Those We Honor

Deceased Clergy


The Rev. James Charles (JC) Browne, 73, a retired clergy member born April 8, 1942 passed away July 5, 2015. Survivors include his wife, the Rev. Mary Tyler Browne, children Christina Browne Torbert, George (Sara) Browne, JC (Martha Jean) Browne Jr. Step-children, Bill (Noreen) Tyler, Mike (Mary Lou) Tyler, Kathy Tyler (Eric) Stetz. He served Omaha Grace-Dietz, Holdrege-Ragan-Wilcox, Franklin, Macon, West Point Trinity, West Point, Walthill-Rosalie, Laurel-Logan Center, Retired 2006. A service was held in Albuquerque, NM.

The Rev. LaDonna Ruth Carey, 91, a retired clergy member born June 30, 1924, passed away Sept. 29, 2015. She was married to Robert Carey in 1946. Survivors include her husband Robert, children Anne Marie (Ron) Westgate and John Robert (Janelle) Carey. She served a missionary in Liberia, Moline-Grenola, Kansas , Retired 1993. A service was held Oct. 9, 2015 in Topeka, Kansas.

The Rev. Shirley Holden Carpenter, 83, an retired associate member born Sept. 22, 1932, passed away Nov. 26, 2015. Survivors include children Carl (Kathy), Scott (Sandy) and Eric (Donna Flanders) Carpenter, Michele (Dennis) Spaulding, Janice (David) Carpenter Weidner, and Christy (Jason) Nickels. She served McCool Junction-Bradshaw, Kearney First, Curtis-Garden Prairie, Retired 2002, Newman Grove-Looking Glass. A service was held Dec. 12, 2015 in Stockbridge, Georgia.


The Rev. Dale L. Clare, 82, a retired clergy member born Dec., 10, 1933, passed away April 30, 2016. He was married to Nanon Bird in 1955. Survivors include his children Dr. Lisa Clare, Lori (Kerry) Cross, and Linda Clare. He served as Chaplain, US Navy, Minneola, Oberlin, Scott City, Johnson, Retired 1998. Service at later date.


The Rev. Carroll French, 82, a retired associate member born Jan. 30, 1933, passed away Oct. 8, 2015. He is survived by his son Niels (Birgitte) French, Kirsten (Randy) Wettlaufer, Inge (Larry) Sthreshley. He served as a Missionary in Zaire also Elgin-Elgin Park, United West Parish, Ewing-Page, Retired 1995. A service was held Oct. 12, 2015 in Page, Nebraska.


The Rev. Donald D. Hines, 90, a retired clergy member born Apr. 10, 1925, passed away Mar. 20, 2016. He was married to Thelma Rockhold on May 31, 1944. He was preceded in death by his wife in 2009 and his daughter Sandra Rekstad. He is survived by his son Gary Hines. He served Esbon, McCracken, Maize, Concordia, Russell, Shawnee Heights, Parsons First, Topeka Lowman, Fairway Old Mission, Emporia-Manhattan Dist., Retired 1990. A service was held Mar. 24, 2016 in Topeka, Kansas.


The Rev. Charles Stanley LaRue, 77, a retired clergy member born May 17, 1938, passed away Aug. 7, 2015. He was married to Sharon Ann Giles on Dec. 31, 1957. Survivors include his wife, Sharon, children Deborah (Roger) Brooks, Carol (John) Cobb, Charles (Pam) and Lonnie (Diane). He served Tilden-Meadow Grove, David City, Friend-Dorchester, Curtis-Garden Prairie, Retired 1998; Maywood-Wellfleet. A service was held Aug. 9, 2015 in Wellfleet, Nebraska.


The Rev. Gerald Arthur Martin, 87, a retired clergy member born Sept. 2, 1928, passed away Nov. 9, 2015. He was married to Luella in 1949. Survivors include his wife, Luella, children Ken (Melinda), Faye Martin, Vonda (Phil) McKenna, LaDonna (Rob) Martin-Frost and Shauna Martin. He served Wichita Grace Assoc., Bogue-Zurich, Plains, Kingman, Wellington, Concordia District, Junction City First, Retired 1994. A service was held Nov. 23, 2015 in Clay Center, Kansas.

The Rev. Dennis Howard Matthews, 66, a retired clergy member born July 17, 1949, passed away Jan. 6, 2016. Survivors include his children, Kimberly Adams and Keri (Jeff) Brotherton. He was preceded in death by his son Scott. He served Moran-Bronson-Mildred, DeSoto, Louisburg, Holton First, Chaplain, United Methodist Homes, Retired 2013, Chaplain Aldersgate Village, KS. A service was held Jan 15, 2016 in DeSoto, Kansas.
The Rev. Lillian Delorse Moore, 82, a retired clergy member born Mar. 23, 1933, passed away June 12, 2015. She was married to Command Sergeant Major Rev. Lloyd C. Moore in 1951. Survivors include her husband the Rev. Lloyd C. Moore, children, Alan (Janice); step-daughters, Gere M. Augusto and Carolyn (Larry) Jordan. She served Nortonville; Central Baptist; Vassar-Quenemo-Michigan Valley; Richmond-Princeton-Greeley; Prairie Village: Asbury, Assoc. Junction City: Church of Our Savior-Ogden; Retired 1998. A service was held in Germantown, Tennessee.


The Rev. Raymond Eaton Noah, 96, a retired local pastor, born Jan. 2, 1919, passed away Aug. 24, 2015. He was married to Cleo Noah on Dec. 27, 1941. He is survived by his children Melvin Ray (Fran) Noah, Jerry Lynn (Janice) Noah, Michael Gene (Rebecca) Noah, and Richard Dale (Jennette) Noah. He served as a missionary in Angola and Zimbabwe Africa and Cascavel and Umuarama, Brazil, Alexander, McCracken, Retired. A service was held Sept. 5, 2015 in Lexington, KY.


The Rev. Oliver Rosas, 94, a retired associate member, born Oct. 25, 1920, passed away May 19, 2015. He is survived by his children and grandchildren. He served Bucyrus, Arma-Mulberry, Chanute Otterbein, Waverly-Melvern-Prairie View, Kansas City Wesley in Kansas and retired in 1984. No service held at this time.


The Rev. James P. “Jim” Townson, 75, a retired clergy member passed away Sept. 17, 2015. He is survived by his wife Sharon Jo, children Tanya (Dennis) Aitken, Terra (Mark) Johnston, Tasha (Rodney) Moore, and Trema (Steve) McLemore. He served as Wichita and Sedgwick County Police Chaplain, Retired. A service was held Sept. 26, 2015 in Wichita, Kansas.


The Rev. George Wattenbarger, 99, a retired clergy member born Aug. 12, 1916, passed away Dec. 29, 2015. He is survived by his daughter Marilyn (Bob) Means. He was preceded in death by his wife Ruth, sons Donald and George. George served Haysville, Kechi, Sedgwick, Wichita Pleasant Valley, Salina Grand Avenue, Smith Center, Towanda-Benton, South Hutchinson, Wichita Mt. Olivet, Retired in 1982. A service was held Jan. 4, 2016 in Wichita, Kansas.

Spouses

Uriel Bernell McNeill Baldwin, 93, the spouse of a clergy member, born April 10, 1922, passed away Sept. 13, 2015. She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Dr. William J. Baldwin. Survivors include her children, Janice (Don) Schaeffer, Judy (Ron) Oliver, Joyce (Jimmy) Denton, and Phil (Peggy) Baldwin. The service was held Sept. 16, 2015 in Newton, Kansas.

Willa Mae Borger, 92, the spouse of a clergy member, born Oct. 14, 1923, passed away Feb. 4, 2016. She was preceded in death by her husband the Rev. Clarence Borger. Survivors include children, William Borger and James Borger. The service was held Feb. 13, 2016 in Wichita, Kansas.

Lynda J. Brazil, 72, the spouse of a clergy member, born Aug. 9, 1943, passed away Aug. 29, 2015. Survivors include her husband the Rev. Bill E. Brazil, and children, David (Joanna) Brazil, Brian (Jacqueline) Brazil. A service was held Sept. 26, 2015 in Winfield, Kansas.

Merceda Joan Dussair, 93, the spouse of a clergy member, passed away Oct. 22, 2015. She was married to the Rev. Dwight Dussair in 1944. She is survived by her children David Dussair, Denise Larson and Deborah Simone Wright. A service was held at Ft. Leavenworth National Cemetery.

Valda Joan Embree, 85, the spouse of a clergy member, born April 14, 1930, passed away Mar. 22, 2016. She was married to the Rev. Robert A. Embree in 1950. Survivors include her husband Robert and children, Dr. Marlowe Embree and Dr. Rodney Embree. A service was held Apr. 9, 2016 in LeMars, Iowa.

Doris Ellen Garrison, 90, the spouse of a clergy member, born Jan. 26, 1925, passed away Nov. 2, 2015. She married Rev. Elton Garrison in 1945. Survivors include her husband Elton, children Sue Lynn, Dana, Renee and Andrew. A service was held Nov. 7, 2015 in Wichita, Kansas.

Vera Evelyn Gordon, 94, the spouse of a clergy member, born Aug. 6, 1920, passed away July 14, 2015. She was married to the Rev. M.E. Gordon. She was preceded in death by the Rev. M.E. Gordon. A service was held in Dallas, Texas.
Irma Herrick, 92, the spouse of a clergy member, born Mar. 11, 1924, passed away Apr. 4, 2016. She was married to Rev. Marvin Herrick in 1942. She was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by children, Lorie June Tudor (Bill), Carol Pewthers (Larry) and son, Don Herrick (Sherry). A service was held Apr. 9, 2016 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Sonia D’Ann Irwin, 56, the spouse of a local pastor, born July 3, 1959, passed away Nov. 18, 2015. She married Rev. Dennis Irwin Dec. 26, 2006. She was preceded in death by her first husband Tony Cole. Survivors include her husband, Dennis and children Bryan (Jessica) Cole and Jennifer (Austin Dinger) Cole. A service was held Nov. 21, 2015 in Topeka, Kansas.

Connie Jo Jones, 77, the spouse of a clergy member, born Feb. 7, 1938, passed away Oct. 13, 2015. She was married to the Rev. Doug Jones on Nov. 15, 1954. She is survived by her husband the Rev. Doug Jones, and children, Stefanie Bleich and Ron Jones. A service was held Oct. 19, 2015 in Oconto, Nebraska.


Mary Lou Bauer Martin, 77, the spouse of a clergy member, born July 22, 1938, passed away Sept. 8, 2015. She was married to the Rev. Carl E. Martin in 1960. She is survived by her husband Carl, children, Andrew Timothy (Janelle) Martin and Mary Megann (Dale) Kennedy. A service was held Sept. 19, 2015 in Wichita, Kansas.


Fern H. Mead, 93, a spouse of a clergy member, born Dec. 20, 1922, passed away Mar. 26, 2016. She was preceded in death by her husband the Rev. J. Russell Mead. She is survived by her children Linda (Chuck) Ryan and Jolene (Ed) Bantam. A service was held Mar. 30, 2016 in Central City, Nebraska.
Cleo Pataricia Noah, 96, a spouse of a retired local pastor, born April 22, 1919, passed away Feb. 17, 2016. She was married to the Rev. Raymond Noah on Dec. 27, 1941, he preceded her in death Aug. 24, 2015. She is survived by her children Melvin Ray (Fran) Noah, Jerry Lynn (Janice) Noah, Michael Gene (Rebecca) Noah, and Richard Dale (Jennette) Noah. A service was held March 5, 2016 in Lexington, KY.

Helen Barber Norman, 98, a spouse of a clergy member born Apr. 29, 1917, passed away Aug. 5, 2015. She was married to the Rev. Merlin F. Norman on June 25, 1944. She is survived by her children Merlin Norman Jr., Charles Norman, Helen Dobbs, and Zoa Norman. A service was held Aug. 8, 2015 in Scott City, Kansas.

Cara Ruth Hutchinson Perkins, 78, a spouse of a clergy member born Jan. 3, 1938, passed away Apr. 26, 2016. She was married to the Rev. Tom Perkins on Sept. 8, 1957. She is survived by her husband Tom, children Tom II (Susan) Perkins, Lance (Rita) Perkins. A service will be held June 11, 2016 in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Virginia E. Rimel, 96, a spouse of a clergy member, passed away Oct. 23, 2015. She was married to Rev. Philip E. Rimel on June 25, 1942. He preceded her in death on March 17, 1975. She is survived by her children Alice (Wendell) Terry, Virginia White and John (Nena) Rimel. A service was held Oct. 26, 2015 in Lawrence, Kansas.


Phyllis Watkins Tudor, 91, a spouse of a clergy born June 4, 1924, passed away Aug. 14, 2015. She married Rev. Wiliam G. Tudor on May 13, 1944. Survivors include husband Bill, children Bill (Lorie), Steve (Nancy), Phyllis (Ed) Daniels and Imozelle (Jim) McVeigh. A service was held Sept. 5, 2015 in Overbrook, Kansas.