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MRS. DAISEY KELLY SWECKER

Daisey Kelly Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira A. Hall, was born in 1881 in Pulaski County, Virginia. She attended Pulaski County schools.

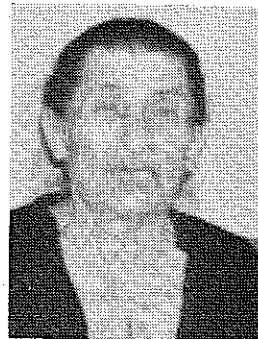
She was married to Rev. James E. Swecker, May 16, 1906, when he was pastor of Draper Methodist Circuit. To this union was born one daughter, Gertrude Swecker. Mr. Swecker had children by his former marriage.

They then moved to Powell Valley in Lee County. They were transferred to Appalachia where Mr. Swecker passed to his great reward.

Mrs. Swecker served faithfully at his side during the days of his ministry, always concerned about the on-going of the Kingdom and the welfare of the church.

She later made her home with her only daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Farmer, until her home-going on June 23, 1965. Even during her illness she kept an unfaltering faith in her Saviour and a keen interest in the work of the church.

Mrs. Swecker's funeral was held in the sanctuary of the Dublin Methodist Church, by her pastor, the Rev. A. Carr Jones and the Rev. Dan Kelly. She was buried in the Dublin Cemetery.



A. CARR JONES

ROLAND CARL ELZEY

The Reverend Roland Carl Elzey was born in Seaford, Delaware on March 5, 1890, the oldest of seven children born to Charles James and Nora Cannon Elzey.

Reared in the Methodist Episcopal Church, he never knew what it was not to be a Christian. During his high school years he at times felt inclined toward the ministry. As he was considering college, he applied to several schools, some offering a medical education and others directed toward the ministry. Still faced with the quandary of which direction his life should take, he prayerfully decided, "Whichever I hear from first will be God's way of indicating what he wants of me." His first response came from the University of Chattanooga, which he entered as a pre-ministerial student in 1910.

Leaving his home in Delaware to enter college, he took with him little more than faith that God would see him through with his education—and as always, this held true. Roland, as he was known by all his friends, had no time to spare during his years at U.C. He earned his expenses by carrying a paper route, mowing grass on the campus, serving as a hotel night clerk—a job which allowed him time to study—and here he received his first student appointment, Alton Park Methodist Church. A gold ring, engraved with his initials, which he wore throughout the remainder of his life, was given to him by the Alton Park Congregation. Still as a student pastor, he also filled out a year at South Pittsburgh.

While in Chattanooga he met his wife-to-be, the former Miss Mary Agnes Case. They were united in holy matrimony, October 30, 1919. At that time, he served a year at Wise, Va. and a year at Salem, Va. Then, in order for him to continue his education, he was given the student appointment at East Maryville Circuit, which he served until his graduation from Maryville College.

For two years he took time out from his ministry to do his seminary work at Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill., where both he and his always-willing wife waited tables for their meals. In addition, Mr. Elzey fired furnaces for the many buildings on campus.

Upon completion of seminary, he returned to Holston Conference, where he was ordained as an elder in 1925 with his first full-time appointment at Lenoir City (now Central Methodist Church.) Here, their first son, William Joseph Elzey, was born in 1926, destined also to be a Methodist minister, following in his father's footsteps.

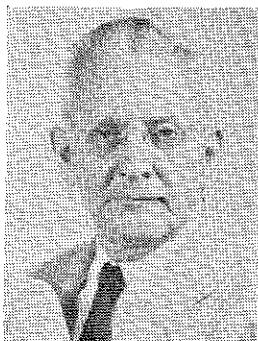
During his pastorate at Alcoa, their daughter, Margaret Maxine, arrived in 1929. Other pastorates served by Mr. Elzey were: Jellico, three years; Red Bank, four years; Copperhill, three years; St. Paul's, Etowah, six years; Pocahontas, Va., two years; St. Mark's Clinton, three years; Decatur, one year; Ooltewah, two years, and Addilynn Memorial, three years.

With thirty-nine years in the Methodist ministry, he was admitted to Holston Conference on trial in 1920, received in full connection and ordained deacon in 1923, and ordained elder in 1925.

Following his retirement in 1959, he and Mrs. Elzey made their home in Jamestown, Tenn., where they built their "first home of their own." Later, they moved to Lenoir City, buying a retirement home near to their church.

The Rev. Elzey never sought place or power for himself, but followed the leadings of the Holy Spirit. At one time he declined an appointment as district superintendent, preferring rather the more direct ministerial relationship of serving a congregation. His pulpit ability was remarkable and evidenced the wide knowledge he gained through constant reading. It has been said of his sermons that they were of a positive nature rather than a condemning or negative style. His sermons always contained something with which his hearers could go away feeling they could live better.

He loved the out-of-doors and a "day off" for him was working in his vegetable and flower gardens. He was renowned at every appointment for his roses. It was also fre-



MEMORIAM

MRS. E. E. WILEY

Lucie Osment Wiley, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. S. ment, was born in Cleveland, Tenn., March 15, 1867. She d December 28, 1966, in Fountain View Nursing Home, oxville, after a lingering illness.

The early part of her life was spent in Chattanooga, nn., where she met and married her first husband, Dr. W. Speer, a physician.

Her second husband, Dr. E. E. Wiley, Sr., was an active thodist minister for approximately 45 years. Much of that ie was spent in Holston Conference, serving four districts l prominent pastorates. He closed his ministry at Trinity urch, Bluefield, W. Va., and moved to Knoxville, Tenn., ere they were members of Magnolia Avenue Church. He d in April, 1956.

Mrs. E. E. Wiley was of proud and regal bearing, full grace and graciousness, and of confident faith. Her spir- al perception and her deep and abiding loyalties, and uine Christian love leave to her family and friends a celess heritage. The writer of this memoir came to know ears, and friend over more than twenty years of her near parent aloofness, motivated by a hearing limitation, was rstood, and loved Mrs. Wiley. She was a woman of un-

Vasey, preceded her in death. She is survived by two tate Street Church, Bristol, Va., and Dr. F. A. Wiley of Paul S. (Louise) Kelley, Knoxville.

cCarty's Funeral Home by Dr. E. A. Eldridge and the gnolia Avenue Church. In tribute to a long life nobly pture selection Romans 8:31.

Resthaven Cemetery, Knoxville, Tennessee.

E. A. ELDRIDGE

ELBERT L. BOWYER

as born November 17, 1882 in Montgomery County, Vir- y 31, 1966, at Asbury Acres, Maryville, Tennessee where : three years, at the age of eighty-three.

Elbert L. Bowyer, Methodist minister, on May 31, 1900, pastor of the Riner Methodist Church, performing the er celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at their ear Wytheville, where they resided following his retire- : Methodist itineracy, on May 26, 1950. This was a day n two hundred of their friends and relatives came to eeded his wife in death by seven years. Seven children and a daughter survive, namely, William M. Bowyer, alem, Va.; Robert S. Bowyer, Richmond, Va.; and Mrs.

: effective ministry of service in her parsonage home per on the charges which they served. To know her : all the charges which they served admired and highv aracter and humble devotion to her Lord, the church n to the ministry with a deep dedication. She was as ng to the physical and spiritual needs of the people areas she would walk with her home remedies to help e has a long record of good deeds. She would not com- s, but was always a very industrious person and worked ide the family over during the year.

nd joyous service to Christ and His Church not because use she loved Christ with all her heart. As her physical read" she had "cast upon the waters" returned to her m-member neighbors. Finally, when it no longer seemed loved community, she tearfully took her abode in Asbury ch for making a home for her. Long before she had adicated to her pastor her interest in Asbury Acres with s from the church, and when I am gone I want the

ed at Mt. Mitchell Methodist Church on February 5, Feilmann, Jr., and Dr. Frank A. Settle, Wytheville Dis- r. Foye G. Gibson delivered the funeral sermon. She l in the Mt. Mitchell church cemetery.

MRS. EDGAR D. SMITH

quently said of the Elzeys that each parsonage which was their home was left in better condition because they had lived there.

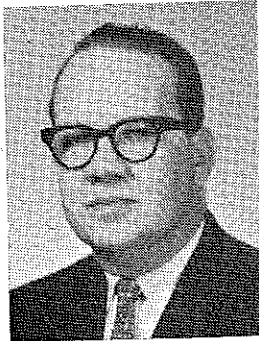
Roland Carl Elzey went to his eternal reward March 29, 1966, just 19 days after his 76th birthday. For several months he had been a patient in Johnson Nursing Home near Lenoir City, where he was taken when it became impossible for his beloved wife to give him the care he needed. He had been in declining health for almost two years preceding this.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 31, at Central Methodist Church in Lenoir City, with the Rev. J. Ray Stuart, pastor, the Rev. Mark M. Moore, Clinton District Superintendent, and the Rev. F. F. Essary, retired minister and close friend, conducting the service. Methodist ministers served as honorary pallbearers. Burial was in Loudon County Memorial Gardens.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Mary Agnes Case Elzey; son, the Rev. Dr. William J. Elzey; daughter, Mrs. Vernon L. (Maxine) McKinney; four grandchildren, Billy and Barbara Elzey and Karen and Janet McKinney.

Those who knew Roland Elzey know that he believed in God and knew the way!
VERNON L. MCKINNEY

DR. AMOS LEROY ROGERS, JR.



In the tragic accidental death of Dr. Amos Leroy Rogers, Jr. on August 3, 1965, Methodism and the entire Christian church suffered a severe loss. His vibrant energy, his lively sense of humor, his magnetic personality, his deep concern for others, his steadfast faith, and his selfless dedication to the Christian ministry will always be remembered by everyone who knew him.

Amos Rogers had in his family background a heritage of seven Methodist ministers. Born in Memphis, Tennessee, on December 8, 1925, into the fine Christian home of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Leroy Rogers, Sr., he was the grandson of a Methodist minister, the Reverend William Franklin Rogers, who served the North Mississippi Conference for 48 years.

On September 10, 1949, he was married to Alice Deal, of Memphis, who was his pride and joy, and an ever-present help to him.

His brief ministry included one year as Director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Chattanooga, seven years as pastor of Lookout Mountain Church, and five years at Kern Memorial in Oak Ridge. Both churches experienced phenomenal membership growth, carried out extensive building programs, and greatly increased the scope of church activities and participation during his pastorates. His impact on the communities where he served was such that civic honors were conferred on him both in Chattanooga and in Oak Ridge, where he was named "Young Man of the Year" for 1961. At the time of his death, he was president of the Oak Ridge Ministerial Association, and a trustee of the Oak Ridge Ridge Mental Health Clinic. "Dedicated, Devoted, Dynamic" were adjectives used by the editor of *The Oak Ridger* in an editorial describing the ministry of Dr. Rogers in Oak Ridge. Both Chattanooga papers also carried editorials at the time of his death, although he had left Chattanooga more than five years before.

In Holston Conference, he served as chairman of the Conference Commission on Christian Vocations from 1956 to 1964. Since then he had been a member of the Board of Ministerial Training.

This partial catalogue of his positions, accomplishments, and civic honors does not even begin to tell the most important thing about Amos Rogers. His greatest work was on the individual, person-to-person level. He was never too busy nor too tired to visit the sick, encourage the despondent, comfort the bereaved, counsel with the disturbed, or rejoice with the fortunate. No one except his lovely wife and partner, Alice, will ever know how many meals he missed, how many nights he never got to bed, because he was at the side of someone who needed him. He was a friend and counselor to many Holston Conference ministers, as well as to members of his congregation and others who turned to him in time of trouble.

A true expert in making fast "the tie that binds," he had a talent for making everyone who knew him feel needed and important. His vibrant enthusiasm was so infectious that he inspired people to do things they never guessed they could do, be better Christians than they ever dreamed they could be. His ministry will live on for many years to come through the changed lives of adults who came under his pastoral care. It will extend into future generations through his influence on the lives of young people and children who loved him, as he loved them, in their mutual Christian experiences in church camps, youth retreats, Christian vocations conferences, and local church activities.

Amos Leroy Rogers, Jr. undoubtedly could have been both rich and famous if he had chosen to use his tremendous energy, his remarkable sales ability, and his great talent for leadership for his own secular advancement. In choosing to dedicate his talents and his life to the work of God's kingdom, he achieved a greatness far beyond material riches or worldly fame.

In addition to the many hundreds of friends and parishioners with whom he is still "joined in heart," Dr. Rogers was survived by his wife Alice, two daughters, Rebecca Ruth, 10, and Debra Mae, 4; one son, Amos Leroy Rogers, III, 5; his mother, Mrs. Amos L. Rogers, Sr., of Memphis; and one brother, William, of Houston, Texas.

The funeral service was conducted at Kern Memorial Church, Oak Ridge, by the Reverend Eugene H. Lovell, Jr., associate minister; Dr. Mark M. Moore, district superintendent; Dr. C. P. Hardin, First Church, Oak Ridge; and Dr. Roy D. Colby, minister of the United Church, Oak Ridge. Burial was in Memorial Gardens, Memphis.

MRS. F. A. GIFFORD