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VAN TILBURG
by Elsie Lambdin

Glenn Van Tilburg, son of Sylvester and Anna Liza n Tilburg of Sugar Grove, Ohio was born December 100 years after the Methodist Episcopal Church was at the Christmas Conference in Baltimore. The Van ily farm had been homesteaded by his pioneer ances- ne room school in Sugar Grove that as a boy he at- later taught for 3 years to earn money to go to Mt. ege. While in college he took part in the Volunteer sions-minded group and preached at Churchhill. An ft. Union College in 1911; B.D. from Drew in 1914; New York University in 1915 preceded his 41 years of try in the Newark (now Northern New Jersey) Confer- nd Nannie Wyant were married June 24, 1914. Six re born to them. To his classmates and fellow minis- Glenn Van Tilburg was always know as "Van." During I, Van served in France with the YMCA. In World War nd son, Lt. Charles Van Tilburg was killed in action g in the Air Corps in China. The Van Tilburgs retired d returned to the family home in Sugar Grove, near hic. Mrs. Van Tilburg died April 21, 1958 and was e local cemetery. Elsie Glenn Van Tilburg was buried 21 years later. His death occurred September 17, ed the funeral service in the Sugar Grove Methodist h from which the Van Tilburgs retired, designated its r and named it Van Tilburg Hall on April 12, 1980, vice. Present were the five children who survive him: N.C.; Sara (Mrs. George) Cattermole of Hamburg, Pa.; ; Jeanne (Mrs. Sam) Porter of Hingham, Mass. Others dchildren and two sisters. led him, was a person whose moral stamina, sturdy e passing years. He and his excellent companion Nan ed a haven of blessing and a light to the church and ng heart who faithfully proclaimed the heart-warming the Messiah-Christ for all mankind. Richer as we were is memory is a benediction.

DR. JOSEPH D. SHORT
by Elsie Lambdin

, on February 10, 1903 a daughter was born. She was Camden, 35 miles from Utica, and joined the Camden ellow students in High School and members of the to Oswego Normal School. Joe was licensed to preach ical, and often sang duets in the church. After Eunice were married in Camden Methodist Church on April adison, N.J. Joe began his studies at Drew and later n Plainfield. Eunice worked in the Drew Library and st Newark Conference appointment and with it a real in Flanders, both small in membership, had voted to d the two congregations into a united body. Dr. Paul : largely a product of their faith and godly tact." With ome life. Succeeding pastorates at Haverstraw and n the fifth year at Hillsdale, Joe Short's health was so nths later, on August 23, 1946, in St. Luke's Hospital pite her distressing loss, Eunice Short faced forward partment for her mother, her daughter Carolyn, and s taught ably and effectively until bodily strength and ing of her faith. Before her admission to the hospital st stanza of George Matheson's matchless hymn:

Not let me go,
I'll follow Thee;
The life I owe,
I'll spend its flow
To be."

A family friend sang all the stanzas at the service, held two days after her death, in Camden United Methodist Church, on June 15, 1979. Rev. Raymond Linza, pastor, and Rev. Carlton Van Ornum of Rome, N.Y., officiated. Interment was in Forest Lawn Cemetery beside her husband. There survive her a daughter, Mrs. Harold Secrest of Camden and a brother, Leslie Bonner of Schenectady. We are privileged to adorn the Gospel by what we add to our faith in Christ—as Peter enjoins us all to do—valiancy, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, Christian Kindness and Holy love. Eunice Short added them all to her faith, for God's glory and for our heartening.

EDNA MYRTLE EASLEY
by Florence E. Teamer

Edna Myrtle Easley was born in Wilmington, Delaware on July 17, 1885 to Frederick W. Larison and Elizabeth Morrison Larison. Edna attended schools in Wilmington, and was a member of the Harrison St. Methodist Church in Wilmington. On January 25, 1905 she married James K. Easley, and to them the following children were born: James K. Easley II, and Florence Easley Teamer. Edna died on September 27, 1979, and was buried in Riverview Cemetery in Wilmington.

MARY DOWIS SAMPSON GUYN
February 14, 1900—January 8, 1980
by Bonnie R. Wynne



Born in Kentucky on the first Valentine's Day of the 20th century, Dowis Campson's heart was always full of love for humanity and for her Lord. She was a granddaughter of a Methodist circuit rider and enjoyed hearing stories of his life. An artist, poet, and writer, she was a member of the first graduating class of the Methodist-related Union College in Barbourville, Kentucky. It was there she met Aubrey H. Guyn, and became his bride on June 29, 1920—a union which was to last nearly sixty years.

They came north for Aubrey to attend Drew Theological School, and Dowis was his helpful partner and quiet "counterbalance" in all the churches they served—from the student days in Montville, then on to Staten Island, Succasunna, Jersey City; Trinity-Hedding, Mountain View, and Irvington, where she was a charter member of the Women's Society of Christian Service. In 1941 they were appointed to Caldwell to begin what became a twenty-one year pastorate. This is where Dowis found her true home, and became involved in the community at large, including the Eastern Star, the Women's Club, and the Playcrafters. She also sang in the church choir for many years, and was affectionately known as "Mama" to a host of friends.

Dowis is survived by her husband, the Rev. Aubrey Guyn, and their daughter and son-in-law, Jodi and Lester Krill of Den- ville, New Jersey. She is also survived by a grandson, Joel Guyn Krill, and two great-grandchildren, Roxanne and "Bumper" (Joel, Jr.), of Lake Panorama in Sussex County, New Jersey.

A Memorial Service was held at the Caldwell United Methodist Church on January 16, 1980.

GLADYS KONANTZ LINTNER

Gladys Konantz, first of four children of Walter David and Mattie (Dyer) Konantz was born on March 26, 1891 in Arcadia, Kansas.

Gladys completed her public schooling in Arcadia and in 1908 graduated from Baker Academy. In 1913 she was awarded her B.A. from Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas. A member of the Aeolian Literary Society and Alpha Delta Sigma, an honorary scholastic fraternity, she graduated with honors. Among her first interviews for a teaching position, was one by a James Martin Lintner, president of the Humboldt Board of Education, who was later to become her father-in-law. Her minister and one of the Baker professors had "arranged" the interview so that Gladys would meet Robert, the bachelor son. She taught German at Cheryvale, Mulberry and Gas City and also served as principal of the latter school.

In 1916 Gladys left teaching to work in Flint, Michigan where she became Industrial Extension Secretary of the YWCA until 1920. Hers was the responsibility of organizing activities and counseling women and young girls employed in industry, primarily the automobile plant of Walter Chrysler. An able pianist, she studied pipe organ at Flint. She kept this talent alive and in her "sunset years" at Methodist Manor, Branchville, she particularly



delighted in accompanying the Friday Night Hymn Sing and participated in many organ-piano duets. She has often been praised for her "soft, gentle and accurate touch" on both instruments.

On August 25, 1920, after Robert's return from Army duty abroad and graduation from Baker with his B.A., Gladys and Robert were married at the Arcadia Methodist Episcopal Church. The newlyweds left for Madison. Robert completed Seminary at Drew in 1923, and they returned to Kansas—this time with his B.D. degree and their first born, a daughter. A son was born to them at the first of two pastorates in eastern Kansas.

In 1929 the Lintner family returned to Madison where Robert commenced further study at Drew, earned his M.A. and served as Director of Student Employment in 1933. He transferred his credentials to the (then) Newark Conference, where they served in nine different churches in the next twenty-six years. Many experiences have been recounted of their forty years of marriage and in the ministry. There was always the challenge in each move of remembering new names and faces, and also transforming drab, dingy parsonages into homes. With a keen memory and colorful Chinese silk drapes and mementoes from a missionary aunt in China, Gladys was able to excel in both situations!

Two factors in her early years were to have a great influence on Gladys. First: the devout Christian home was to nurture in her a great faith in God and the role of the church in her life, and a great compassion for others. Secondly: her German-born paternal grandfather, who lived with the family for a period of time, taught her a fascination for the German language. He taught her a German Grace that she recited years later to her children, grand-child, and to those who cared for her during those last years when her memory began to wane. It was aptly said by a close friend that "Gladys loved the German language with a *passion!*" What she had learned by rote from her grandfather, she had honed with five years of more of formal study. In 1931-33 during difficult financial times with Robert at Drew, she was able to teach several classes of German at Chatham High School.

It was in 1950 that a lifetime dream was fulfilled. Gladys was invited to visit her sister and brother-in-law who were on Army assignment in Germany. She visited England, France and Switzerland and the two sisters visited their German relatives and saw the ancestral home at Bohlsbach, Baden. Among those whom they met was a cousin, Hans, Oberforster to the Crown Prince. She attended the Passion Play at Oberammergau and visited refugee camps that housed displaced persons. Guest and co-worker of MCOB, Church World Service and the World Council of Churches, Gladys was so inspired by their rehabilitation work and the operations of various denominations in Munich and Frankfurt, that she returned home to show colored slides and speak on "Dachau to Oberammergau." With the help of her husband and MCOB, she was directly responsible for relocating sponsors, homes and employment (from New Jersey to Kansas) for twenty families or approximately eighty persons—the victims of Nazi and Communist aggression. Gladys often expressed the feeling that this was her greatest effort and accomplishment in life.

Gladys was a life member of the WSCS (later UMW) and had served at the local level and also one term as vice president of the Jersey City District (1948-52). She was a member of AAUW, Bloomfield chapter, and the Ministers' Wives Association of the NNJ Conference. Church membership was maintained at Wesley, later Asbury (Pat) during her last nineteen years. Death came quietly for Gladys at Methodist Manor on September 2, 1979. She had survived cancer surgery in 1953 at Brooklyn Methodist Hospital and had recovered sufficiently to enjoy an active life for most of the next twenty years. She outlived her husband by nineteen years. Not until the fracture of a second hip and advancement of arteriosclerosis, did her infirmities confine her to the Health Care Unit at Methodist Manor. Her remains were cremated and the ashes interred next to her husband's grave at Pequest Cemetery, Great Meadows. A private graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Richard Capron, pastor of Succasunna UMC.

A Memorial service was conducted at Methodist Manor on Saturday, September 15th. Reflections were given by a former pastor, now Northern district superintendent, The Rev. Robert Grant, and the Administrator of Methodist Manor, the Rev. Richard Carlson. Rev. Grant spoke of the representative persons who had known Gladys in various capacities and made reference to her capabilities, strength and faith that served her well as a good minister's wife. Rev. Carlson reflected on the last two years when, as her Administrator, he saw that "she did not allow the last glow of her faith to be hidden by infirmities of the flesh." He concluded: "Many words of condolence received by the family referred to Gladys as a gracious person—a woman of grace that shown out of her life into the lives of many. Even ill and in pain, never once was there seen a sign of ungraciousness in her attitude toward herself, toward her life and to those about her." Found among old papers and photos was a poem in Gladys' beautiful penmanship. It was presumed to be written by an unknown author. We may ponder now that it could have been her work, or that of her beloved Robert.

"We do not lose the ones we love,
They only go before
Where there is everlasting life
Where sorrow is no more.
And there the soul will always live
And peace is everywhere.
We do not lose the ones we love,
God takes them in His care!"

Survivors are a son, Robert D. Lintner, 87-B Arlington Ave., Clifton, N.J. 07011; a daughter, Virginia (Mrs. Chas. F.) Schmeal, 3-F Village Green Apts., Budd Lake, N.J., 07828; a grandson and great-grand-daughter of Owensboro, Ky. and several nephews.