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ference of The Evangelical Church in 1930. He served the Salem Evangelical Church and transferred to the Colorado Conference of The Methodist Church from 1948 - 53. He was then appointed to the Colorado Conference from 1953 - 65.

He desired to forestall the closing of the Methodist Church in Summit County which would take place. He offered to purchase the property and literally restored the Church during his lifetime. He first published the Breckenridge story in the *Summit County News* by popular demand in 1993. He also published *Me In Heaven* in 1980. He was working on a book when he suffered a stroke in 1993.

He received the Summit County Award for 1994 by the County Board and produced them for overflow crowds of people for service that combined beauty and artistry. He served as a pastor and served. He had a passion for historical preservation.

In 1996, His body was interred at the Castle Rock Cemetery a few steps away from the grave of John Wilber. "At glorious morning I want to be close to you." It can be said of Mark "Shepherd" Wilber "He stood alone in the forest, in the midst of the trees."

Wilber M. Benham

Wilber M. Benham was born on January 16, 1912 at Vivian, Oklahoma, to George J. and homemaker-mother, Mary Benham. Wilber completed his Bachelor of Arts degree from Central State College in Ada, Oklahoma and his Master of Theology degree from The Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado in 1948.

After graduation Wilber married Ellene M. Benham in 1933. They were blessed with four children: Charles Bryan, Freemont Drexel, and James. They were blessed with eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

In the Oklahoma Conference of the Methodist Church in 1935, Wilber was granted full membership. In Oklahoma, Wilber served Greenville from 1938 - 40; Terral from 1940 - 43; Wayne - Criner from 1943 - 44;

Coming to The Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Wilber transferred to the Colorado Conference in 1948 and served Merino-Atwood from 1948 - 51; Cheyenne Wells from 1951 - 54; Rye from 1954 - 63; Keenesburg from 1963 - 64; and Arvada as Minister of Evangelism from 1964 until his retirement in 1974. In retirement to Eckert, Colorado, Wilbur moved into a geodesic dome home. He continued to make himself available to preach in the area.

Among his special connectional interests was serving as Camp Director for Youth Camps at Pine Crest, Palmer Lake, Colorado. His personal interests included photography, stamp collecting, carpentry and gardening. Wilber died at home on April 13, 1996 at Eckert, Colorado. Of him it can be said: "Blessed are the feet of those who bring the good news." (Romans 10: 15b).

Twildi Aman

Twildi Aman was born on April 14, 1908 at Stoddard, Nebraska to Tarlington Bates Carpenter and Blanch Harvey Carpenter. Her father was a Western Union depot operator. She and a childhood friend, Walter E. Aman, had been confirmed together in the Congregational Church and two years later, on April 11, 1926 were married at Hoxie, Kansas. They shared fifty-six years of marital life prior to Walter's death in 1982.

Walter and Twildi were blessed by three sons: Walter S., Dennis Robert (who preceded Twildi in death), and Newell B. and the family tree was enlarged by nine grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren and one great-great-grand child.

In 1953 Twildi and Walter moved to the great Salt Lake Valley where Twildi was employed for twelve years in the Federal Aviation Administration. The call to move from lay leadership to representative ministry came to both Walter and Twildi. They attended The University of Utah to fulfill the requirements for ordination as Lay Pastors. Together they received their seminary training at St. Paul's School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri. Together they were ordained at the Centennial Celebration of Methodism in Utah on September 19, 1970.

Together they served churches in Park City, Utah; and Keenesburg - Hudson, Colorado, until Walter's deteriorating health required their retirement to Beaverton, Oregon. Together they served the Gaston Community Church, Gaston, Oregon, and also served as public relations representatives for two international repertory Christian theater groups, the Covenant Players and the Catalysts of Reseda, California. Because of the way their lives and call to Christian Service are so inseparably intertwined, it is almost impossible to speak of one without the other. They were unique persons with a delightful sense of humor and very loving spirits. Twildi was an excellent cook and published two cookbooks. She loved to write both personal correspondence and short stories.

Twildi died on May 10, 1996 at the Garden Retirement Home in Portland, Oregon. Of her it can be said: "that she was one faithful to the Lord." (Acts 16: 15)