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KAREN LYNN GODLESKI

by Her Family



Karen was born on Sunday, September 24, 1972, at 3 A.M. Her father spent part of the worship service that morning trying to tell the congregation his feelings concerning the miracle of birth he had just witnessed. One week later Karen was in church with her mother.

From her birth Karen was a busy girl. She went to the Ministers' Wives' Time-Out retreat in October, and attended District and Conference meetings with her parents. She grew from a smiling, happy baby into a friendly, happy, out-going little girl. She was a joy to her parents, but often, as sisters tend to be, a trial to her two older brothers.

Karen was particularly fond of music and enjoyed church school, church, and church dinners. She especially enjoyed attending Haytown Road Nursery School and was looking forward to kindergarten.

Karen was stricken on Monday, February 7, by respiratory and heart failure resulting from epiglottitis and was pronounced dead on Wednesday after medical tests showed no brain function and the body could not support its own respiration and heart functions.

The funeral service was held in the Cokesbury United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 12, with the Reverends Henry J. McKinnon and Thomas Christie conducting the service. Bishop C. Dale White gave the meditation.

In addition to her parents, Robert and Constance Godleski, and brothers David and Douglas, Karen leaves her maternal grandparents, Donald and Constance Brewer of Clark.

PARKER BRADBURN HOLLOWAY

by Henry Lyle Lambdin



Parker Bradburn Holloway, son of William Humes Holloway and his wife Hanna Hagell, was born in Newark, N. J., on January 17, 1896. His death occurred at Lake Junaluska, N. C., on October 22, 1976. Newark was the scene of his upbringing and Old Halsey Street Church was his spiritual home. At the age of 15 he had his first taste of business life with Plaut's Department Store, the "Bee Hive," on Broad Street. Business might have claimed him permanently, but World War I broke in upon his plans. In 1918 he enlisted in the Army. Enroute to France, he survived the torpedoing of the *Moldavia* when 58 soldiers and crewmen were lost. He saw action in the St. Mihiel and Argonne Forest offensives, was stationed at Coblenz with the Army of Occupation, but in the spring of 1919 found opportunity to study at the American University at Beaune in France. War experiences altered his life purpose. He enrolled at West Virginia University in the fall of 1919, took a student charge at South Buckhannon, finished college in 1922, and came home to Newark Conference, where he was

appointed to Park Ridge and Montvale. He entered Drew in September of 1922 and on November 29th following, he and Lena Lee Creed of Mt. Airy, N. C., were married in Halsey Street Methodist Church. Therewith began for them a happy and effective ministry for 35 years that would endear them to people at three churches, Park Ridge, First-Plainfield, Madison as well as to the churches of the Western District of which Dr. Holloway was Superintendent during World War II.

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Dr. Holloway's interest in youth began when he was a teenager in Halsey Street Church. From 1936-40 he was Dean of the Epworth League Institutes held at Drew. In his pastorates he was both Community and Conference minded. During his first pastorate he served as a councilman of Park Ridge. In Newark Conference he served for some years as Chairman of the Commission on World Service and Finance. While he was a lifetime member of Rotary International, and for 50 years a member of the Masonic Order, he was first and foremost a minister of the Good News of Jesus Christ in the noble Methodist tradition. In addition to an A.B. degree from West Virginia Wesleyan, a B.D. from Drew, an A.M. from Columbia University, his alma mater awarded him an honorary D.D. degree in 1940.

In the Madison United Methodist Church, of which Dr. Holloway was pastor for 16 years, a Memorial Service was held on October 25, 1976 in which the present pastor, Rev. James M. Tiller, Mrs. Jeanette Grayson, Director of Religious Education, 1958-61, and the author of this Memoir participated. Interment was at Restland.

Besides his widow, there survive Dr. Holloway's five children: Parker B. Jr. of Lynnfield, Mass.; Mrs. Jean Kurlinski of Kingsville, Md.; Mrs. Evelyn Briggs of Florham Park, N. J.; Mrs. Frances Scheffer of Hardland, Mich.; and Mrs. Joy Lopez of Mexico City, Mexico; also 21 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

#### MARY AMES HART BRIGGS

by Fred D. Hoffman



Mary Ames Hart Briggs, child of George Keith Hart and Evelina Rugg Hart, was born in San Francisco on June 10, 1879. She received her early education at the Denman Grammar School in San Francisco followed by Normal School and a course at a private business college.

In 1904, Mary went to India to teach under the Women's Foreign Missions Society of the Methodist Church. While training Indian teachers, she wrote a primer for adult literacy in Hindi and Urdu. These were published in 1919 and 1921, along with large phonetic charts for classroom use, and distributed throughout the mission schools. They are still in use in some locations today.

She married George Weston Briggs in 1907. They lived and taught in India for 20 years. During a furlough she studied and received a bachelor of arts degree at the College of the Pacific.

In 1922, she studied at Columbia University where she received a bachelor of science degree in Indian history and literature.

She taught at Bryn Mawr College as a demonstration first grade teacher in the experimental outdoor school for two years.

Later Mr. Briggs went to teach at Drew University, Madison, N. J., where they subsequently lived for 20 years. Mary taught at Kent Place School, Summit, as a sixth grade teacher and remedial reading teacher.

She left Kent Place to read Hindi and Urdu for the U. S. Government Censor's Office in New York City during World War II. She also read and wrote mail for the Indian seamen who were in this country at the time.

In 1956 and 1957, when Mary was 77, she taught remedial reading at the Anna Heald School in Berkeley, California.

Mary was decorated by the British government for her work in India during World War I and by the U. S. Government for her work in translation during World War II.

At the time of Mr. Briggs' death in 1966, Mr. and Mrs. Briggs lived in Morristown and were members of the Morristown Methodist Church. Mrs. Briggs is survived by two sons, David Keith, Santa Maria, Calif., and George Seiden, Lancaster, Pa.; two daughters, Mrs. Ian G. Mason, Melbourne, Australia, and Mrs. Alan M. Glover, Chatham, N. J.; 10 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Mary died on December 27, 1976 at Heath Village, Hackettstown, N. J. Her funeral service was conducted at Heath Village by the Rev. Father Clarence Fickles. Interment was in North Branch, Michigan.