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Churches served were Westmoreland Circuit, Madison, Westmoreland-Tornado, Elizabeth Memorial, Mallory Community Church, Westover-Drummond, Webster Springs, Elm Grove, First-Philippi, Gary, Highlawn, Montgomery, Kenova, Mullens, Athens, Wesley-Vienna and First-Richwood. He retired in 1975.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, October 2, 1988 at the First United Methodist Church in Brandon, Florida.

Billie Getson Meese

Billie G. Meese was born November 19, 1925 and died August 20, 1988. He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline Yoak Meese.

He was a graduate of Akron University and held a doctorate in education from the University of Maryland. He was a former high school teacher in Maryland and a lecturer at the University of Maryland and a former employee of the Federal Government in the Department of Human Services. An eight year resident of Lewis County, he had served as pastor of Walkersville and Orlando churches and as assistant pastor of St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Weston. He was ordained Deacon and became an Associate Member of the West Virginia Annual Conference in June of 1988.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by daughters, Rebecca Silverstein of Laurel, Maryland, Dr. Ruth Lyn Meese of Powhattan, Virginia; stepdaughter Cynthia Wyatt of Baltimore; stepsons, Mark David Wyatt of Nutter Fort and Christopher Wyatt of Baltimore; sisters, Evelyn Kirk of Akron, Ohio, Kathleen Sanders of Baltimore Maryland, Clara Moses of Frostburg, Maryland, and two grandchildren.

Services were conducted at St. Matthews United Methodist Church in Weston, West Virginia on August 23, 1988 by Reverend Thomas Dunlap and Reverend Harold Elmore. Burial was in Weston Masonic Cemetery.

Irving Seeley Middaugh

Irving S. Middaugh was born November 6, 1897 in Brooktondale, New York, the son of Augustus and Viola Hendrickson Middaugh. He died June 6, 1988. He married Lorene Taylor Middaugh September 19, 1920 and they were the parents of Evelyn, George, Beryl, Egbert, Louise, John Stella and Lorene.

Churches served over 40 years in the West Virginia Annual Conference included Pine Grove, Fourth Street-Wheeling, Mountain Lake Park-Maryland, Lockport, Thomson, and Diamond Street where he retired in 1963. He served as president of the Greater Wheeling Council of Churches and the Greater Fairmont Council of Churches and as president and chaplain of West Virginia Sons of the American Revolution.

He was a graduate of Cornell University and received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degree from West Virginia Wesleyan College in 1962. He was presented the White Cane Award at the United Methodist Annual Conference in 1985 as the oldest attending minister.

In addition to his wife and eight children he is survived by one sister, Esther Hallett of Owego, New York, 25 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

Services were held June 7, 1988 at St. Mary's, West Virginia, with Reverend Richard Crickard and Dr. Virgil H. Ware officiating. Burial was in the IOOF Cemetery at St. Marys.

Harry Stockton Myerly

Harry S. Myerly was born December 8, 1897 in Charles Town, West Virginia, the son of Jesse Gilbert and Elizabeth Phillipine Anderson Myerly. He died November 23, 1988. He married Minnie Louise Bodmer on September 2, 1922.

He graduated from High School at Poolesville, Maryland, Moody Bible Institute and Vanderbilt University. He was a member of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South from 1925 until 1936 when he transferred to the West Virginia Conference where he served Montgomery, St. Paul's-Clarksburg, Grace-Keyser, Burlington Children's Home as Superintendent & First-Barboursville.

He retired in 1963. He served on the Board of Hospital and Homes, Board of Missions and the Board of Social Concerns.

Surviving in addition to his wife are one sister, Marguerite Holman of Detroit, Michigan.

Services were held November 25, 1988, in Frederick, Maryland, with the Reverend Robert E. Manthey and Reverend Carroll A. Doggett officiating. Burial was in Monocacy Cemetery, Beallsville, Maryland.

Lee J. Myers

Lee J. Myers was born May 8, 1940 in Los Angeles, California, the son of Wilbur and Mildred Wright Myers. He died March 6, 1989. He married Barbara Boomhower on June 20, 1964 and is survived by Barbara, their daughter, Sheryl and son, Scott.

He was a graduate of The University of Denver, Boston University School of Theology, and the American Foundation of Religion and Psychology. He received Deacon's orders in 1965 and was ordained Elder in 1972. He served First United Methodist Church of Santa Barbara, California, First United Methodist Church of Amityville, New York, and as staff counselor of the Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center in Charleston, West Virginia. He was a fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and held the group's highest clinical status. He was a member of the board of directors for LIGHT, a publishing company in Columbus, Ohio and a member of the West Virginia Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

A memorial service was held March 12, 1989 at the First Presbyterian Church in Charleston, West Virginia.

Allen Houston Parrish

Allen H. Parrish was born February 9, 1927 at Walton, KY, a son of John Wesley and Arda Mae Richardson Parrish. He died July 6, 1988. He married Bonnie Conley on July 10, 1956.

He was a graduate of Asbury College and Wesley Theological Seminary, was ordained Deacon in 1952 and Elder in 1954, the year he was received as a Full Member of the West Virginia Annual Conference. Appointments included Kitzmiller, Burlington, Rowlesbury, Hurricane, Roncerverte, Guyandotte, Bluewell, Wardensville, First-Terra Alta, Van, Wellsburg, Salem and Shinnston Circuit.

He was a veteran of World War II.

In addition to his wife, Bonnie, he is survived by one daughter, Rachel Hope; one son, Wendell Keith; one sister, Dorothy Ricketts; one brother, Donald; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held July 9, 1988 at the Otterbein United Methodist Church in Shinnston, with Reverend Dan Kimble and Reverend Henry Matheny officiating. Burial followed in the Shinnston Masonic Cemetery.

Marcus L. Trough

Marcus L. Trough was born August 13, 1906 on Talkington Fork, Doddridge County, the son of Joseph W. and Mary Allen Trough and died September 24, 1988 in Morgantown, West Virginia. His wife, Iantha Ashcraft Trough, whom he married on July 12, 1928, survives.

He attended Salem College and was a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College. He entered the ministry in 1943 and retired in 1972. During his ministry he served the Wick Circuit, Alma Circuit, Bristol Circuit, Norton Circuit, Matewan and Ceredo.

He was a 50 year member of Friendship Lodge #56 A.F. & A.M. of West Union, Ruth Chapter O.E.S. #7, Middlebourne and an honorary member of the Matewan Rotary Club.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Crystal Estlack of Morgantown; one son, Marcus Trough, Jr. of Rockingham, North Carolina; one sister, Vell Wasson of Wheatland, Pennsylvania; two brothers, Jacob M. of Sharon, Pennsylvania and Joseph Lee of Desert Hot Springs, California; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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