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### **About the Designer**

textile artist with a special interest in paraments and tion to producing commissioned work, Carol lectures and is on liturgical color and symbolism. Bishop Craig's chasulin 1985 by the Detroit Conference, is an example of her

dist (granddaughter of Rev. William Johnson), Carol is of the Brighton United Methodist Church, e, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, has assisted and installation of this piece.

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#### Rev. Frank Davies

Rev. Frank Davies passed away December 18, 1986 at Frederika Manor in Chula Vista, California. He was born in Aberdare, Wales, and moved to Peoria, Illinois, with his family in childhood. Frank graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University, then married Hazel Challis of South Lyon and Ypsilanti. They served as Methodist missionaries in Iquique, Chile, and Callac, Peru, in the 1930's. In Gallac he was director of the Pan American School. Returning to Michigan in 1940, he worked in the Michigan Christian Advocate print shop at Adrian College, while serving as minister to the Point Place Union Church near Toledo. Frank next was associate pastor at Dearborn First Church. In 1951 he was appointed to Melvindale where he served three years. On retirement in 1954, Frank and Hazel located in Florida and finally in California, to be near their sons. Frank was preceded in death by his wife and one son David. He is survived by his son John, of San Diego; and two daughters, Gwyneth Hayward of South Boardman, Mich., and Mary Rice of Milwaukee.

### Rev. Vernon Wyllys

Rev. Vernon D. Wyllys, 73, departed this life on Dec. 30, 1986 in Monroe, after two years of ill-health. Vernon Dodge Wyllys was born Nov. 15, 1913 in Buffalo, New York, the son of Fred and Etta (Dodge) Wyllys. His boyhood was spent in Toledo. He married Mary Ruth Joy on Dec. 23, 1939 in Napoleon, Ohio. For some years he was employed in the Doehler-Jarvis Manufacturing Co. in Toledo.

Influenced by his father-in-law, Rev. Carl O. Joy, Vernon entered the ministry in 1953, and served the five-point McMillan Circuit in the Upper Peninsula--McMillan, Engadine, Germfask, Grand Marais, and Trout Lake. He preached at four Churches each Bunday and at Trout Lake on Wednesday evenings. He traveled 260 miles every week just for the worship services, and much more for sick calls, meetings, etc. After a year and a half, Vernon left to attend school. In this period Vernon served Dix and Wentover in West Ohio, and South Milford and Wayne Center in North Indiana. Vernon returned to our northland in 1969 again to serve the McMillan Gircuit--McMillan, Engadine, Germfask, Grand Marais, and Hulbert. In 1973 a beautiful parsonage was built at Engadine clear of debt. In 1975 Vernon moved to the Beaverton-Dale charge. The Churches were strengthened and soon the conference subsidy was no longer needed.

Our brother retired in 1979 feeling that the ministry was "a treasured privilege." After living in Midland four years, they moved to Monroe. Vernon is survived by his wife Mary; four sons, Vernon R. of Toledo, David of Battle Creek, James of Bast Rochester, New York, and Rev. Deane B. Wyllys of White Pine; and three daughters, Joy Diller-Fair of Beaverton, Cathleen Freimark(Mrs. Sam) of Monroe; and Denise Wyllys of Toledo.

### Rev. Ernest E. Robinson

Rev. Ernest E. Robinson died on Feb. 8, 1987 at the Boulevard Temple Retirement Home. Ernest was born in Bartmouth, Nova Scotia, one of seven children. He married the former E. Maude Heaslip in Windsor, on Oct. 13, 1920. Ernest joined the Detroit Conference on trial in 1921, and was a conference member for 65½ years. His pastorates were Rogers City 1921-22; St. Charles 1922-23; Cwosso: Corunna Ave. 1923-26; Webberville 1926-27; Flint: Court St. as Associate 1927-28; Ridgeway 1928-29; Pontiac: Oakland Park & Trinity 1929-31; Detroit:

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