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GLADYS ARNOLD BARNES



Gladys Arnold Barnes, 83, of 281 River road East, Ogdensburg, NY, was a member of the Morristown United Methodist Church and a lay speaker. She died July 7, 2001. Her funeral was held at Allen-Nichol's Funeral Home in Ogdensburg with the Rev. Stanley C. Vollmer and the Right Reverend Bishop Daniel W. Herzog officiating. Burial was in Pine Hill Cemetery in Eel Weir.

Surviving are her husband, Rev. Alan T. Barnes; two sons and one daughter-in-law: Arnold and Autumn of New Jersey, Gordon at home, and three grand-children. She was predeceased by two brothers: Leslie and Harold Arnold.

Gladys was born in Montreal, Quebec on May 18, 1918, the daughter of Leonard and Rachel Kennedy Arnold. She was raised in Montreal. At the age of 18 she made a decision for Christ in the Pentecostal Church. She attended the Medical Missionary Institute in Toronto and Eastern Pentecostal Bible College. She did child evangelism in northern Ontario and pastored several churches in the Maritime provinces.

She married Alan Barnes in 1953 in Montreal and assisted him as he pastored several churches in Ontario.

Coming to the United States in 1971, she assisted her husband as he pastored the Morristown and Galilee United Methodist Churches for eight years; then the Chasm Falls, Brasher Falls, Philadelphia and other churches.

She ministered in nursing homes, the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center and the prison with the help of her accordion. She graduated from Mater Dei College with honors, with a degree in Social Work. She worked with the Ogdensburg Neighborhood Center and the Salvation Army. She had a children's and prayer ministry at Christ Episcopal Church in Watertown.

Alan T. Barnes

DONALD BOYD

The Rev. Donald R. Boyd, 90, died July 15, 2001, at Penn Yan Manor Nursing Home. He was an Affiliate Member of the North Central New York Conference.

Born March 3, 1911, in Omaha, Nebraska, son of George and Alma Henning Boyd, he graduated in 1928 from North High School, Omaha, in 1932 from Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, and in 1934 from Boston University graduate school. He received a master of divinity degree from Boston University School of Theology in 1935 and an honorary doctor of divinity from Nebraska Wesleyan in 1967.

The Rev. Mr. Boyd began his ministerial career with the New Hampshire Conference in Moultonboro and South Tamworth. In 1937 he was ordained deacon, and in 1938 he was ordained elder. He served pastorates in East Troy, West Burlington, Leona, Troy and Columbia Cross Roads, all in Pennsylvania. He was a minister at the Centenary Methodist Church in Syracuse from 1944 to 1947 and then was appointed minister of the Methodist Church at Penn Yan before coming to Watertown in 1952 to serve as pastor of the Asbury Methodist Church. In 1959 the Rev. Mr. Boyd became superintendent of the Mohawk District, and in 1960 he held the position of associate minister at Hollywood (Calif.) First Methodist Church, then served as senior minister at Los Angeles (Calif.) First Methodist Church. He retired in 1978 from full time ministry, but kept a part time position as associate minister at the Santa Monica (Calif.) First Methodist Church until 1985.

While in Watertown, the Rev. Mr. Boyd served as president of the Watertown Kiwanis Club in 1956 and the YMCA from 1958 to 1959. He also was founder and conductor of the Northern Choral Society. The Rev. Mr. Boyd was a member of Grange 1178 and the Isaac Walton League and the Penn Yan United Methodist Church.

He married Hazel M. Gramlick on August 4, 1934. She died November 1, 1989. He later married Ann Potter, widow of Dr. Lyndon Potter, on August 2, 1992.

Surviving besides his wife are three sons, Richard, Dann and David, and two daughters, Beverly and Donna, a brother, Richard Boyd, and a sister, Marjorie Harvey; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Officiating at his funeral at the Penn Yan United Methodist Church were the Revs. Sheldon Stephenson and K. Wayne Butler.

David A. Corp

PHYLLIS BUDD



Phyllis Day Leonard Budd was born in Springfield, Ohio on February 8, 1907, to Adna Wright and Mary Day Leonard. Her father was pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Springfield – a church that earlier had been pastored by his father. This grandfather of Phyllis also ran for Governor of Ohio in 1885 on the Prohibition Party ticket. After his pastorate in Springfield and after he lost the state's election, Adna Bradway Leonard was elected to head the Board of Foreign Missions for the Methodist Episcopal Church, traveling the world in that office. With her father's pastoral changes and eventual election as a Bishop of the Church, Phyllis moved to Cincinnati, Seattle, San Francisco, and Buffalo. With extended family on both coasts (her mother's side of the family lived in New Jersey) they traveled by train across the United States many times. Later, during her college years, Phyllis and three other co-eds made the cross-country trip in an open touring car – a most unusual thing for four young ladies to do in that day.

After graduation from Cazenovia Junior College (1925) and Syracuse University (1929), Phyllis completed graduate work at Boston University, receiving a Master of Arts degree in Christian Education (1931). While at Boston

she met Henry Budd, a student at the Boston University School of Theology. They were married in the Episcopal Residence in Buffalo, New York, on June 9, 1932. They celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary three months before Henry's death in 1998.

They began local church ministry during the days of the Great Depression, remembering being paid with food as well as money, and sometimes not the full amount of money. Together – for ministry was for them a joint work – they served churches in Plainville and Arlington, MA, Rochester and Ithaca, NY. Following twenty years in Ithaca, Henry became a District Superintendent in Elmira, NY. Before their retirement in 1970, he was Conference Program Director in Central New York. Phyllis was a strong supporter of the many ministries of the church, with a passion for Christian missions, working with many women's groups in "hands on" mission projects. In the late 1940s and early 1950s, she organized many women's groups to support refugee families in war-torn Europe. While living at the Elyria Village she led a blanket project for mission work as well as giving financial support to many social concerns. This mission attention, learned in her earliest years, fueled their interest in world travel. She and Henry were part of the first American groups to tour the Soviet Union, and later China, when these countries were opened to western travelers. They visited Europe, the Middle East, Central and South America and all fifty states of this country. This acquaintance with the world sparked her concern for the environment and endangered wild life. In addition to her church associations, Phyllis was a member of Alpha Phi sorority and the P.E.O. sisterhood.

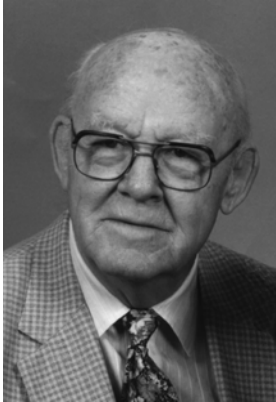
Phyllis was a gracious and talented homemaker, providing a loving and supportive setting for her family. Phyllis is mother of Leonard Budd, Marshall Budd and Eleanor Robinson. She is grandmother of Julia Stunck, Ellen Ditrick, Marshall Budd, Jr., Cynthia Kern, Andrew Robinson, and Martha Randy. She is great-grandmother of Carly and Matthew Stunck, Leslie and Ryan Ditrick, Cristin and Courtney Budd, Ana Marie and John Kern, and Marc Randy.

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Phyllis died peacefully at the Elyria United Methodist village on January 13, 2002. A friend had left a note on her bedside stand. It ended, "I love you, Phyllis, and will always remember you and your beautiful outlook on life." Her family share in that remembering.

Leonard H. Budd
Marshall B. Budd
Eleanor B. Robinson

WILLIAM ABBOTT CALDWELL



The Rev. William A. Caldwell, pastor for 43 years in the former Northern New York and Central New York Conferences, died October 7, 2001 in Orlando, Florida where he lived after retirement in 1976. He was born October 26, 1913 in Lion, son of the Rev. William Mallalieu and Edith Bentley Caldwell. Funeral services were held at the Conway United Methodist Church in Orlando, Florida where he and Doris had attended regularly. Bill was cremated and burial will be in the Potsdam Cemetery during the summer of 2002 when his son will be there from Germany and his whole family will be together. Bill was married to Doris Hitzelberger 64 years ago in 1937 and she lives in Orlando, Florida. Other survivors are a son, William Mallalieu II of Esfleth, Germany, a daughter, Marcia Caldwell Ross of Liverpool, NY, four grandsons, Scott C. Pooler, South Dakota; Gregg M. Pooler, Liverpool, New York; W. Alexander Caldwell, Oswego, New York; and Charles Turner Caldwell, Habsburg, Germany; and two great-grandchildren.

Bill Caldwell presented a great figure in the pulpit, on the basketball court, baseball or fast-pitch softball field, and the tennis court. Youth and adults for miles around would come to see him hit a home-run or dunk a basketball or preach a great sermon. He was a great descendant of a long line of Caldwell ministers. He was active in Boy Scouts in Fulton, drove school bus in WWII in Whitesboro (no trouble on his bus), he was business manager at Trenton Assembly Park for the Youth Camps of the Conference, a great counselor in the church and community. He was not content to stay on the ground but loved to fly. It was a sight to see him wiggle his great frame into a small Cub plane along with Ken Scouten and fly all over just for the fun of it.

Bill entered the Northern New York conference on probation in 1937, becoming a full member in 1939, after attending Cazenovia Seminary and graduating from Syracuse University. He served churches in West Frankfort, Pennellville, Trenton, Prospect plus four outer churches, Whitesboro and Maynard and New York Mills, then to Central New York Conference at Cincinnatus and Brackle and Taylor and Taylor Center, then back to Northern New York Conference at Minetto and Bundyville, finishing at Potsdam for 15 years.

Carlton VanOrnum

RALPH FAULKNER

Ralph was born on August 18, 1926 in Tuscarora Township, New York, the eldest child of Henry and Hazel Mattison Faulkner. Following graduation from Addison High School he entered the US Navy. To a young man whose greatest adventure had been his senior trip to Cleveland, Ohio, life in the Navy brought excitement and awareness of a much wider world. Although he would always long for the sound of surf, he returned to Tuscarora Township and the family farm upon receiving an honorable discharge from the Navy.

On April 12, 1952, he and Clara Butler were united in Marriage by the Rev. Carl A. Reppert, pastor of the Addison Methodist Church. They were the proud parents of Kay (Littel), Mervin, and Darlene (Himes); and loving grandparents of Aimee and Katie Little, Rhiannon Faulkner, Stephanie, Adam and Eric Himes.

Ralph's fragile faith was shattered by the death of his friend, Carl Reppert. He became an agnostic and turned away from the church. For nine years his energy was focused on becoming a progressive farmer and active citizen.



In March of 1967, a traumatic conversion experience changed his life forever. He had learned that meeting goals was unfulfilling; life seemed to be empty. On a snowy night he left the barn, fully intending to end his life. In his words, "I suddenly fell to my knees and said, 'God, if you'll have me, I'm yours.'" A bright light surrounded me. At that moment I knew there really is a God." His faith matured and two years later he became aware of God's call to ministry.

He left the farm in 1969, to continue his education at Corning Community College, Elmira College, and Wesley Theological Seminary where he earned the Master of Divinity degree. He was ordained an Elder in the Central New York Conference. His pastorates were Truxton/East Homer and Oneida: St. Paul's. He retired from active ministry in 1992 and moved to Palmyra, Virginia, to be near family. He enjoyed landscaping, gardening and fishing, and was involved at Aldersgate UMC in Charlottesville, Virginia.

As a pastor and throughout life, Ralph related to persons of diverse backgrounds. He was a listener who sought to discern God's direction when dealing with difficult

situations. His ministry was one of reconciliation and loving support. He challenged persons to strengthen their spirituality, their commitment to Christ and to the work of the church. In the words of one, "He would watch like a proud papa" as individuals demonstrated new skills and interests in mission and ministry. He served on BOOM and other Conference and District committees during 15 years of ministry prior to retirement.

On March 30, 2002, the night before Easter, he went home to the Lord. His earthly presence is missed, but we rejoice knowing that he is with Christ forever.

Clara E. Faulkner

ROBERT D. JONES

The Rev. Robert D. Jones, 92, Tampa, Fla. Former pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church, died Aug. 10 at University Community Hospital, Tampa, Fla.

Born Dec. 18, 1908 at Niagara Falls, son of William S. and Maude Lillian Lampman Jones, he attended grade school in Niagara Falls and Vernon Center. He graduated from Cazenovia Seminary Preparatory School in 1928, from Syracuse University in 1934, and from the Auburn Theological Seminary in 1938.

He earned a master of sacred theology degree at Yale University Divinity School, New Haven Conn., in 1946 and did graduate study at SU and the Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colo. In 1969, he was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree by Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Fl.

In 1929, he was received on trial in the Methodist Church at the annual conference sessions at Ogdensburg and then ordained deacon in 1933 at Potsdam Methodist Church. He had his final ordination as an elder on April 19, 1936, in First Methodist Church with Bishop Titus Lowe officiating.

He served as student pastor at Amboy, West Amboy, Granby Center and New Haven. He held regular pastorates at Norwood, Minetto, Constable, West Potsdam, Potsdam and Asbury Methodist Church in Watertown. He left Asbury when he was appointed executive secretary of the New York West Commission on Higher Education for the 900 Methodist churches in the Syracuse Area.

From 1942 to 1946, he served in the Army, acting as regimental chaplain of the 300th Infantry Regiment at Fort Benning, Ga., before going overseas with the 66th Infantry Division. He saw action in the Normandy campaign and earned citations for action in the European-African-Middle Eastern theater.

In May 1955, he was appointed superintendent of the Black River Ontario District of the Northern New York Conference. He was a ministerial delegate to general conference meetings in 1969, 1964 and 1966, serving as chairman on World Service and Finance and the Board of Christian Social Concerns, secretary of the district's boards of Mission and Education and member of the boards of trustees and ministerial training. His last appointment prior to his retirement was superintendent of the St. Lawrence District of the Northern New York Conference.

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The Rev. Mr. Jones was a member of the Committee on Recruitment and Finance for Theological Seminaries and the Wesley Theological Seminary Advisory Council and was a advisory member of the Women's Society of Christian Service.

He was awarded the Maxwell Fellowship and was a member of Theta Phi Beta, the honorary Biblical society.

He married Janice V. Kimber on June 20, 1933, in Minetto. She died Feb. 9, 1996.

Surviving are a son, William Frederick Jones, Tampa, Fl; a daughter Marilee Kimber Hickman, Ocala, Fl; a brother, Hubbert Jones, Rome, NY; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A son, Robert Douglas Jones, died in 1983.

William F. Jones

DOROTHY S. McCOMBE

Dorothy Mae Skove McCOMBE, 80, of Orange City, Florida died Thursday, May 2, 2002. She leaves to cherish her memory her son Scott of Richmond, Virginia; a daughter Reverend Kathleen of Liverpool, New York; daughter Karen of Hayfork, California; brother Donald of Charlottesville, Virginia; four grandchildren and many devoted friends and acquaintances throughout the world. Dorie's beloved husband of 54 years, John, died in August, 2000.

Dorie was born to Mr. And Mrs. Paul T. Skove on August 21, 1921 in Cleveland, Ohio. She received her B.A. in elementary Education from Ohio Wesleyan University and was an educator prior to her marriage to the Rev. John H. McCOMBE. She was a sales representative for Doncaster Clothes while raising her children and volunteered for many organizations during her lifetime including the Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, hospitals, Syracuse University, and more recently the Jesus House of Hope.

Dorie had many interests which included travel, knitting, women's intercultural concerns, and spiritual life. She had a special love of sacred music. Dorie's support of Jack's ministry and gracious hospitality complemented and enlivened many people who were touched by her spirit. This spirit also brightened those within the John Knox Village community, where she had resided for the last five years.

Kathleen Turnbole

SAMUEL P. MORROW, JR.



Sam was born on January 29, 1928 in Jackson, Tennessee to the late Rev. Samuel P. Morrow, Sr., who was a minister in the C.M.E. Church in Jackson. His mother, Sadie Hyatt Morrow, was a school teacher.

Sam attended public schools in Jackson and graduated from Lane College with a B.S. in biology in 1948. Lane College is a C.M.E. school. He graduated from Boston University with a law degree in 1955.

Sam served in the U.S. Army, the U.S. Army Reserves and the U.S. Army Air Force. He served in France, Germany and Japan during his military career. He taught law courses at the Air Force Academy until 1969. Sam received several commendations during his service. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Major.

Sam came to Syracuse in 1970 to work as an attorney at Carrier Corporation. He attended Hopps C.M.E. church in Syracuse where he met his future wife, Elizabeth Bowman. Sam and Betty were married on September 1, 1971 by the late Rev. C. Alexander Shaw who was the pastor at Hopps.

Sam and Betty had no children, however Betty brought to their family two daughters and one son from a previous marriage. The oldest, Maria Carrington, is working for the Peace Corps in Nairobi, Kenya, as assistant director of education. Maria has two adult children. Linda Pritchard, of Syracuse, has five adult children. Clinton Jones Jr. is deceased. He died in 1985

from complications from juvenile diabetes. He is survived by one adult child. There are eight grandchildren and ten great grandchildren who enjoyed time with "Grandpa Sam."

The Morrrows moved to Baldwinsville in 1972 and traveled to Syracuse to attend Hopp's Church until 1974. The joined First United Methodist Church of Baldwinsville in 1974 under the leadership of the Rev. Earl Noyes.

Sam served as a member to Annual Conference and served on the District Committee for Rev. Jack Love. At Baldwinsville UMC, he served as chairman of the Pastor Parish Committee, Treasurer of the Trustees and was a Lay Leader of the church.

Sam was asked to retire as senior attorney at Carrier Corp. because of early signs of dementia in 1991. He was diagnosed with early Alzheimer's Disease in 1993. Betty cared for him until his doctor indicated a need for twenty-four hour care. He was admitted to Iroquois Nursing Home in 1997. Sam lost his fight with this dreadful disease on February 14, 2002.

A memorial service was held at First United Methodist Church in Baldwinsville on March 17, 2002. Ministers who served the church while Sam was there attended the service. They included the Rev. Wenona Homer, the Rev. Charles Marks, the Rev. Fred Kelsey, and the Rev. Gordon Knapp, who conducted the eulogy. Also in attendance were the Revs. Rhonda Kouterick and Dan Moore, pastors of the church.

The choir sang the favorite hymns that Sam loved. Music was the only thing that Sam seemed to recognize. Betty would play tapes for him each time she visited. He loved all types of music; jazz, classical, gospel and hymns. Although he could not talk, tears would roll down his cheeks when his favorite songs were played or sung.

When he died, Betty lost her wonderful husband and her best friend. The church lost a dedicated member who supported it with his talents and treasurer. The children lost a friend who loved them, and they loved his humor and friendliness.

Sam was cremated and his urn is on the piano. The grandchildren love to talk to Grandpa. They say "we know his body is not here, but his spirit is." He will be well remembered.

Elizabeth B. Morrow

ARTHUR B. OOT, JR.



Arthur B. Oot, Jr. was born September 2, 1916 to Eva Baker and Arthur Oot of Minetto, NY, the first of their four children. During his teenage years, the influence of people and activities at the Minetto Methodist church convinced Arthur to prepare for the ministry. Following graduation from Oswego High School, he entered Syracuse University where he excelled academically and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. During his student days, an assignment as assistant to George Pilbeam at the Westmoreland, Lairdsville, Hecla charge brought him in contact with Ruth Hunt, a most fortuitous encounter. Following their marriage on June 12, 1941, Ruth was a devoted helpmate for fifty-nine years.

Arthur entered Boston University School of Theology in the fall of 1940. Following their marriage in 1941, Ruth and Arthur moved to the parsonage of the Methodist Church in South Hamilton, Massachusetts, where Arthur was assigned as student pastor. While at South Hamilton, their first child, Carol, was born. Following

graduation from Boston, Arthur returned to the Northern New York Conference where he was assigned to Taberg and Blossvale. While at Taberg, a second child, David, was born. In 1945, Arthur began a long and extremely productive pastorate first at Earlville only and then at Earlville and Poolville. During this time, Arthur's devotion to small town parishes was clearly demonstrated by the development of extraordinary church programs and participation in many facets of community life. He served as chair of the Conference Town and Country Commission from 1947-1979, was recognized, with Ruth, as NNY Conference "Parsonage Couple of the Year" in 1957, and received the Oberline Fellowship Award from the New York State Rural Church Institute in 1961. The years in Earlville also saw the birth of Edwin and Paula.

Early in 1962, Arthur accepted a call to become the District Superintendent of the Black River-Ontario District and the family moved to Watertown. Arthur's skills as administrator, negotiator, and pastor to the clergy under his jurisdiction came to the fore. Following his term on

the District, he was appointed to the position of Conference Program Director. The position underwent several changes in responsibilities and title over the years and Arthur developed as well, finishing his career as Conference Executive in 1981. Renowned for his vast knowledge of the NNY Conference, Arthur was elected as a delegate to Jurisdictional and General Conference several times. He also served on the General Board of Pensions from 1976-1981. Other affiliations dear to his heart were Folts Home and Gateway Longview Youth and Family Services where he served on the boards of directors.

Following retirement in 1981, Arthur pursued his passion for gardening. He continued to assist with Conference matters as needed. He and Ruth enjoyed wintering in Mount Dora, Florida and spending time with their seven grandchildren. Arthur devoted himself to Ruth's care in the last years prior to her death in September of 2000. Arthur's last months were spent at Folts Home in Herkimer where he received devoted and compassionate care from the staff. He died quietly on January 15, 2002.

He is survived by two sons and their wives, David Oot and Jean Baker, Arlington, Virginia; and Edwin and Marsha Oot, Charlestown, West Virginia; two daughters Carol Lillard, Charlotte, North Carolina; and Paula Trainham and her husband James, Watertown, New York. Also two brothers Gerald Oot, Rantoul, Illinois; William Oot, Hannibal, New York; and a sister Phyllis Oot, Minetto.

A memorial service was held at Asbury Church, Watertown, with Rev. Leon VanWie and Rev. Bradford Hunt officiating. Interment was at Brookside Cemetery, Watertown.

Carol Oot Lillard and Paula Trainham

E. JANE POLNEY



Jane was born on February 7, 1915 to Edmund R. and Blanche Lester Sloper in Altmar, New York. Jane's early education was in the Seaman's country school. She attended Altmar Union School following grade school and graduated from Pulaski Academy as valedictorian. Always with an inquiring mind and a sincere interest in education, Jane pursued a course of teaching training at Pulaski and following that returned to teach in her home district.

In 1938, Jane was married to the Rev. N. James Polney and was the supportive parsonage wife while also being the encouraging mother to their daughter, Sarah, who now resides in Washington, DC with her husband Abe Babazadeh.

While the Rev. Polney was pastoring in Bowens Corners, Jane completed her bachelor's degree at Oswego State Teachers College. She then taught in Copenhagen Central School from 1948-1957. Ever interested in education, Jane and her family moved to Syracuse in order that Jane and her daughter could attend Syracuse University. While teaching in Edward Smith School in

Syracuse, Jane completed her masters degree.

At the time of her death, Jane was residing in California. She is survived by her daughter and four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Also surviving are a sister, Adella Clark of Florida and a brother, Harris Sloper, of LaFayette, New York.

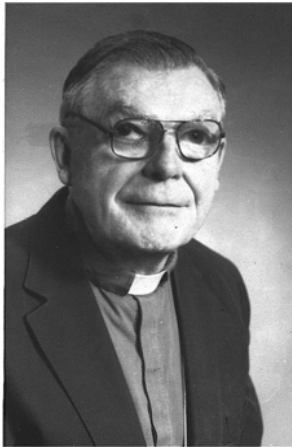
Funeral services were in Syracuse and interment was at Riverside Cemetery in Copenhagen, New York.

Harris Sloper

RAYMOND M. ROBERTS

Raymond M. Roberts was born in Rome, New York on July 30, 1926 to the late Anne Jones and Raymond Roberts. He graduated from Rome Free Academy in 1944.

He was in the U.S. Army from 1944-1946, serving in North Africa, Iran, Egypt and the Philippine Islands. Following his service in the Army he attended SUNY Cortland and received his bachelor's degree in 1952, then his master's degree in 1954.



He married Jane MacFarland in 1952. She predeceased him in 1993. He married Marjorie Evans Farr in 1995.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, and three daughters: Susan Payne of Apalachin, New York, Cheryl Seiler of Lake Helen, Florida, and Carolyn Roberts of Utica, New York, as well as one son, David Roberts of Merrimack, New Hampshire. He also leaves one sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Les Trainer.

Ray was a great man; a friend to everyone. He received many awards and tried to help all he came in contact with. He was a principal at Holland Patent Elementary School for twenty-five years and knew each child by name; we was wonderful with children. He received the Valley Forge Freedom Foundation Award. He loved the Boy Scouts, was a great leader, and stayed active in the scouting program until his death.

Ray was a member of Litchfield Grange since 1985 and was voted Oneida County Man of the Year in 1996. He was also very active in the Mason's Lodge. For many years, Ray served as choir director and church organist in Whitesboro, New York.

As a Methodist minister, Ray served Cedarville and Trenton United Methodist churches until his retirement in 1998.

Funeral services were held for Raymond Roberts on February 5, 2002, at Prince, Boyd & Hyatt in Rome, New York with burial following at Crown Hill Memorial Park in New Hartford.

Marjorie Roberts

HAROLD W. SCOTT



Harold W. Scott was born April 10, 1922 in Pompey, New York, the son of the late Charles Leroy and Lena Hattie Brooks Scott. He graduated from Pompey Academy in 1939 and post graduate from Manlius High School in 1940. He furthered his education for many years, receiving his Associates Degree from Oswego State University, his Bachelor's Degree from Boston University School of Theology, a Master's Degree from Eastern Nebraska Christian College; and a Doctor of Divinity from universal Bible Institute, which is now St. John's University.

He married the former Clarabelle "Gerry" Biesek, on November 28, 1941, in Camillus, New York. A farmer when he started working, he worked for a year in a cast iron pipe factory in Manlius prior to accepting a position with Sanderson Steel Company in Syracuse, where he worked before and after his tour with the U.S. Army during World War II; having served in the Pacific Area Theater from 1943 to 1946. He left the steel company in 1949 and went to work for three different car dealerships in Syracuse, Marcellus

and Skaneateles, working as a mechanic. In 1950 he became the owner of his own gas station and garage in Borodino, New York, specializing in welding and body work; as well as being a Massey Ferguson Farm Equipment and Willys dealership. He also drove a school bus and maintained buses for Skaneateles Central Schools.

In 1964 he was called into the ministry. He will be remembered as having served the United Methodist Churches of Sterling, Martville, Victory, Bethel, Ira, Campbell, Dundee, Dresden, Milo Center, Cayutaville, Newfield, Friend, Yatesville, and Mitchellsville. He served on various boards and agencies in the District and Conference.

The Rev. Dr. Harold W. Scott died unexpectedly on Thursday, August 9, 2001 at the age of 79 in the comfort of his home. He is survived and will be missed by his wife of 59 years "Gerry" Scott; a son Harold William (Joanne) Scott II of DeKalb Junction, New York; a daughter

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Candace Elaine (Dale) Kasson of Troy, New York; 13 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two sisters, Flora Bumpus and Lillian Moss, and a brother Roy Scott.

MARION SCOUTEN



Marion Steves Scouten was born in Needham Heights, Massachusetts on September 12, 1910. Her parents were Kelsey and Mariah Steves.

She was a gifted student and athlete. She loved learning and took her academic work very seriously, spending hours on her studies. She became very interested in the medical profession. She embarked on a five year program at Simmons College in Boston. She graduated Summa Cum Laude with an R.N. and Bachelor of Science Degree. She did her nursing internship at Peter Bent Brigham's Women's Hospital. She went on to become a Public Health Nurse in Boston. She attended the Methodist Church and sang in the church choir. Also singing in the church choir was her future husband, Everett Kendall Scouten. He was attending seminary at Boston University School of Theology. They were married at her parent's home on July 27, 1935.

She gave up her nursing career temporarily to become a full time minister's wife and mother. She had four children; Wesley Gene, Alan Kendall, Mary Ellen, and

Susan Elizabeth. When she and her husband served in Chadwicks, New York, she went back to nursing. In Sandy Creek, she accepted the position of school nurse. She continued school nursing in Ogdensburg. When they moved to Malone, she became a social service employee for about five years.

In 1975, Marion and Kendall retired and moved to Annapolis, Maryland, where they lived for twenty-six years. They moved to Partridge Knoll in Canton, New York in October 1999.

Marion passed away on April 20, 2002 at Claxton Hepburn Hospital in Ogdensburg. Her funeral was held at Canton United Methodist Church with Rev. James Brand and Rev. Wesley Scouten officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in Canton. In addition to her four children, she left eight grandchildren and one great grandson.

She was a devoted wife and mother, a disciple of Jesus Christ, and a Servant of God. Her favorite Bible verse was:

"He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God." – Micah 6:8

Marion loved that verse and lived that verse every day of her life. Those who loved her know that words are inadequate to express the love and devotion she had for her family and the sense of loss they all feel now that she is with God.

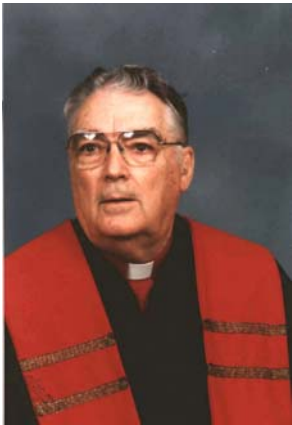
Susan Scouten

ROBERT J. THOMAS

Robert J. Thomas was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania on August 17, 1916. He graduated from Wyoming Seminary in Kingston, Pennsylvania, in 1936 and then graduated with honors from Dickinson College in 1940. Later he would earn two academic degrees at Boston University.

Robert started his ministerial career in the Wyoming Conference at Clifford, he then service in San Francisco, California, then back to Jermyn in the Wyoming Conference. Following that, he served churches in the Central New York Conference: Syracuse First, Syracuse Brown Memorial, and Syracuse Rockefeller; and the Western New York Conference at Rochester Monroe Avenue. Robert was also appointed to and worked with the Syracuse Cerebral Palsy Clinic. In 1964, he was appointed to Christ's Church of Sherrill, New York. It was here that his first wife, Beatrice, died in August of 1969.

Robert married Barbara in June of 1970 and together they served the Sherrill church until his retirement in 1970. He served on numerous Conference agencies and was once



President of the Board of Trustees of the Conference.

Bob had a wonderful sense of humor. He seemed to have an inexhaustible supply of jokes to fit all occasions. When asked how he could remember so many, he said the secret was to tell the joke to someone else as soon as he heard a new one. He also had a great ability to remember people and names.

Bob spent a great deal of time writing out his sermons, until he got a computer. His long version would be reduced to a few notes, which he seldom used in the pulpit. Humor was almost always a part of each sermon.

Dickinson College presented him with a Distinguished Service Award in 199. He has served as Chair of the National Dickinson Fund, as a Director of the National Cerebral Palsy Association, and as an adjunct lecturer at the Police Academy in Albany. He served as Chief Chaplain of the New York State Police Association, President of the New York State Fireman's Association of Chaplains, Chaplain of the Syracuse Fire Department, Chaplain of the Sherrill-Kenwood Fire Department, and as a Chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserves. He was a member of

the Fire Department in every community in which he has live for the past 65 years.

Robert J. Thomas died on October 5, 2001 in the extended care facility of the Oneida Health Care Center.

Barbara Thomas

EILEEN WILLIAMS



Eileen was born April 26, 1904, in Paterson, New Jersey. Her husband, Burton S. Williams passed away in 1965 when they were serving the Aloquin United Methodist Church. They were blessed with two sons: James, who resides in Bedford, New Hampshire, and Albert C., who resides in St. Ives, England. Nine grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren also survive.

Eileen was a very lovely minister's wife, always friendly and well-liked wherever their ministry led them. In later years, she was still very alert, taking care of her home, as well as her business affairs. She liked writing letters and will be remembered as a kind, considerate lady, a true loyal friend, one dedicated to the Christian work in every way she was able.

Eileen lived in the Good Samaritan Village in Florida for about thirty years. She passed away February 7, 2002, just a few months short of her 98th birthday. Her son, James, shared that "My mother accomplished many things in her lifetime. But one of the unbelievable coincidences is this: She was born in Paterson at 1609 Straight Street. Her last residence in the Good Samaritan Village was 1609 Straight Street."

Her burial was at the Glenwood Cemetery in Troy, Pennsylvania.

Verne Schattner

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ELIZABETH A. WRIGHT

Rev. Elizabeth A. Wright, wife of Rev. Donald A. Wright, was born in Newfield, NY on July 27, 1910. Her parents were Mary Louise (Ayers) Hungerford and Jay Hungerford. The family moved several times when Betty was a child so Betty attended several schools.

Betty graduated from Ithaca High School at age 16, and went on to graduate from Cortland Normal School. Eventually she received both her baccalaureate and her master's degrees.

Her teaching career began in the one-room country schools in the Lansing-West Groton area. She also taught in Groton Central School as a first grade teacher, and became a BOCES reading specialist in the Groton and Dryden schools.

After Don and Betty retired from their careers, they started another career, a career in the ministry. They studied together for the Lay Ministry and both became licensed United Methodist local pastors in 1966; Donald was ordained as an Associate Member in 1970. They served together in various churches including Virgil, Sterling, and Prattsburgh, NY. Betty served as pastor at the Martville church, and in retirement at the Starkey church.

Children's spiritual growth was a focus for Donald and Betty. They served many years as counselors at Casowasco. They were involved in youth groups and youth fellowship for many years. Camping was a hobby. It was easy for them to incorporate this hobby in their youth ministry.

Betty and Donald were married June 27, 1930 in Moravia, NY. They had three children, David Alton, born in 1933; Nancy Gale (Swearingen), born in 1936; and Mary Louise (Treat), born in 1939. Donald (1993) and David (1974) predeceased her. Surviving family include 16 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren.

After officially retiring from the United Methodist church, they settled in the Bradford, NY, area, overlooking Lamoca Lake. They served as substitute pastors for many area churches and ministered in the Tyrone United Methodist Church and the Weston Presbyterian Church. Betty served as chaplain in the nursing home in Bath, NY, and volunteered her ministry at the Bath hospital.

After Donald's death, she moved to Leicester, NY, to be near her daughter, Nancy Swearingen. She continued her volunteer ministerial services at the Livingston County Campus Nursing Facility in Mt. Morris, NY. Although she was 80-plus, the residents and staff looked forward to her visiting and enjoyed her humor and smile. She spent her last few years doing what she liked best, serving others with the purpose to introduce them to her Lord, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Betty quietly left this earthly life on February 16, 2002 at the home of her daughter, Nancy, in Leicester, NY. Her celebration of life memorial service was conducted by Pastor Dan Case of the LaGrange Baptist Church at Perry, NY, her home church while living in Leicester. The Committal service took place July 5, 2002, in the Indian Mound Cemetery in Moravia, NY, with many family and old friends present. Officiating at the committal service was Pastor James Main of New Hope Bible Fellowship Church of Oak Hill Road, Moravia.

Nancy Swearingen