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On May 26, 1944, Rev. Cory and Eva Susan Stilts were married. She and their daughter, Margie Sue Kemp, Springfield, survive. There are also nine grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren.

E. R. Cory was admitted as a probationer to the Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South in 1927 and served for twelve years in that fellowship. After the merger of Methodist denominations in 1939, he ministered to five parishes in Illinois Conference and retired in 1949.

During his retirement he lived near New Berlin until increasing frailty caused him to move to the Illini House, Springfield, where he died on January 28, 1977.

Funeral services were held at the McCullough Funeral Home, New Berlin, on February 1, with Dr. M. M. Blair officiating. Interment was in the Woodwreath Cemetery, Island Grove.

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ERNEST B. DAVIES, SR.

DAVIES, ERNEST B. (Wife: Myrtle) - P. Cent. Ill. Conf. 1925-28 Rock Island, Centenary, 1929 Petersburg; 1930-31 Elwin-Bethel; 1932-33 Weldon; 1934-35 Danville, Grace & McKinley; 1936-37 Armstrong; 1938-41 Hume-Metcaif; 1942-45 Moweaqua; 1946-47 Geneseo; Jan. 28, 1948-49 Retired; 1950-52 Stewardson; 1953-54 Retired; Effective 1955 Assumption; 1956-Retired.

Ernest Bernard Davies, Sr., was born October 9, 1893, in Aberaman, Abudare, Wales in the British Isles, the son of David and Emma Hardy Davies. While Ernest's early schooling was in Great Britain, he came to this country with his brother, George (also a member of Illinois Conference; see Memoir, 1967 Journal, p. 1320), and continued his education at Illinois Wesleyan University and Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Illinois. He also had an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

Ernest married Myrtle Ann Dale on October 9, 1910, and to this union were born four children who survive; Mrs. Virginia Long, Desert Hot Springs, CA; Ernest B., Jr., Princeton, ID; Frank I., Long Beach, CA; and Richard C., Armstrong, IL.

Ernest and his wife served churches in Central Illinois as follows: Rock Island, Centenary; Petersburg; Elwin-Bethel; Weldon; Danville Grace & McKinley; Armstrong; Hume-Metcaif; Moweaqua; Geneseo; Stewardson; Assumption. He retired from the Central Illinois Conference in 1946, but continued to serve in California as supply pastor in Fillmore, CA., and visitation minister at First Methodist of Lakewood, CA. He retired from active service in 1959.

Ernest died July 7, 1976, at Doctors' Hospital, Lakewood, CA. His memorial service was conducted at the Spongberg Mortuary, Long Beach, CA and his burial was in Westminster Memorial Park, Westminster, CA.

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