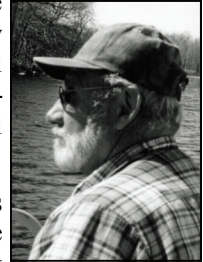
Herb completed his chaplaincy training at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana. He then accepted a position as a Staff Chaplain at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas. Upon his retirement he served as the Coordinator for Prayer Ministry at the Morningside United Methodist Church.

On Saturday evening, March 10, 2007, Herb crossed over to be with his Heavenly Father at the Harris Methodist Hospital, where he where he had faithfully served as chaplain for 10 years.

Herb is survived by his wife and children, his brother, and many grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

### *Charles E. Rendell*

Charles E “Chuck” Rendell, who was serving as supply pastor at the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Chili, Wisconsin, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, February 5, 2007 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire at the age of 61. He had just begun the Candidacy Process in 2006, and was looking forward to becoming a Licensed Local Pastor.



Chuck was born on April 2, 1945 in Kenosha, Wisconsin to Gladys and Charles Rendell. He was a carpenter for more than 35 years. He loved working in his workshop with his grandfather’s tools. Working in wood he found great joy. His most recent joy was making rustic furniture. He loved the outdoors, and shared many family camping and fishing trips in the Back Waters Canoe Area of Wisconsin and Minnesota. The Lord’s great outdoors was his passion.

Chuck married Sally Hauri on March 3, 1979. They resided on their small farm west of Neillsville, Wisconsin. He was employed by RZ Builders of Loyal, Wisconsin. He had been involved in Crossroads Ministries, and in leading the Bible Study Group and Worship at the Jackson County Correctional Institution. In July, 2006 he decided to work only part time as a carpenter in order to follow God’s call into ministry. He was appointed as the supply pastor at Chili at the 2006 Annual Conference Session.

Chuck is survived by his wife of 27 years, Sally; five sons: Richard, Ronald, Daniel, and Jon Rendell and T.J Hernandez, along with thirteen grandchildren, three sisters, Judy Buchert, Cindy Fisher, and Barbara Rendell, and two brothers, James and William Rendell. He was preceded in death by his parents.

## *Clergy Spouses and Children*

### *Arthur E. Foster*

Arthur E. Foster, son of Rev. Lloyd and Myrtle Foster, died at his home in Marion on September 13, 2006 following a sudden illness. He was 64.

Arthur was born on March 15, 1942 in Quincy, Illinois. He married Wanda Carlson on August 16, 1973, in Tehran, Iran. Arthur served with the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He worked at Rockwell, retiring after twenty-five years of service there. He was a member of the Waltonian Archers of Linn County and the American Marble Society.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda; two sons, Aaron and Wes Foster; his father, Rev. Lloyd Foster, an aunt, Vera Ives; seven brothers, Frederick, Lloyd, William, Robert and John Foster, and David and Daniel Haas, and four sisters, Patricia Foster, LuAnn Haas Slattery, Naomi Haas, and Debbie VanEst. He was preceded in death by his mother.

### *Vallanee “Val” Rose Hayes*

Vallanee “Val” Rose Hayes, wife of Rev. Stanley C.F. Hayes, died on Sunday, January 21, 2007 in Fond du Lac, in the house in which she was born.

Val was born on May 15, 1921, the daughter of William A. and Rose M. Klink Luedtke. She graduated from Fond du Lac Senior High School in 1939, and from the University of Wisconsin – Madison in 1943.



She married Rev. Stanley C.F. Hayes on June 20, 1944 at Ebenezer Evangelical Church, Elwood Corners, in the Town of Lomira. During their marriage they served together at United Methodist Churches in Greenville, Ash Creek, Marshfield, Ripon: Immanuel, and Kingston - Dalton (Congregational). After Stanley retired in 1976 they continued to serve churches in Brandon, Beaver Dam: Zion, Eden, Campbellsport and Fond du Lac: Covenant.

Val was committed to children and worked with Fond du Lac County Head Start for 20 years. During 15 of those years she served as director of the program. After her retirement she worked with St. Agnes Home Care for 5 years.

She was a member of Covenant United Methodist Church in Fond du Lac, and the United Methodist Women. She served for many years as the treasurer of the Winnebago District United Methodist Women. She also belonged to several quilting groups, with whom she shared her passion for quilting. She enjoyed gardening, growing and furnishing altar flowers for church, as well as growing squash, pumpkins, and corn to share with relatives and friends.

Val’s home was filled with her love of family, her pets, good food, gardening, and music. She and Stanley celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 2004.

Val is survived by her husband of 62 years, Stanley, seven children: Carla Olson, Wanda Hayes Eichler, Timothy, Penelope Hayes Strong, Mary Beth Hayes, Heidi Hayes, and Martha Burkhead, ten grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and her infant brother.

*Dorinda Lyntheresa Joiner*

Dorinda Lyntheresa Joiner was born August 8, 1960 to Rev. Jodie E. Joiner and Ms. Pauline I. Scott.

A lifelong native of Milwaukee, Dorinda made the best of her life in spite of having and living with Cerebral Palsy. She also was a woman of great faith, accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior at an early age. As a woman of faith, Dorinda continued her spiritual journey as a faithful member of The Church of the Good Hope United Methodist Church.



Dorinda will be remembered as a bright, courageous, intense, humorous, loving, caring and spiritual woman who lived life well beyond her physical limitations.

On Wednesday, September 13, 2006, Dorinda fell asleep into the arms of Jesus. She leaves to cherish her loving memory: her parents, Rev. Jodie E. Joiner and Ms. Pauline I. Scott; one sister, Rev. Dr. Lisa Scott Joiner; seven aunts, Luenettie Jones and Audrey S. Armstrong, E. Carolyn Scott, Vivian Kathleen Daniels, Opal Stevens and Joyce Barnett, Christine Click; one uncle, Spencer James Joiner; and a host of other loving relatives and dear friends.

*Hilda Gertrude Knoespel*

Hilda Gertrude Jacob was born in Krimetschau, Germany on January 8, 1921. She married Rev. Kenneth S. Knoespel on June 10, 1944 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. During their ministry together they served the following congregations: Emmanuel EUB Church in Brillon from 1946 to 1951, First EUB Church of Neenah from 1951 to 1955, Bethany UMC in Wauwatosa from 1955 to 1970, Whitefish Bay UMC from 1970 to 1980, Platteville UMC from 1980 to 1981, St. Paul's UMC in Green Bay from 1981 to 1984, and St. Luke UMC in Sheboygan from 1984 until Rev. Knoespel's retirement in 1992.

The couple also traveled to the Middle East, Germany, Norway, Austria, and Sweden including an English Pulpit Exchange in 1975. Together they hosted several group trips to Europe and the Holy Land.

Hilda and Kenneth had two children, Kenneth Jacob Knoespel and Kathryn Ann Knoespel. She was preceded in death by her husband, who died on December 24, 1999. No further information was available at the time the Journal was printed.

***Miriam F. Ott***

Miriam F. Ott, wife of retired clergy member Howard Ott, passed away on July 17, 2006 in Green Bay, Wisconsin. She was born Miriam Frances Warnock on August 16, 1932 in Plymouth, Indiana. She married the Rev. Howard Ott on August 31, 1952.



Miriam was very active in the United Methodist Church, serving as a leader in the United Methodist Women in the Local Church, the District, and the Conference. She held almost every office in the UMW at some time, and was the Dean of the School of Christian Mission and was a member of the Board of Directors. She was a Book Evaluator for the National United Methodist Women's Reading Program, and served as an Alternate Lay Member to the Jurisdictional Conference.

During their ministry together Howard and Miriam served the following congregations: Clinton - Allen Grove 1953; Almond - Blaine 1956; and Crandon - Argonne 1959; Rev. Ott transferred to the Southern California - Arizona Conference in 1960, where they served churches in Escondito 1960; Pasadena: Washington Blvd 1963; Norwalk 1966. They moved back to Wisconsin in 1968, serving appointments at Merrill: Christ - Wildwood Chapel 1968; Barron 1972; Oak Creek 1977; Mayville - Horicon: Emmanuel 1980; Neilsville - Fairchild - Humbird 1982; Neilsville - Granton 1987; Peshtigo - Harmony 1988; and Ripon: Immanuel 1992. Following Rev. Ott's retirement from active ministry in 1996, the couple moved to Green Bay.

Miriam was a life-long learner, participating in the Learning In Retirement Program at the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay. She enjoyed reading, sewing, and handwork, particularly needlepoint and hook rugs.

She is survived by her husband, Howard, and their three children, Christine Marie Harper, Robert Howard Ott and William James Ott.

***Charlotte Reisner***

Charlotte Reisner, widow of Rev. Ensworth Reisner, passed away on August 10, 2006 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The former Charlotte Hanson was born on October 11, 1911 in Drayton, North Carolina. The couple had four children: Thayer, Melinda, Harriett and Mark. Rev. Reisner entered the ministry of the Methodist Church in the Detroit Conference in 1936. After serving churches in both the Detroit Conference and the Western New York Conference, the couple moved to Wisconsin in 1946, where they served Milwaukee: First Methodist Church from 1946 to 1974, and Milwaukee: Central United Methodist Church from 1974 until Rev. Reisner's retirement in 1978. While they were serving in Milwaukee, Charlotte worked as a realtor, managing the Women's Office of the Wauwatosa Realty Company in the 1950's.

Rev. Reisner preceded his wife in death in 1979. No further information was available at the time the Journal was printed.

*Rosemary Sharpee Riebe*

Rosemary Sharpee Riebe, wife of Rev. Harold Riebe, a retired clergy member of the Wisconsin Annual Conference, passed away on January 5, 2007 at the Health Care Center of Friendship Village in Tempe, Arizona. She was born Sept. 7, 1920 in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. She graduated from Columbus High School in 1937 and the University of Wisconsin School of Nursing in 1942. Rosemary married Earl Oliver Sharpee on May 2, 1942 in Madison, Wisconsin. Rosemary and Earl lived the majority of their married life in the Sun Prairie area. They had 3 sons, James Curtis, Jack Donald, and Jeffrey Earl.



Rosemary worked for the Dane County Health Department from 1954 to 1965, in charge of the Vision and Hearing Screening program. From 1962 to 1965 she was a staff nurse on the Orthopedic Floor at University of Wisconsin Hospital. In 1966 she returned to the Dane County Health Department as a staff nurse, working there until her retirement in 1975. In 1968 she was coordinator of the Dane County Public Health Department Home Health Program. She was awarded the Service to Mankind Award from the Sun Prairie Sertoma Club in 1977. Rosemary was appointed to the first Dane County Board of Health in 1977 and received the Charles Ashley Award for Community Services from the City Council in 1979. Rosemary was active in the establishment of the Colonial Club Senior Activity Center of Sun Prairie.

Rosemary was a member of the Wisconsin Nurses Association, the American Nurses Association, the Wisconsin Public Health Nurses Association, Dane County Health Councils, Dane County Board of Health, Dane County Commission on Aging, UW Nursing School Alumni, the Wesleyan Circle of the United Methodist Church, the Sun Prairie Housing Authority, and the Advisory Council of the Sun Prairie Colonial Club and was an active member of the Sun Prairie United Methodist Church, serving on church boards and committees for many years.

Earl Sharpee preceded Rosemary in death on January 25, 1994 in Mesa, Arizona.

On December 30, 1995 Rosemary married the Rev. Harold B. Riebe in the Sun Prairie United Methodist Church. They lived in Oshkosh, Wisconsin for two years, then moved full-time to Mesa, Arizona. In 1999 Rosemary and Harold moved to Friendship Village of Tempe, Arizona.

Rosemary is survived by her husband, the Rev. Harold B. Riebe of Tempe, Arizona, by her sons James Sharpee, Jack Sharpee and Jeff Sharpee, stepdaughters Rachel Turner and Priscilla Westra, 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

*Lily H. Saunders*

Lily H. Saunders, wife of Rev. James Saunders, a retired Clergy Member of the Wisconsin Annual Conference, died Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at The Willows Assisted Living in La Crosse. She was 95.

She was born Nov. 1, 1911, the daughter of Elijah and Lillian Emma (Finch) Rowland, on a British Army Post on the Rock of Gibraltar. In 1914, they moved to England and lived in Devonshire until 1918 when they were sent to Malta. In 1922, they were stationed in South Hook, Wales, and then in 1923, they returned to civilian life.

Lily was educated in Malta, England, and in Wales. She taught Sunday school for more than 50 years. Before her marriage, she was a local preacher, church organist and a Girls Life Brigade leader. Lily worked at helping her father build his business of Builder's Merchant. In 1939 she came to America to marry James Saunders, a Methodist minister, formerly of Liverpool, England. Lily met Jim while he was staying with her family during a preaching journey around England. He came to Wisconsin in 1937. While Jim became an American citizen in 1948, Lily waited until she was 85. "I think she finally realized that more of her family was over here than over there" said her daughter Margaret, "And she wanted to cancel out dad's vote." She also noted that, while her father was the talker, her mother was the doer. While Jim would dress up as historical figures during his sermons Lily, who was also a preacher, sent out Christmas cards, wrote letters to her children in Vietnam during the war, and mentored women in the churches. Lily enjoyed traveling all over the United States, writing letters to friends, and reading - especially newspapers - to keep informed.

After getting married in Westfield, Wisconsin, Lily and Jim lived in Coloma. Later, Jim's ministry took them to Fennimore, Evansville, Stoughton, Waupaca, Fond du Lac and Wautoma. After retiring, they moved to Almond, Wisconsin, then to Stevens Point, and finally to LaCrosse.

Survivors include her husband of 68 years, James Saunders, a resident of Bethany-Riverside in La Crosse; four children, Margaret Donner, Albert James, Alexander and Rowland; eight grandchildren, Robyn and Cory Donner, Alec, Andrew and Adam Saunders, and Sara, Elliot and Sonya Saunders; three great-grandchildren, Catherine Abfall and Trenton and Farley Jane Saunders; and two nieces and their families in Great Britain. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Diane; a sister, Joan Osborne; and a brother, Albert Rowland.

*Jane A. Spear*

Jane A. Spear, widow of Rev. David Spear, passed away on May 16, 2007. The former Jane Luther was born on May 25, 1925 in Cleveland, Ohio. She married David A. Spear on June 6, 1948. The couple had four children, Neal, Marla, Ellen and Donna. Rev. Spear preceded her in death on July 4, 1983. A Memorial Service for Jane Spear was held at First United Methodist Church in Baraboo, Wisconsin on May 26, 2007. No further information was available at the time the Journal was printed.

*Lay Members and Others*

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*Vaughn H. Brancel*

Vaughn H. Brancel was born May 12, 1928, in the town of Douglas, Marquette County, the youngest of four sons born to Harmon and Myrtle Roser Brancel. He attended the South Douglas one-room school and Endeavor High School, where he met Esther Ford, and on April 17, 1948 they were united in marriage. They enjoyed 58 years together, and had four children; Ben Brancel, Barbara Maley, Carol Stewart, and Marjorie Pieper.



Vaughn attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison Agricultural Short Course, and farmed for 25 years until 1975 when he went to work for the Portage Public Schools. He was employed by the schools for 18 years. After he retired from farming, Vaughn was an avid gardener and enjoyed growing both vegetables and flowers. He was the third generation of auctioneers in his family, attending auctioneering school in 1958. He operated Brancel Auction Service until 2004, when he was diagnosed with lung cancer. Vaughn liked woodworking, making gifts for his family and doing picture framing. He enjoyed horses his entire life and in 1951 he started the Neenah Valley Saddle Club. He loved to plan trips and travel, and it was a significant part of his life. He visited all 50 states and more.

Vaughn was a member of Briggsville Methodist Church for 64 years. He held almost every office in the local church and was a member of many conference committees; most recently he was on the Wisconsin United Methodist Disaster Response Committee since its inception and on the Board of the United Methodist Midwest Disaster Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, Illinois. He was an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since his 18th birthday. Always interested in local activities, he was a lifetime member of the Marquette County Historical Society. He was in 4-H as a youth, and as a young parent helped establish the Douglas Doers 4-H Club, serving as senior leader in horse, dairy and other projects. For many years he was on the Portage Board of Education and served as the president. He served as chairman of the town of Douglas.

Thanks to family, friends, and hospice, Vaughn was able to remain at home throughout his entire illness. Vaughn believed the body's only purpose was to house the spirit while we are on this Earth. His final service to humanity was to donate his body to the University of Wisconsin Medical School.

In addition to his wife and children, Vaughn is survived by eight grandchildren: Michelen Cook, Tod Brancel, Brandon Brancel, Noah Krueger, Kevin Krueger, Tia Stewart, Tygh Stewart, Natalie Pieper, and two great grandchildren, Destiny Metzger, and Christopher Cook. Vaughn is further survived by one brother, Fred Brancel; three sisters-in-law, Betty Brancel, Alice Brancel, and Dessa Brunner, other near relatives and many close friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Earl and Harland.

***Fredric E. Cartwright***

Fredric E. Cartwright, age 78, of Montello, passed away on Thursday, November 16, 2006 at Divine Savior Healthcare in Portage. He was born on July 4, 1928 in Chaseburg, Wisconsin, the son of Charles Alonzo and Mary (Stone Gardner) Cartwright. He was united in marriage to Betty Jean Chism on January 21, 1950 at the Montello Methodist Church. She preceded him in death on September 9, 2005.



Fred was a devoted, active member of Trinity United Methodist Church, holding almost every position on local church committees. Even more important, he attended every church event and invited others to join him. Better yet, he was the church handyman, and when one project was done, he was already on to the next.

Fred attended Annual Conference for a number of years. He volunteered for over 25 mission trips for the church, including a number of VIM trips – local, national and international.

He was a Montello Town Supervisor for 35 years; active in the Montello School PTO, he worked with the American Red Cross, was chairman of the Marquette County Town Association, and was Treasurer for the Montello School Board. He attended many local school events.

Fred was a scrapbook keeper. He enjoyed auctions and was a “junk collector,” as well as a tinkerer. He once made an aluminum can crusher from washing machine parts.

Fred is survived by his four daughters, Pam Junkunc, Cindy Swade, Lisa Cartwright, , and Jennifer Cartwright, two sons, Gary Cartwright and Craig Cartwright,; seven grandchildren, Joe Junkunc, Jocelyn Littel, Angela Cartwright, Alonzo Cartwright, Susan Cartwright, Adam Cartwright, Katrina Cartwright; two brothers-in-law, Nathan Hillmer, and Carl ‘Richard’ Thompson. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Betty Jean; and two sisters, Frances Thompson and Betty Hillmer.

***Wendell Knappmiller***

Wendell Knappmiller died at the age of 90 years and 10 months on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, after a brief stay at Southwest Health Center Hospital in Platteville.



Wendell was born on May 18, 1916 in Grant County near Fennimore, the son of William J. and Ida (McIntosh) Knappmiller. He had one older sister, Dorothy Cottingham.

He was united in marriage to Marian Plimpton on May 31, 1939 in Mt. Hope.

He taught school at Plum Valley and Graham rural schools near Fennimore, and upper grades at-Bagley School:

He farmed in the Mt. Hope, Fennimore, Livingston and Platteville areas. He was also at times a salesman for Murphy Feed Company and also worked for Helgesen Harvestore out of Dodgeville where he worked on foundations and forms.

He was a member of the Whig United Methodist Church, where he served in many positions including Lay Member of the Wisconsin Annual Conference. He was a former member of Kiwanis, and a member of International Order of Odd Fellows for over 70 years. He was very faithful in attending the Belmont Men's Prayer Breakfast and the Sons of Fennimore.

He greatly enjoyed doing summer volunteering at the Alaska State Parks and Colorado National Forests as well as traveling to many areas across the United States. For many years Wendell was a "volunteer in mission" through the United Methodist Church.

He enjoyed woodworking, playing cribbage and cards and restoring his 1942 B John Deere tractor.

Many of his family and friends were able to celebrate his 90th birthday last-summer with a big family gathering at the Whig UMC on Father's Day!!!

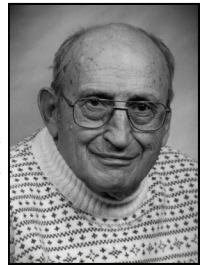
He and Marian had been living together at Gray's Nursing Home, Platteville since late November 2006.

He is survived by his wife, Marian of Platteville and their four children: Gilbert Knappmiller, Marcia Kendall, Mary Ann Floerke, and Stuart Knappmiller; 11 grandchildren, Kevin Knappmiller, Wendy Planck, Karen Tucker, Nancy Conley, Becky Albert, Lindy Conley, Shaun Floerke, Scott Floerke, Darcy McCallson, Sarah Hunter, Daniel Knappmiller; and 22 great-grandchildren.

### *Duane C. Muraski*

Duane C. Muraski, a former Lay Member of the Wisconsin Annual Conference, passed away on June 14, 2006 at his home in Brandon, Wisconsin.

Duane was born on July 20, 1924 in Antigo, Wisconsin. He and his wife, Rose Marie, were married on June 25, 1948. He was a Lay Speaker who enjoyed preaching, and did so regularly in many churches in the Waupun, Mayville, Juneau, and Brandon area of Wisconsin. He loved to write his own sermons, and never used the same one twice. He also preached and led worship in the Markesan Nursing Home and the Waupun Children's Home.



Duane was a Lay Leader in the church, and a Lay member of the Annual Conference from the Waupun United Methodist Church from 1986 to 2002.

Duane liked to read, and enjoyed writing poetry. He embraced the computer as a wonderful tool for his writing work. Duane was also a skilled woodworker and wood carver. He made many carvings of birds and animals, and loved other woodworking projects as well, making many projects in his shop. He worked at the Ripon Area Service Center for the handicapped as a woodworker as well.

Duane and Rose Marie loved children. They were foster parents, and then provided a group home for the handicapped for 36 years. Duane was a Boy Scout leader for many years, and belonged to the Eastern Star and the Masons in Waupun.

Duane is survived by his wife of 58 years, Rose Marie Muraski.

***Douglas D. Stallsmith***

Douglas D. Stallsmith, a lay member of the Wisconsin Annual Conference, passed away on August 6, 2006 in Menomonee, Wisconsin at the age of 72, following a courageous battle against cancer.

He was born Oct. 13, 1933, in Middletown, Ohio, to Faye and Jack Stallsmith. Doug grew up in the Middletown area. He attended Miami University of Ohio. At Miami he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Arts Education in 1955. Upon his graduation from Miami, Doug was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. Doug attended pilot training and aircraft control and warning training. He served for three years in the Air Force, and attained the rank of captain.

Doug married Nancy Meese on June 22, 1957. Upon his discharge from the Air Force, they moved back to Ohio to start their teaching careers. Doug taught for seven years at Shaw High School in East Cleveland, Ohio, and coached the cross country and track teams there for five years. It was while at Shaw High School that Doug became involved in the implementation of a new approach to teaching industrial arts. The program took five years to plan and implement. This new plan received a great deal of attention from industry and university programs.

In 1966, Doug took a position at the University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie, where he taught for 29 years. Most of that time he spent in the Industrial Management Department, where he became a part of the American Industry Project. Although he developed and taught many courses over the years, his main courses were the Industrial Enterprise course and the Time & Motion Study course. He was honored several times for outstanding teaching and received the Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge award for his development of the Industrial Enterprise course. Doug also coached cross country and track while at UW-Stout.

Doug and Nancy were very active in the international student program at UW-Stout. Over the years they were friendship hosts to more than 100 international students representing more than 15 different countries throughout the world.

Doug enjoyed sports of all kinds throughout his life. He especially enjoyed football, basketball, baseball, track and golf. As a teacher he cared greatly about young people, and served them as a little league coach and as a Boy Scout troop leader. He also took great pleasure in woodworking, making many projects using the scroll saw.

One of the most important aspects of Doug's life was his church. He was a member of The United Methodist Church for over 40 years, and was actively involved in his church, serving in many roles in the local congregation, district, and the Wisconsin Annual Conference. He taught Adult Sunday School classes, was a member of the church building committee, and served as Lay Member of Annual Conference for many years. He was a member of the Conference Program and Arrangements Committee, and served for several years as Chairperson of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration, providing oversight and supervision for the development and administration of the conference budget, and working to educate United Methodist Congregations about the importance of stewardship and our connectional responsibilities.

Doug is survived by his wife, Nancy; two children, Daniel and Debra Stallsmith; his mother, Faye Stallsmith; and two brothers, Jerry Stallsmith, and Michael Stallsmith. He was preceded in death by his father.