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4233 N.E. 2nd Place, Bellevue, WA 98007; a  
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s wife, Helen, taught at Cascade College in  
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azarene College in Illinois and at Western  
for a time with Wycliffe Bible Translators  
of the New Testament, published in 1973.

He married Helen Margaret Wylie, of Corvallis, Oregon, on August 14, 1929, and she was his partner in life and work until her death on April 13, 1955. On August 22, 1956 he married Inez Catherine Sundberg in Portland, Oregon.

Inez describes Philip as "a very special person with a delightful sense of humor and a great love for people." She quotes a friend who said, "Phil's kindness and gentleness were always evident."

He is survived by his wife, Inez, who continues to reside at 12705 S.E. River Road, Apt. 302A (Willamette View Manor) Portland, OR 97222; two brothers: John P. Withrow, 9123 21st St. S.E., Everett, WA 98205; and Nate S. Clapp, Rt. 2, Box 1463, LaTeria, TX 78559; a sister, Elinor Sessions, Box 603, White Salmon, WA 98672; a niece, Carol Smith, 1496 Island View, Bellingham, WA 98225; and a nephew, Ronald J. Clapp, 2401 North Shore Road, Bellingham, WA 98225.

**FRED ELWYN FOX** was born December 16, 1910 in Larwill, Indiana. He died peacefully in his sleep at his home in Arlington, Washington March 15, 1986. A memorial service was conducted by Kenneth W. Peterson at the Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church on March 22.

Fred "grew up in Indiana as the son of a farm family who never had much in the way of material possessions," writes his son, Jim. "He was the first of the family to go to college. Although he loved learning and respected education, he never lost his love for the farm - for animals and gardening and some of the simple things of his childhood."

He graduated from Manchester College in Indiana and received his S.T.B. and S.T.M. degrees from Boston University School of Theology. He was first licensed to preach as a student in 1934 and served student appointments while he was in college and seminary. He served pastorates in Indiana, Massachusetts, and in New Hampshire, where he also served as a District Superintendent, before coming to the Pacific Northwest Conference, where he served Bremerton, First; Ephrata; Mt. Vernon; and Kelso. He retired in 1977.

He and Gladys Boll were married in Wabash, Indiana June 3, 1937 and shared 47 years of life and love and service! She died in July of 1984. Although deeply grieved by this loss, Fred was recovering and was still planning for the future. "He had just planted a maple tree ... he had an order for some bulbs on his desk ... and had just invited his two older grandchildren to spend a few days with him during spring vacation," Jim writes. Fred had requested that the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah be played at his memorial service; death was no victor!

He is survived by two sons, James E. Fox, 12051 3rd Ave. N.E., Seattle, WA 98125; and David A. Fox, Star Route Box 120, Olga, WA 98279.

**CHARLES C. JAMES** was born in Kirksville, Missouri on October 12, 1891 and died August 29, 1985. He was a resident at Bayview Manor in Seattle at the time of his death. A memorial service was held September 4 at the Battle Ground United Methodist Church in Battle Ground, Washington with Clyde P. Bachman and Murray V. Hyde officiating.

He received his higher education at the College of Puget Sound in Tacoma and at Asbury School of Theology in Wilmore, Kentucky. On December 22, 1920 he and Ruth Benjamin were united in marriage at Battle Ground, Washington. Ruth died in 1976.

His years of ministry started with a short period of service in China followed by pastorates in Washington at Bucoda, Algona, Randle, Wilkenson, Garfield, Roosevelt, and 17 years with the Community Church in Battle Ground, which became a United Methodist Church largely due to his efforts.

"He was a jack-of-all-trades," his daughter writes. "He was as comfortable with a hammer or shovel in his hands as he was in the pulpit." He used these talents well in his ministry. He was a man with a sense of humor, an uncomplaining nature, and a genuine sense of concern for others. He preached his last sermon at Bayview Manor on his 89th birthday!

He is survived by a daughter, Trudi Gish (Mrs. Earl), 1018 South Grace, Battle Ground, WA 98604; and a son, Gerald A. James, 6433 South Staples #86, Corpus Christi, TX 78413.

**EDMUND RAE KAENNER**, retired pastor, died November 3, 1985 at Wesley Gardens in Des Moines, Washington, where he had lived for some years. Funeral services were held at Wesley Gardens November 10 with J. Scott Cochrane officiating. He was born near Mantador, North Dakota June 29, 1893.

Rae graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College and from Boston University School of Theology.

On September 21, 1927 he and Lura Marie Speelman were united in marriage in Lorain, Ohio. She became not only his wife and the mother of his children, but also a supportive partner in ministry. She preceded him in death.

Before entering the ministry, Rae taught school in Michigan. It was in Montana that he began his pastoral ministry, serving three appointments there before transferring to the Idaho Conference where he served at Burley, Payette, and Gooding. Transferring to the Pacific Northwest Conference, he served churches at Coupeville, Raymond-East Raymond-Old Willapa, Sumner, Washougal; and Rochester-Littlerock. He retired in 1960.