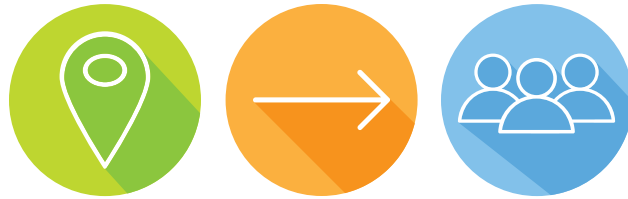


MEMORIAL SERVICE

2019 MISSOURI ANNUAL CONFERENCE





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Missouri Conference of The United Methodist Church

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

SATURDAY | JUNE 8 | 2019
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WORDS OF INTRODUCTION

This morning we light the Christ Candle to represent the light of hope that shines on from generation to generation. You are invited to remember the people and communities whose lives sang with love as they answered the call to follow Jesus. We pause to grieve those who have walked through the doorway of death into the life to come, and celebrate the ways that their light shines on in the doors they opened, the ministries they nurtured, the lives that they impacted, and the love that we share. By the singing of songs, the lifting of prayers, the tolling of bells and the lighting of candles, we are reminded that in Christ there really is no death. In Christ, the light of love is never extinguished, and the song of resurrection hope rings on.



WELCOME

In Christ, the light of love is never extinguished

WORDS OF WELCOME | Rev. Lynn Dyke

CALL TO WORSHIP | Rev. Rebecca Dunger Peak

In all our weakness and all our strength,
with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,
We come to be your people, O God.

With hearts filled with hope and hearts heavy with grief,
singing our praise and whispering our prayers,
We come to be your people, O God.

Filled with the passion of your Spirit,
yet mindful of our human limitations,
We come to be your people, O God.

Strengthened by the witness of those who walked before us
and emboldened by your endless love,
We come to be your people, O God.

As we worship with remembrance, with love, with sorrow, and with joy,
may we truly become your people today, O God. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG | This Is Amazing Grace

PRAYER OF LAMENT | Rev. Rebecca Dunger Peak

Lord of love, we cry out to you, knowing that in times of loss, we need the strength and comfort that comes only from you. We lift to you our grief, that you might mend our broken hearts. We lift to you our anxiety and fear, that you might bring hope and courage. We lift to you our doubts as we step into an unknown future, that you might stir among us renewed faith. We lift to you every place of darkness, that you might shine your light. We bring to you all that seems dead, trusting wholly in the good news of the open tomb: that even the grave is just another doorway. Be faithful to hear our cries, O God, that in you we may find the hope of new life. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

CONGREGATIONAL SONG | Be Thou My Vision

SCRIPTURE READING | Mark 6:7-13 (The Message) | Rev. Lynn Dyke

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word,
Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION | Bishop Robert Farr

SONG OF RESPONSE | Make My Life a Blessing

OFFERING

Puerto Rico Disaster Response | Rev. Lucas Endicott

Missouri's commitment to assist with the Hurricane Maria disaster recovery efforts of the Iglesia Metodista de Esperanza in Vieques, Puerto Rico, is nearly complete. Teams from across Missouri have traveled to help, individuals and churches have contributed financially to help this community where over 40 percent live in poverty, and poco a poco (little by little) change has come. Your financial gift will add a blessing and provide the necessary funds to finish our commitment including completion of the children's ministry area, a kitchen for healthy cooking classes and the replacement of the water-damaged worship stage and altar.

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

God's Faithful Servants

LEADERS | Tom Ventura and Rev. Yvi Martin

As your loved one's name is read, we invite those who were touched by the saint's life and ministry to stand. Memoirs of our celebrated faithful servants are included on the pages that follow.

TOLLING OF THE BELL | Rev. Andy Bryan and Rev. Jenn Weekes-Klein

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE OF BELOVED COMMUNITIES | Rev. Cody Collier

As the name of each church is read, we invite those who were touched and transformed by those beloved communities to stand.

The candles we light on the altar in honor of closing churches will be given back to those districts as reminders that the light of Christ reflected in those communities continues to shine forth.

PRAYER OF THANKS | Rev. Lynn Dyke

Creator God, we thank you for your faithful servants. For the courage that inspired them to step out in faith. For the countless doorways they opened for others. For saints ordinary and extraordinary, who loved us, taught us, and changed us, we give thanks. For beloved communities, who opened wide their doors for seekers to find a home and servants to find a mission, we give thanks. For those who we see no more, but whose stories live on in us, we give thanks. For the love that filled their lives that inspires and surrounds us still, we give thanks, upon thanks, upon thanks. Amen.

CLOSING SONG | Jesus Paid it All

As we sing, memorial families are invited to exit as indicated by the ushers. Following worship, a representative of the memorial families will receive a candle as a reminder that the light of their loved one shines on.





FINAL BLESSING | Rev. Rebecca Dunger Peak

God of the generations,
when we set our hands to labor,
thinking we work alone,
remind us that we carry
on our lips
the words of prophets,
in our heart
the love of mentors,
in our veins
the blood of martyrs,
in our eyes
the visions of mystics,
in our feet
the journeys of the faithful,
in our hands
the strength of thousands.
Amen.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Call to Worship

Seasons of the Spirit: All Saints Day—Year A, published by WoodLake Publishing.

Final Blessing adapted from

Jan Richardson - "Inspired on the Feast of All Saints"

<https://paintedprayerbook.com/2011/10/29/inspired-on-the-feast-of-all-saints>

WORSHIP TEAM

Music Team | The Great Romance

Worship Curators | Katie Trinter & Amanda Ross

Audio Visual Directors | Curtis Olsen & Alex Garnett

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God's Faithful Servants

MISSOURI CONFERENCE CLERGY

Adams, Jack L.

The Reverend Jack L. Adams passed Monday, January 28, 2019, in Chesterfield, MO. He was born on June 5, 1931, in Harrisburg, IL to Rex and Essie Adams. Jack was a graduate of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and Drew Theological Seminary in Madison, NJ. He began his career as a young pastor to four tiny Methodist churches in the vicinity of Crab Orchard, IL, from 1950 - 1953 and at Dickinson Memorial, Staten Island, NY, 1953 - 1956. Other pastorates in Illinois were at East St. Louis, Carbondale, East Alton and Carmi. In 1973, Jack moved to the Missouri East Conference of the United Methodist Church where he ministered at Union UMC and Salem-in-Ladue UMC until his retirement in 1995. Jack married his high school sweetheart, Mary Lou Fletcher, in 1950. He and Mary Lou had four sons. Mary Lou preceded him in death on August 24, 2011. Jack later married Annie (Heagerty) Piskulich in 2012, and they divided their time between Ballwin and a home on the Lake of the Ozarks. In addition to his role as a Methodist pastor, Jack was also a community leader in various organizations in each of the municipalities where he served. Annie lives in Ballwin, MO.

Brandt, Carl C.

The Reverend Carl C. Brandt passed away Tuesday, January 22, 2019. He was born December 29, 1923, in Bellflower, CA, to Albert and Rose Etta (Hanley) Brandt. He was a retired United Methodist minister who had served pastorates at Brashear, Pacific, Mt. Olive LaGrange, Hayti Deering, Fenton, Park Hills, Centralia and Arcadia Valley prior to retiring. Carl had served in the Army during WW II. In August of 1943 he married Lena Ramsey. She preceded him in death on March 19, 1998. He later married Helen Sparkman.

Decker, Ann Louise

Ann Louise Decker passed away Friday, January 4, 2019. She was born in Lafayette, IN, on April 23, 1948. Ann was a woman of very strong faith, and her love for Jesus and others was displayed routinely in her everyday life. In 1969, Ann married Joe Decker. Joe was in the U.S. Army and they lived in Germany (where their son Mark was born), Panama and Virginia. In 1989, Ann and family moved to Rolla where Ann and Joe were civilian employees at Fort Leonard Wood. Ann retired as a Budget Analyst. Ann was a Certified Lay Minister and served pastorates at Hazelgreen United Methodist Church in Hazelgreen, MO, and at the Dixon United Methodist Church in Dixon, MO. She helped out at numerous other churches whenever she was needed. She strived to touch folks' hearts with the work of God and Jesus's love. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Rolla. Joe lives in Rolla, MO.

Gibbs, Milford, Jr.

The Reverend Milford Gibbs, Jr. passed away Tuesday, October 30. He was born in Rochester, NY on October 13, 1955. He was preceded in death by his parents, Milford Howard Gibbs, Sr. and Mary Jane (Hansen) Gibbs. Reverend Gibbs had his Master's in Divinity and had been in the ministry for many years. He served pastorates in Elsberry, Shelbina, Park Hills, and Macon. He loved Jesus and enjoyed acting in skits for the Children's Ministry at the Bridge Community Church. He had also developed a passion for cooking and enjoyed the Food Network. His wife, Nancy, lives in Bonne Terre, MO.





Hillman, Alvin W.

The Reverend Alvin Walter Hillman passed away Wednesday, November 28, 2018. He was born on August 10, 1927, at the family home north of New Hampton, MO, the son of Walter Thomas and Mabel Viola (Thompson) Hillman. Alvin graduated from New Hampton High School in 1945 and entered the United States Army. On June 8, 1946, he married Inez Maxine Yates. After leaving the service, they moved to Galesburg, IL. After several years in Illinois, they moved back to Missouri where he went into the ministry. He attended college at Northwest Missouri State in Maryville and St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City. He received two bachelor's degrees and a master's degree. He was described as a pastor who preached with effortless grace, centered around a steadfast belief and radiating with wisdom. He pastored churches in Mount Moriah, Gilman City, High Point, Goshen and Lake Viking as well as participated in numerous church camps and youth bible studies and also offered counseling to those in need. After Inez's passing in September of 2000, Alvin married Mary Bickford-Hillman on October 12, 2014, after 11 years of courtship. Alvin was pastor at the Gallatin Presbyterian Church for the past four years. Mary lives in Gallatin, MO.

Hollingsworth, Nancy Lee Moss

Nancy Lee Moss Hollingsworth, passed away Saturday, July 21, 2018. She was born October 26, 1932, in St. Louis, to Judge Herbert K. Moss and Katherine Claire (Halberstadt) Moss of Hillsboro. Nancy raised 10 children. She was a graduate of Mehlville High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Washington University. She retired from the Jefferson-Franklin Community Action agency as a social service worker. She was a community leader who served on the Jefferson College Board of Trustees for many years and as pastor of the Victoria and Hematite United Methodist Churches and as a leader in the local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. She was actively involved in the ERA movement of the 1970's. She was married to Daniel Brunson Hollingsworth, who preceded her in death.

Hudson, Herman J., Jr.

The Reverend Herman J. Hudson, Jr. passed away Monday, September 3, 2018. He was born September 1, 1928, in Nelson County, Virginia to Herman Joy Hudson, Sr. and Emily (Whitehead) Hudson. He graduated in 1949 from Fleetwood High School in Nelson County, Virginia. On November 5, 1951, Herman enlisted in the United States Air Force and served in the Korean War. He earned the National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Korean Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. On November 4, 1955, he was Honorably Discharged. On April 12, 1957, Herman was united in marriage to Margaret Anne (Bowland) Hudson in Knob Noster, MO. After marrying Anne, Herman earned his Bachelor's Degree from Central Missouri State College in Warrensburg and then received his Masters of Divinity Degree from St. Paul's School of Theology in Kansas City, MO. Herman was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Odessa. He served as a minister for over 60 years in Odessa, Sedalia, Napoleon, Kansas City, Chillicothe and many other communities. In addition to spending time with his family and friends, Herman was a lover of classical music and an avid reader. His wife, Anne, preceded him in death on October 22, 2012.

Larson, Duane

The Reverend Duane Larson passed away Saturday, January 12, 2019. He was born on December 14, 1961, to Floyd E. and Carrie M. (Dittmeyer) Larson in Rolla, MO. He grew up in San Antonio. After graduation from high school he attended Oklahoma Wesleyan University in Bartlesville, OK. It was during this time that he received his call to ministry and followed that call to Duke Divinity School, where he earned his Master of Divinity. At Duke, he met the one he would love forever, Alisa. They were married on Aug. 11, 1990. Duane and Alisa have three children, Sam, Seth, and Sarah. Duane was a member of the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and was serving the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake. Previously, he had served in the Missouri Annual Conference in Fredericktown, Eureka, and Cuba, MO, and the Southwest Texas Annual Conference. He enjoyed playing golf and thought out many of his sermons while on the driving range. He will be remembered as a passionate voice for hope and the power of God's redeeming grace in the world. Alisa lives in Spirit Lake, IA.

Newhart, Charles T.

Pastor Charles "Charlie" Truman Newhart passed away Friday, February 15, 2019. Charles was born in Miller County, Missouri in 1932 to Charles Ralph and Dorothy (Thompson) Newhart. While attending Aurora College in Aurora, IL for pastoral studies, he met and married the love of his life, Janice Newton. They raised five children together. Charles was a dedicated and hardworking father and husband. He worked the majority of his life as an ice cream delivery man for Foremost and Highland Dairies. Being a lifetime lay speaker with the United Methodist Church, in mid-life he returned to his calling and continued his studies at the Seminary of University of Missouri Kansas City. He became a Local Pastor for the United Methodist Church serving at many rural churches throughout SW Missouri, including pastorates in Lawrenceburg, Pleasant Hill and Mount Pisgah. Janice preceded him in death.

Norman, Terry Lee

The Reverend Dr. Terry Lee Norman passed away Sunday, July 22, 2018. He was born December 31, 1941, in Jonesborough, AR, the son of Walter Thomas Norman and Omastene Griffith Norman. He was married on January 24, 1970, in Webster Groves, MO, to Mary Susan Hoy. Terry graduated from Malden High School, in Malden, MO, class of 1960. He was a 1965 graduate of Arkansas State University with a Bachelor of Science in Education. He went on to study theology at St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, MO, where he graduated in 1969 with a Master of Divinity. He ultimately achieved his Doctor of Ministry in 1985, from St. Paul School of Theology. He served as an Elder in the United Methodist Church. He was a strong advocate for racial equality and social justice. During his time in Jefferson City, he was instrumental as a visionary in the initial formation and development of what is now the Cole County Fire Protection District. While he pursued his education in his early 20's, he learned about real estate development. He used those skills in the acquisition and development of what is now Shagbark Woods and Lakewood subdivisions in Cole County. Mary lives in Jefferson City, MO.

Olson, Larry A.

Pastor Larry Andrew Olson passed away on Sunday, January 27, 2019. He was born May 21, 1959. Larry met his future wife, Cathleen, online in 2004 and they married in 2006. Larry grew up in Northern Wisconsin along the shores of Lake Superior. He attended college at Northland College in Ashland, WI, before joining the Army as Medic and Patient Care Specialist. He served in the rapid deployment forces in Germany as the Surgical Ward Master in a MASH unit. After receiving his honorable discharge from the Army, he went to Wallace College in Dothan, AL and finished his training as a Nationally registered Paramedic. Over the following few years he was on emergency squads in Alabama, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He later owned a collectibles shop and a small pet, pet supply and tropical fish store. He kept receiving a stronger and stronger calling to the ministry. He entered into the ministry as a Licensed Local Pastor in 1997. He ministered at Wittenberg, WI, for 5 years and Mercer, WI, for 13 years. He then moved to the Missouri Conference and served pastorates at All Faith (Eagle Rock) and the Mt. Olivet Charge (Mt. Olivet, Durham and LaGrange UMC) in the Mark Twain District. Cathleen lives in Taylor, MO.

Powell, Paul S.

The Reverend Paul S. Powell passed away September 3, 2018. He was born July 18, 1937, in West Plains, MO, to Bradford and Irene (Strickler) Powell. Paul was an ordained United Methodist minister who served many churches throughout the state of Missouri and was an advocate for gay rights. He was the former chaplain at the Farmington, Potosi and Bonne Terre correctional facilities for over 15 years. After retiring from ministry, he had his own garage door hanging business. Paul enjoyed beekeeping and loved volunteering at the Farmington Pet Adoption Center. He was a talented seamstress who made all the girls' dresses as they were growing up. Paul was a man of many talents, a jack of all trades and a gentle giant with a heart of gold. His wife, Peggy Sue, preceded him in death on May 5, 2017.





Sands, Andrew

The Reverend Andrew Sands passed away Wednesday, February 20, 2019. He was born June 5, 1928. He married Mary Louise Sands. He served several pastorates in Missouri including, Centerview, Greenfield, Royal Heights in Joplin, Holden Magnolia, Oakley in Kansas City, Boliver, Epworth, Wallace Chapel in Odessa, First Odessa, Terrace Lake. Louise lives in Spokane, WA.

Starkey, Lycurgus "Curg" M., Jr.

The Reverend Dr. Lycurgus M. "Curg" Starkey passed away Wednesday, May 8, 2019. He was born March 13, 1928, to Lycurgus Monroe Sr. and Lois Elise Starkey. Curg received his bachelor's degree from Central Methodist University and a Master of Theology degree from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX. He then continued his education in New York to acquire his PhD at Union Theological Seminary – Columbia University. He began his career teaching at St. Paul School of Theology and at Swope Park UMC in Kansas City. He then spent time in Muncie, IN, at First United Methodist Church before moving to Fort Wayne, IN, where he merged two United Methodist Churches into one. He spent the next 15 years pastoring at Kirkwood United Methodist Church in Missouri. He then transferred to Missouri United Methodist in Columbia, MO, before going on to become the District Superintendent for the Missouri South District. After 45 years in ministry, Dr. Starkey then retired in St. Louis. Curg loved classical music and cherished attending the symphony. The outdoors held a special place in his heart and he looked forward to hiking, especially in the Colorado Rockies, where he spent time with his sons at the YMCA Camp of the Rockies in Estes Park. He hiked just about every mountain in Rocky Mountain National Park, as well as Long's Peak. He also enjoyed going to St. Louis Botanical Gardens. His wife, LaVena Starkey, preceded him in death on October 29, 2016.

Sullivan, Dan H.

The Reverend Dan H. Sullivan passed away Friday, August 31, 2018. He was born August 9, 1922, in Lonoke, AR, to Hosea and Cora Sullivan. On February 10, 1945, he married Gwen Dickerson in the Church of England at Edmonton, England. The couple met while Dan was stationed in England during World War II with the Army Air Corps. Dan attended the University of Arkansas where he received degrees in Math, Science and Administration. He was an educator in various schools in Missouri before becoming a United Methodist minister. Dan served pastorates in Lexington, Northern Blvd. (Independence), Marshfield, Odessa, Anderson Goodman, Houstonia, Medford, Zion Oak, Rockville and Schell City. He was active in the Ministerial Alliance and was instrumental in starting the OATS program in various communities. His wife, Gwen, preceded him in death on March 8, 2010.

Wade, George M.

The Reverend George Wade passed away Monday, July 23, 2018. He was born July 10, 1927. George served pastorates in Joplin, Liberal, Maysville, Royal Heights, Carl Junction, Asbury, Seneca Swars, Pineville Lanagan and Pierce City. His wife, Violet, preceded him in death on June 4, 2007.

Willis, Raymond E.

The Reverend Raymond E. Willis passed away Friday, November 2, 2018. Raymond Earl Willis was born October 10, 1946, in Kansas City, MO, to Jettie Earl Willis and Frances Winifred Lehman Willis. Raymond was an ordained Elder of the United Methodist Church and Vietnam War combat veteran. He served pastorates in Odessa, Meadville, Gallatin, Mount Vernon and Springfield, MO, before moving to Florida. He married May Belle Horn of Kansas City, MO, on August 26, 1967. May Belle lives in Tallahassee, FL.

Zoll-Cookson, Dayna L.

Pastor Dayna Zoll-Cookson passed away July 9, 2018. She was born November 26, 1976, at Poplar Bluff, MO, to Gary Zoll of Puxico and Joyce Eads Stafford. Dayne had lived in Dudley, Dexter, New Mexico, St. Louis and Puxico. She graduated from Puxico High School in 1995, attended Three Rivers Community College, SLCC and acquired her Master of Arts degree from Lindenwood University in 2011 in Counseling. She worked for the Puxico Press, Daily American Republic, was a former intern Library manager at SLCC, former counselor at Birthright, former Substance Abuse Counselor at Southeast Behavioral Health and was currently at Bootheel Counseling Services as a Children's Community Support Supervisor and pastored at the Puxico First United Methodist Church and Fairview Methodist Church. She was active in Relay for Life, and published author of "Mosaic: A Collection of Poems About My Life." On November 30, 2002, at Winter Wonderland in Tilles Park in St. Louis, she married Thom Cookson. Tom lives in Puxico, MO.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE SPOUSES

Cheffey, Ruth Jennie Vie

Ruth Jennie Cheffey passed away Sunday, August 26, 2018, at Rest Haven Convalescent and Retirement Home in Sedalia, MO. She was born August 2, 1924, in Rogersville, MO, the daughter of Lonnie Harrison Mooney and Annie (Bloomer) Mooney. On June 23, 1946, in Rogersville, she married The Reverend Charles Benjamin Cheffey. Mrs. Cheffey served alongside her husband in his pastorates which included the following churches in Missouri: Washburn Circuit, Hume, El Dorado Springs, Pleasant Hill, College Heights in Kansas City, Sedalia First, St. Joseph First, Higginsville Grace, Lamar, Boston Chapel (near Lamar) and Bethany. While Charles was in seminary they also served in Danville and Tilton, IL. She taught piano lessons and public school music. She played cello in the Sedalia Symphony for many years. She enjoyed studying hymns and the stories and poetry behind them. Charles preceded her in death September 27, 2015.

Cooper, Edna

Edna Muriel (Crouch) Cooper passed away Monday, February 4, 2019. She was born March 11, 1922, in Mystic, CT, to Anna and Herbert Crouch. Edna graduated from Norwich Free Academy in Connecticut and attended Simpson Bible Institute (piano classes) in Seattle. She met Joe Cooper at Huntington Street Baptist Church and married him on June 11, 1943. Upon Joe's completion of six years of service in the Navy, Joe and Edna embarked on their educational journey at Simpson Bible Institute in Seattle. Edna took courses at Simpson in piano. While Joe preached, she played the piano and sang in choirs at their small churches in Seattle; Wamic, Silverton and Coos Bay, OR. The family moved to California, with both Edna and Joe working at Lockheed and at small churches. In 1959, Joe joined the Methodist denomination and they moved to Missouri where Joe and Edna served the Unionville Methodist Church until 1966. They later served the Corder Methodist Church (66-67) and in 1967, the Blue Ridge Boulevard Methodist Church. Edna worked at the Kansas City Public Library for 22 years. Joe and Edna pastored at the Oakley United Methodist Church in Kansas City over the next several years. Edna retired in 1989 from the Kansas City Public Library and moved to Columbia, MO. "Edie" became a member of the Missouri United Methodist Church in Columbia. Joe preceded her in death February 8, 1978.

Griffen, Dorothy Frances

Dorothy Frances Griffen passed away Friday, June 15, 2018. She was born February 10, 1923, in Hannibal, MO, to Fred Dent and Jennie Alice (Winn) Withrow. She attended schools in Hannibal, graduating from Hannibal High School in 1940. She married the Reverend Walter Arthur "Art" Griffen on August 31, 1941. Art preceded her in death September 7, 2015. Dorothy led an adventurous life as the spouse of a dedicated Air Force Chaplain, creating a home for her family all over the world. She and Art lived in Laredo, TX; Taipei, Taiwan; Roswell, NM; Wurzburg, Germany; Temple Hills, MD; and Las Vegas, NV. After Art retired, the couple settled in Grandview, MO, where Dorothy indulged in her favorite interests—quilting, crocheting, gardening, sewing, and teaching Sunday School. In later years, the couple moved to Reno, NV. Dorothy garnered lifelong friendships as she was generous and loving. She was a member of the United Methodist Church.





Hoover, Robert (Bob)

Bob Hoover passed away Friday, July 13, 2018. He was born on November 28, 1936, in Elkland, MO, to Raymond and Ruby (Evans) Hoover. He spent 40 years working for the BNSF Railroad and retired as Conductor. He also served as local Chairman in the United Transportation Union. He married the Reverend Donna L. Hoover in 1967. He liked to hunt and fish in his younger days, and more recently enjoyed watching the Royals and Chiefs play. He was a member at Woods Chapel United Methodist Church in Lee's Summit. Most of all, Bob loved being with his family. Donna lives in Blue Springs, MO.

Kinnard, Wilma Jean

Wilma Jean Kinnard [Dodds], passed away Wednesday, September 26, 2018. Jean retired in 1990 after teaching at Selvidge Junior High School for 20 years. She was a beloved friend to many. She enjoyed music and was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals. She was the spouse of the Reverend Walter Cannon Kinnard, who preceded her in death on April 2, 1998. Jean and Walter had a son, two daughters, seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Kirk, Nancy

Nancy "Nicky" Kirk, of Kirkwood, formerly of Jefferson City, passed away Wednesday, November 14, 2018. She was born on September 17, 1928, in St. Louis, MO, a daughter of the late Scott and Alma (Smith) Smith. Nicky was united in marriage August 1, 1949, to Reverend Jon Wesley Kirk in St. Louis, who preceded her in death in 2000. She was a graduate of Washington University Conservatory of Music in St. Louis. Nicky attended Central Methodist University and Lincoln University, obtaining her Bachelors of Science Degree in Education. She was a full-time mother of 10 children. After raising her family, Nicky worked for over 15 years as a teacher with the Missouri Department of Corrections. She was an avid artist, singer and enjoyed attending many Barry Manilow concerts. Her greatest passion was spending time with her family, especially the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lasley, Kimberly

Kimberly Ann Lasley (Kmieciak) passed away on Thursday, January 31, 2019. She was born November 3, 1955, in La Salle, IL, spending her early years in the home of her newspaperman father, Harry Arthur Kmieciak and the late Mary Elizabeth (Merriman) Kmieciak. When her father passed away, she and her mother, Betty moved to Kirkwood in the early 1960's to live with her mother's parents. While there, she attended John F. Kennedy High School, went to Mass regularly at St. Gerard Majella Roman Catholic Church, spent summers at the family's cabin on Norfolk Lake in Arkansas. After Kennedy, Kim left to continue her education at the University of Missouri in the School of Social Work in Columbia, MO. While there, Kim met her soon to be husband, the Reverend Richard C. Lasley. After graduation they were married in Kim's home church on November 4, 1978, and have shared 40 years together. During this time they lived in Texas, California and Missouri. Kim worked as a unit secretary at Missouri Baptist Medical Center and Loma Linda University Medical Center, a counselor with the Texas Employment Commission and as a medical records coder at hospitals in Loma Linda, CA, Sikeston and Fredericktown, MO. Rev. Rick Lasley lives in Caledonia, MO.

Nenadal, Tom

Tom Nenadal was born on April 28, 1952, in Cleveland, OH, Tom was a son of the late Joseph W. and Marion (Dalton) Nenadal. He grew up in Brunswick, OH, and graduated from Brunswick High School in 1970. He attended Ohio State University, majoring in horticulture. On July 24, 1976, he married Sandra L. (Lausch) Nenadal. He ran his own lawn care and landscaping business for over 30 years. Tom was a gifted vocalist and enjoyed singing in church choirs, quartets and giving solo concerts. He was an avid outdoorsman and later in life developed a passion for bicycling. He became a certified bicycle mechanic and operated his own bicycle shop in Marshall, MO. He was an active member in several United Methodist churches and volunteered in many ministries including puppet groups, youth ministries, disaster response teams, mission trips and assisted in construction and repair work in all the churches Sandy served as pastor. He was also an excellent cook who was always trying new recipes. Sandy lives in Marshall, MO.

Norris, Dorothy

Dorothy Norris passed away on Friday, December 28, 2018. Dorothy was born April 7, 1936, to John Frank and Versie Lorange Tinnin. She and the Reverend James E. Norris were married October 3, 1954, at Marquand, MO. She was a graduate of Marquand High School. She helped her husband with church activities and became his private secretary. She was an administrative assistant at churches in Houston, Caruthersville and Troy, MO. She was a member of New McKendree United Methodist Church in Jackson. Jim is a retired pastor and lives in Jackson, MO.

O'Brien, Thomas

Thomas Joseph O'Brien, Jr., 84, of Pineville, MO, passed away Monday, September 3, 2018. Tom was born on May 24, 1934, in Fort Worth, TX, to the late Thomas Joseph and Jane (Pryor) O'Brien. He graduated from Paschal High School. He attended one semester at Texas Christian University but soon decided to go into the beauty and barber supply business first at Royal Beauty and Barber Supply in Houston, TX, and later began overseeing the operation of the family owned Richie-Lansford Co. In 1975 he purchased Seabrook Texas Queen Party Boats, Inc. Next, he launched Budget Beauty Supply. He later opened Box It in League City, TX. On February 25, 1977, he married Marilyn O'Brien. After retirement, Tom purchased a food wagon and smoker and began selling BBQ out of a homemade BBQ stand on his property in Alvin, TX. They moved to Pineville and he began serving his food out of two locations — eventually with a food cart on the square in Pineville until May 2018. Tom was a member of Anderson United Methodist Church but the Pineville church always remained in his heart. Marilyn is a retired local pastor and lives in Pineville, MO.

O'Day, Gail

Gail Radcliffe O'Day passed away Saturday, September 22, 2018. Gail was born on December 2, 1954, in Muhlenberg, NJ, to Arthur F. and Sally Wilcox O'Day. Gail graduated from Horace Greeley High School. Gail graduated from Brown University in 1976 and went on to attain a Master of Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School and a Ph.D. in New Testament from Emory University. After a year teaching at Hamilton College, Gail accepted a position in New Testament and Preaching at Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves, MO, in 1983. In 1987 she returned to Emory University, teaching in the Candler School of Theology and the Graduate Division of Religion. Here she completed a well-known commentary on the Gospel of John for the New Interpreters Bible widely acclaimed by pastors and scholars, and wrote or edited many books and articles on John, the New Testament, and preaching. In 1999, Gail married her long-time friend and colleague, Thomas E. Frank. In 2003, she embarked on her administrative career, serving as Academic Dean of Candler for seven years. Wake Forest University offered her the deanship of the School of Divinity in 2010, where she served with distinction in leading the newest divinity school of any top-ranked American university. Gail continued full time as Dean for a remarkable two years after her first brain surgery in 2015, integrating her treatments into her daily routines. Six weeks after her second surgery in 2017 she led her last hooding and commencement ceremonies. Tom is on Extension Ministry with Wake Forest University and lives in Winston-Salem, NC.

Randol, Thomas

Thomas Lee Randol passed away Tuesday, October 30, 2018. Tom was born on May 9, 1937, to Guy & Ruth (Jones) Randol. He was raised on farms in Plattsburg, Gower and Garden City, MO, and was the eighth out of nine total children in his family. After graduating from Smithville High in 1955, he attended Northwest Missouri State for two years and later worked for AT&T for about three years. In 1960, he joined the United States Army where he proudly served his country for two years while being stationed in Germany. After his discharge in 1961, he returned home and began working for Southwestern Bell. While working on a job in Seward, NE, he met his soon to be wife, Carolyn Engler. On April 6, 1963, the couple was united in marriage and to this union two sons were born. He was an active member of the Harrisonville United Methodist Church, loved being outdoors and was an avid wood craftsman. He was a very simple, hardworking and reliable man who will be truly missed by all who knew him. Carolyn is a retired Deacon of the United Methodist Church and lives in Harrisonville, MO.





Slovensky, Arline Faye Loyd Buschman

Arline F. Slovensky of Montgomery City, MO, passed away Wednesday, November 28, 2018. Arline was born April 4, 1927, near New Florence, MO, to William [Hayden] Loyd and Manila [Mabel] Dixon Loyd. Arline graduated from Montgomery City High School. She attended several colleges including Hannibal-Lagrange College, the Missouri Teacher’s College in Kirksville, and received her Bachelor’s Degree in Education and Lifetime Teaching Certificate from the University of Missouri. Later she earned a Master of Education in Elementary Guidance and Counseling from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She married Arnold Frederick Buschmann in 1947 and he preceded her in death in 1961. Arline began her teaching career at the Crabapple Grove School in Montgomery County. She taught for many years in Gasconade County in rural schools. Arline married The Reverend Ernest Richard Slovensky in 1965. He preceded her in death in 2003. After marrying Rev. Slovensky, she taught in Alton and Hillsboro and returned to Montgomery County in 1975 to work for the Montgomery County R-2 School District as an elementary guidance counselor. She retired in 1988. Arline was a Sunday School teacher for 20 years and sang in or directed church choirs for over 35 years.

Wofford, Carolyn Lowell Christian

Carolyn Lowell Christian Wofford passed away Thursday, August 16, 2018. Carolyn was born March 14, 1933, in Amsterdam, NY, to Lewis and Dulcie Deuel Christian. Carolyn married The Reverend Clinton Frie Wofford on June 11, 1955. She was a graduate of Wilber H. Lynch High School in Amsterdam, Stephens College, had a bachelor’s degree in speech education from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL, and a Master of Education degree from the University of Missouri in Columbia. She was certified as a reading specialist in the state of Missouri. She taught preschool in Bartlesville, OK, kindergarten in Amsterdam, and first grade in Long Beach, CA. Carolyn taught personalized learning at Center Elementary School in Kansas City, MO, remedial reading to high school students in Fayette, first grade at Running Fox Elementary School, third grade at East Prairie Elementary School, was a reading specialist for the Eldon Public Schools and did substitute teaching in Knox County. She held several offices in the Parent-Teacher Association and was secretary for Delta Kappa Gamma. She was a member of the Faith United Methodist Church in Kirksville. Carolyn and Clinton retired in 1998 and moved to Edina, MO, where Clinton still resides.

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