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IN MEMORIAM

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RALPH EDWARD BURKE

Rev. Ralph Edward Burke, age 95, passed away August 21, 2016 in Dallas, Texas.

Rev. Burke was born July 12, 1921 in DeAnn, Arkansas to Jesse Calvin and Annie Lowe Burke. Growing up, he worked on the family farm and cotton gin until after high school when he joined the army in 1942. While on furlough in Oklahoma, he married Marjorie Malone on February 20, 1943 and they were married for over 61 years. His 511 days in combat included several battles in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. In 1945 he received an Honorable discharge and returned home.

Rev. Burke attended Southern Methodist University earning a Bachelor's degree and later a Master's degree from Perkins School of Theology. While in seminary, Rev. Burke was secondary classroom teacher in the Dallas Independent School District (DISD). He became a Curriculum Specialist and Administrator for the district, retiring from the DISD in 1983 after 27 years. He served several congregations in the North Texas Conference including almost 20 years at First UMC Rowlett. Rev. Burke served on the Board of Ordained Ministry, Conference Insurance Commission and the Board of Church Extension.

In the later years of Rev. Burke's ministry at First UMC Plano, he and his wife Marjorie founded the Friendship Sunday School class which bears their names and is still an active class. First UMC named Rev. Burke Pastor Emeritus in 2007.

Rev. Burke maintained a long time membership and rank of Colonel in the Confederate Air Force, now known as the Commemorative Air Force. This group works to preserve historic aircraft for the education and employment of present and future generations. In 2014, he was selected for the Honor Flight DFW where he, along with other World War II veterans, was given an all-expense paid trip to tour the various war memorials in Washington, D.C.

WALLACE EDWIN CHAPPELL

Rev. Wallace Edwin Chappell, age 96, passed away September 25, 2016, in Dallas, Texas.

Rev. Chappell was born March 17, 1920 in Dallas, Texas to Frank and Pearl Chappell and grew up in Highland Park. He earned a chemical engineering degree from Rice University and during World War II worked for a year at a Union Carbide chemical plant that supported the war effort. He felt his calling to the ministry while reading Lloyd C. Douglas' novel *The Robe*.

In 1945, Rev. Chappell moved to Dallas to attend Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. He served several churches in the North Texas Conference before being named to the General Board of Education in Nashville. In 1958, Rev. Chappell returned to the Dallas area where he served churches in North Texas and Central Texas as well as supervising campus ministries in Texas for several years. He finished his appointive ministry at Cochran Chapel UMC.

Rev. Chappell did community relations for Lomas & Nettleton Financial Corp. prior to returning to ministry in retirement at First UMC Dallas. He had a book signing two weeks prior to his death. Rev. Chappell was married to Mary Frances Stell for 63 years before her death in 2010. In 2013, he married Lawrean Isaaks, his sweetheart from his days at Rice.

JAMES A. GWALTNEY

Dr. James A. Gwaltney passed away at his home in Houston, Texas on Saturday, November 5, 2016, at the age of 80 from complications of Parkinson's disease.

Dr. James A. Gwaltney, known to friends as Jim, and family as Jimmy, was born in Memphis, TN September 20, 1936 to Imogene and Clifford Gwaltney, the oldest of four boys. The family moved to McKenzie, TN when Jim was very young, and developed deep roots there, raising their boys, serving as community leaders, and active in meeting the needs of the people in their town. It was Jim's experiences growing up in the small town of McKenzie that helped to shape his values and led to his eventual call into the ministry.

After graduating from Lambuth College in 1957, Jim moved to Dallas and enrolled in Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, where he earned his Master's degree in Theology and later his Doctorate in Ministry. Additional degrees followed, including a Master's in Counseling and a Doctorate in Psychology. With two master's degrees, two doctorates, and post-doctoral work at the Jungian Institute in Zurich, Switzerland, Dr. Gwaltney's life was spent as a Minister, Teacher, Business Consultant, Psychologist, and Author.

During his service as a pastor in the United Methodist Church, Jim moved to Richardson, TX, organized and founded Westshore Methodist church. They began services in the back of an old theater, later moved to a small one room wooden church, and eventually broke ground and built the building that remains today. Jim and his family served Westshore for 10 years, during which time the church grew to over 1000 members, and was an active and vibrant part of the, then, small Richardson, TX community.

An opportunity to return to academia led Jim back to Perkins School of Theology at SMU where he served in teaching and administrative positions in the schools of Business and Theology. In partnership with Claus Rohlf, Jim designed and pioneered the implementation of an Intern program for theology students, which represented a major innovation at the school. Although he eventually transitioned to work in business settings, Jim never lost his first calling as a minister, and his approach as a counselor and a business coach was heavily influenced by his natural gift as a minister to others.

In 1993, Dr. Gwaltney was married to Alice Pierce Gwaltney who survives him.

In 1980, Dr. Gwaltney founded Mentor Management, Inc., a training and consulting firm with offices in Houston and Dallas, and clients throughout the United States. What had previously only been available in seminar form to his clients, Dr. Gwaltney made available to all when he published *Interpersonal Technology: The Art and Science of Personal and Professional Effectiveness* in 2011, a foundation course for social-emotional awareness. Dr. Gwaltney spent his life devoted to sharing what he saw as crucial knowledge in our ability to make positive relationship connections. Up until the day before his death, Jim continued to teach, and to expand on his ideas in an effort to help advance the leadership qualities and social- emotional intelligence of anyone he came in contact with!

JOSEPH R. HALE

Rev. Dr. Joseph R. Hale passed away November 14, 2016, at Silver Bluff Village near Canton, North Carolina at the age of 81.

Rev. Dr. Hale was a native of Camden, Arkansas the son of the late Alfred Hale and Bess Akin Hale. At the age of 16, he was inspired by the preaching of Billy Graham, whereby the faith of his childhood was deepened with evangelical fervor. Later in life, he and Graham became personal friends and were mutually supportive in their evangelical endeavors. Dr. Hale's early passion for proclaiming the Gospel was born, and he started preaching in small Methodist churches and camp meetings in south Arkansas. He combined his intriguing gifts in magic with his enthusiasm for preaching as he took his magic show to thousands of fellow youth at the beach upon spring breaks during his student years at Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky.

Upon graduation from Asbury in 1957, Dr. Hale matriculated at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. Upon his graduation from seminary in 1960, he was recognized for his innate skills and intense passion for evangelism and was, consequently, appointed by his bishop to serve on the staff of the General Board of Evangelism, working under the guidance of the legendary Harry Denman.

In 1964, he married Mary Richey of Paris, Texas, with whom he shared a life in ministries of Christian education and evangelism for the rest of his life and an exemplary marriage of 52 years.

In 1968, Joe was elevated to the position of Director of Ecumenical Evangelism for the Board of Evangelism, headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee. He led the planning for a World Conference on Evangelism in Jerusalem held in 1974, attended by over 2,500 persons from around the world. Joe interacted with many Palestinian Christians, resulting in his life-long sensitivity to the plight of those that suffered injustices and oppression in their native land. Joe's careful planning of this global conference did not go unnoticed. Thus, at the gathering of the World Methodist Council in 1976, meeting in Dublin, Ireland, Joe R. Hale was elevated to the position of General Secretary of the Council and held that position until his retirement in September of 2001. Dr. Hale presided with distinction over five great conferences of the World Methodist Council, held in the following locations: Honolulu, Hawaii (1981); Singapore (1986); Nairobi, Kenya (1991); Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (1996); and Brighton, England (2001).

As General Secretary of the Council, Joe worked ardently in preserving the distinguished heritage of the Methodist movement. The World Methodist Museum at Lake Junaluska received and preserved priceless treasures during his tenure. When Dr. Hale learned about the deplorable state of "the Mother Church of Methodism" in London, he launched a global campaign to "Save Wesley's Chapel." This historic building had already been condemned and closed with plans for demolition. Joe, consequently, led the global effort to raise one million dollars donated from Wesleyan denominations to be matched by equal funds from British Methodists. When Joe attended the re-opening of the Chapel in 1978, he was joined by Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip. Ten years later, Dr. Hale played a key role in planning the commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of John Wesley's heart-warming experience at Aldersgate. This significant occasion of worship at St. Paul's Cathedral in London was attended by the royal family and televised in many portions of the world.

He received the World Methodist Peace Award in 2001 recognizing his courageous work for peace with justice in helping end the apartheid system in South Africa, achieving reconciliation amidst disunity in Fiji, and providing a passionate voice of hope and non-violence amidst the struggles of Palestinians in the Middle East. Among other honors, in 2002, Perkins School of Theology presented Dr. Hale with the Distinguished Service Alumnus Award. The Foundation for Evangelism named Joe the Distinguished Evangelist of the United Methodist Church for 2001.

LAZARUS C. KROHN

Rev. Lazarus (Larry) C. Krohn passed away June 20, 2017, in Athens, Texas at the age of 80.

Rev. Krohn was born in Mississippi on October 2, 1936 to Earl and Mamie Krohn. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Houston. He also attended East Texas State University and received his Masters of Divinity from Southern Methodist University.

At a very young age, Rev. Krohn was planning to follow Christ. At age 10, he delivered his first sermon. He later laughingly said he covered Genesis through Revelation in ten minutes. Rev. Krohn served as pastor in Dallas, Quinlan, Lancaster, Brushy Creek and Mt. Vernon churches. His greatest joy was in serving Christ through preaching.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Jo, his son Wesley and wife Jane, grandchildren; Max, Jake and Katie, his extended family of children; John and Jim as well as five children and other great-grandchildren.

JOHN T. LANCASTER

Rev. John Thomas Lancaster passed away April 6, 2017, at the age of 93 in Garland, Texas.

Rev. Lancaster was born February 19, 1924 in Nashville, TN. He attended Vanderbilt University, and left to join the Army Air Corp, 27th Troop Carrier Squadron, where he served as a transport pilot in the China-Burma-India Theater. After returning from World War II, he graduated from Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering.

He moved to Dallas with his wife, Mary Jean "Em Jay" Bollinger Lancaster, to whom he was married for 51 years. While in Dallas, he worked for Chance Vaught and Temco Aircraft companies for 15 years. After receiving a master's degree from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, he began his second career as a minister in the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church and served 26 years. He pastored churches in Prosper, Lake Dallas, Justin, Sanger, Northgate in Irving, Irwindell and Preston Hollow in Dallas, Tioga and Collinsville. Later, he became the marketing director and residency consultant at Wesley Village Retirement Community in Denison. In his free time he delighted in traveling the world: Europe, Egypt, Israel, and much of the U.S.

After retiring in 2001, Rev. Lancaster married Joan Womack, his surviving spouse of 15 years, and moved to Richardson. They enjoyed traveling to see family and friends and especially loved visiting the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.

Rev. Lancaster had a passion for serving others. He lived by a quote he borrowed from Methodism Founder John Wesley: "To be of help in some way to whomever I can, whenever I can, in whatever way I can, as often as I can." He was a consultant for the Methodist Camp and Retreat Centers at Lake Texoma and Lake Bridgeport and served on the building and landscape committees at both. He directed many youth church camps as well as Pioneer Camps traveling by bus and camping in remote areas. The Texoma Emmaus Community held a special place in his heart where he served as Spiritual Director for many of their retreats. Even in death, his giving to others was still evident: he willed his body for research purposes at the UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

MERWIN K. TURNER

Rev. Merwin K. Turner passed away at the age of 81 on January 21, 2017, in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Rev. Turner was born near Olney, Texas, to Merwin and Elsie Turner on April 15, 1935. He was the middle of five children and the only son. He attended school in Vernon, Harrold, Thornberry, and graduated with the proud Class of 1953 from Wichita Falls Senior High School. While attending Midwestern, he drove the school bus from his Friberg community to Wichita Falls, the first of many of his “unofficial” careers as a bus driver and tour guide.

He attended Midwestern State University for two years before serving in the Air Force at Sheppard Air Force Base as an instructor in the Intelligence School. He completed his undergraduate degree at Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth, Texas. Rev. Turner entered the ministry in the Methodist Church in 1961 and completed his course of study to become an ordained elder in 1964.

Rev. Turner married Catharine Virginia Jenne in 1955 and are the proud parents of four children. Rev. Turner served churches in Irving, Bonham, Burkburnett, Bryson, Jermyn, Perrin, Antelope, Archer City, Bowie and Nocona. He also served Floral Heights, University and St. Marks, all in Wichita Falls, Texas. The majority of his ministry was in the Wichita Falls area, earning him the title “Pastor Emeritus of the Wichita Falls District.” He retired from full time ministry after 40 years and continued for another 15 years in interim and part-time ministry.

Rev. Turner’s hobbies included maintaining and tinkering with vehicles and buses which he occasionally transformed into campers, driving and touring with groups, camping, traveling, sports, attending children’s and grandchildren’s events, and interest in new advances and technology. Rev. Turner was an innovative leader in PTA, Boy Scouts, Lions Club, booster clubs, the Rockin’ Wheels Good Sam Chapter, and Merry Mobile Methodists. He served on many church and civic boards and agencies including the Red River Emmaus Community and the Floral Heights Community Food Pantry Board.

He is survived by his wife “Ginny” of nearly 62 years, four children, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

LAWREAN ISAACKS CHAPPELL

Lawrean Isaacks Chappell, surviving spouse of Rev. Wallace Edwin Chappell, passed away on May 16, 2017, at the age of 92.

Lawrean Isaacks Chappell was born on May 23, 1924, in Missouri, the daughter of Lawrence and Allean Davis. She graduated from Rice University in Houston with a degree in biology. She married Richard Isaacks, an accounting major from Rice, in 1946, and together they raised four children in Houston. After Richard’s death, she married Wallace Chappell in 2013, a retired Methodist minister. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Frank, daughter Linda, son Randall, husband Richard Isaacks, and husband Wallace Chappell. She is survived by daughter Donna Isaacks and her husband Eric Griffin from Hawaii, son Brady Isaacks from Houston, and grandson Keith Isaacks from Lubbock.

Lawrean was an active and long-time member of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Houston before

joining the First United Methodist Church in Dallas upon her marriage to Rev. Chappell.

Her positive outlook on life, optimism, and warmth attracted a large circle of friends in both Houston and Dallas. She will be remembered for her sweet temperament, outgoing personality, inner strength, and unwavering loyalty to friends and family.

FAYE KATHRYN DAY



Faye Kathryn Day passed away May 14, 2017, at the age of 86 in McKinney, Texas.

Mrs. Day was the spouse of Rev. Gaither L. Day. She was born in Bismarck, Missouri on December 1, 1930 and graduated from Bismarck High School. She attended Flat River Junior College in Missouri and later finished her studies at Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth, Texas, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Education. Mrs. Day completed her graduate studies at Texas A&M Commerce.

Mrs. Day's career started as a phone operator for SWBC in Weatherford, Texas. She later became a homebound teacher working for three counties. She was a blessing to many in the churches where her husband Rev. Day served by singing in the choir and participating in United Methodist Women. Together the Days served churches in the Central Texas and North Texas Conferences including Lancaster First, Richardson Arapaho, and First UMC Sulphur Springs.

Mrs. Day is survived by her husband and two sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as other family members.

DOROTHY GAIL COPELAND ELLIOTT



Dorothy G. Elliott passed away February 14, 2017, at the age of 98 in Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Elliott was the surviving spouse of Rev. Robert E. Elliott who passed away in 1997 after retiring from Perkins School of Theology as a professor and a well-regarded marriage and family therapist.

Mrs. Elliott was born October 23, 1918, in Kennard, Indiana to Clyde Copeland and Hazel Houk Copeland as the second of five children. She graduated from Ball State Teachers College in South Bend, Indiana with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education in 1940, teaching junior high school in New Castle, Indiana before attending Chicago Theological Seminary. Before her marriage, she was active in the national leadership of the Disciples of Christ and served as the director of religious education for the Bethany Union Church, Chicago from 1945-1947. She was the director for youth activities at Hillfields Congregational Church, Coventry, England from 1947-1948. In 1979, she was named Outstanding Alumna of the music department of what is now Ball State University.

Mrs. Elliott met Rev. Elliott while both were participating in a church service group in postwar Britain and were married in 1948, moving to Dallas in 1955. During World War II, Mrs. Elliott was a committed pacifist and led singing at work camps for conscientious objectors. She felt strongly committed to social justice throughout her life and was an outspoken advocate for equal rights for women, people of color, and sexual minorities.

She was a prolific musician and music teacher throughout her life. She taught elementary music in the Dallas public

schools for many years. She composed books and curriculum materials for schools, including *The Harmonious Records*; *Zounds*, which introduced avant-garde compositions and instruments for elementary grades; *Sight-Singing for Young Teens*; *Jubilee*, a songbook gleaned from her extensive collection of 19th century school music texts; and *GTT (Gone to Texas)*, a children's musical for the Texas sesquicentennial. She co-authored *Jubilee* and *GTT* with her sister. Mrs. Elliott was active in the Texas Music Educators' Association. In the 1950s and 1960s, she founded, directed, and composed for the Dallas East Choral Club, a community-based chorus. She was a long time season ticket holder for local cultural institutions including the Dallas Symphony, Theatre Three, and Voices of Change. Late in her life, Mrs. Elliott was especially pleased to be honored by her favorite restaurant, the Circle Grill, with an engraved plaque at her regular table that read "Miss Dorothy."

Dorothy Elliott is survived by three children and two grandchildren as well as numerous other relatives.

FAITH GATLIN



Faith Gatlin passed away February 26, 2017 at the age of 91 in Farmersville, Texas.

Mrs. Gatlin was the surviving spouse of Rev. James Gatlin who preceded her in death in 2016. Mrs. Gatlin was born December 12, 1925, to George and Caroline Balweg Badger and she married Rev. Gatlin on June 22, 1946, in St. Louis, Missouri. She served churches along with her husband for 31 years prior to Rev. Gatlin's retirement. Mrs. Gatlin was also employed by Raytheon.

Mrs. Gatlin is survived by two sons, two grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

MARY RICH HOUSEMAN

Mary Rich Houseman passed away September 29, 2016, at the age of 85 in Florida.

Mary R. Houseman was born November 20, 1929, and was the spouse of retired Chaplain Harry E. Houseman. Chaplain Houseman and Mary were married for over 64 years and started their home in the parsonage at Valley View UMC in 1952. They also served Boyd and Sanger. The Housemans left Texas when Chaplain Houseman went on active duty as a chaplain in the United States Air Force until October 1985. From there, the Housemans served in Florida, even after Rev. Houseman's retirement in 1994.

Mrs. Houseman lived in four parsonages and several Air Force bases and was a Methodist preacher's spouse all but 22 years of her life. A native of Pensacola, Florida, she was an outstanding organist, pianist, and choir director of vocals and bells. At Valley View UMC, they were known as "Harry and Mary," a moniker that stayed with them throughout their shared lives.

JANET ELIZABETH MAYO

Janet Elizabeth Mayo, age 96, passed away peacefully on August 9, 2016, in Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Mayo, surviving spouse of Rev. Herman Mayo, was born on December 11, 1919, in Seymour, Indiana. Janet was the youngest of her extended family, growing up in a busy household of grandparents, aunts, uncles, mother, and sisters. She graduated from Highland Park High School and attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas, where she met and married then theology student, Herman F. Mayo.

Together Rev. and Mrs. Mayo served pastorates at Floyd, Jacobia, Celeste, Van Alstyne, Grand Prairie and Oak Cliff in the North Texas Conference before Rev. Mayo passed away in 1959. She was his devoted companion, serving as pianist and church secretary. Together, they found lifelong friends everywhere they served.

As a lifelong educator in the Dallas Independent School District, Janet touched the lives of countless elementary students. She taught Mathematics as well as fourth, fifth, and sixth-grade self-contained classes at Letot, Bushman, and Foster Elementary Schools. Her teaching was joyful, creative, passionate, and thorough. Even after Janet retired, she hand-drew and artfully decorated hundreds of “good notes,” little works of art to reward her daughter Joan’s students and delight the grandchildren. Creative and busy, Mrs. Mayo crafted objects with natural materials, knit beautiful sweaters, and crocheted afghans to give in return.

Mrs. Mayo received her gift for teaching from her mother, Neuda A. Hurt Greeman, who taught music privately and publicly. Her father, Reuben A. Greeman, was part of a family tradition of furniture makers in Indiana, where she was born.

Mrs. Mayo always loved to travel and camp with family and friends. She traveled across numerous states, from Virginia to the Canadian Rockies; from Montreal to Mexico City. She traveled to Spain and Portugal. At many locations, she collected a rock, a feather, or a piece of driftwood. Everywhere she visited, she delighted in the people, the natural beauty, the history, the adventure...and in finding a fudge shop. Her love of chocolate was legendary.

Janet Mayo is survived by her son and two daughters as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as many other relatives.

SANDRA BAYS MCNABB

Sandra Bays McNabb passed away February 1, 2017, at the age of 77 in Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. McNabb, spouse of retired pastor Rev. Jack D. McNabb, was born November 26, 1939. She received her Bachelors of Arts from ETSU (Texas A&M Commerce) and was a member of Alpha Chi honor society. She worked for 13 years at El Centro College and also worked at Cedar Valley.

During their ministry, the McNabbs served several churches in the North Texas Conference including Mt. Vernon, Seagoville, and Cooper.

In addition to her husband, Rev. McNabb, Mrs. McNabb is survived by her son and several grandchildren.

ESTELLA RUTH NELSON MOORING

Estella “Stella” Ruth Nelson Mooring, surviving spouse of Rev. James D. Mooring, passed away March 26, 2017 at the age of 88 in Ennis Texas.

Mrs. Mooring, the oldest of four children born to Durwood and Odie Nelson on November 6, 1928, in Navarro County, moved to Ellis County and graduated from George Washington Carver in 1948 and CJ Walker Beauty School in 1949. She was married to Anthony Coleman and from that union one child, Sharon Elayne Coleman, was born. In 1954, she married Rev. J.D. Mooring and together they raised Sharon and James D. Mooring, Jr.

Rev. Mooring served churches in Texas including Fort Worth, Waxahachie, Ennis, San Antonio, Lockhart, and Dallas. Rev. Mooring served as a district superintendent in the North Texas Conference until his retirement in 1985. The Moorings returned to Ennis, Texas, to live for the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Mooring became a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Mooring was an active member of the community doing volunteer work for Ennis Regional Hospital and for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. She will always be remembered for her beautiful voice and the joy it brought to the choirs and places where she sang.

Mrs. Mooring is survived by numerous relatives including two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

MARNELL UPCHURCH

Marnell Upchurch, surviving spouse of Rev. William F. Upchurch, passed away March 25, 2017 in Garland, Texas at the age of 83.

Rev. and Mrs. Upchurch were married for 57 years. They served churches throughout the North Texas Conference with most of those ministry years serving First United Methodist Church in Garland, Texas.

Mrs. Upchurch is survived by two daughters, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren as well as several other family members.