

After Dr. Hausser's death in 1978, she settled in Alexandria, Virginia. She enjoyed a full life in retirement and was a long-time volunteer in the offices of the Resident Associates Program at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. She died in Arlington, Virginia on August 22, 1988, after a short illness. She is survived by her daughters. Barbara Roberts lives in Chicago, Illinois, and Doris Hausser lives in Arlington, Virginia.

Louise G. Werth

Louise G. Werth, 72, widow of the late Reverend Frederick W. Werth, died August 15, 1988, at Bay Medical Care Facility in Essexville following a lengthy illness. She was born June 24, 1916 in Saginaw, the daughter of the late William and Daisy Cooper Packard. She married Rev. Werth on May 19, 1932 in Bowling Green, Ohio. He preceded her in death on April 29 1977.

Together they served pastorates at Prescott, Hillman, Fostoria, Owendale, Flint-Columbine, Munith. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church of Sebewaing. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Clayton (Marlene) Fee, Alpena; Mrs. Brad (Carole) Wightman, Roscommon; Mrs. Michael (Deborah) Herman, Sebewaing; one son, Frederick Werth, Jr.; Sebewaing; 17 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; also one sister, Mrs. Mary Metivia, Zilwaukee; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Trinity United Methodist Church in Sebewaing. Reverend Lawrence C. Brooks and E.D.K. Isaacs officiated and burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery, Sebewaing.

Cora Leon Merriwether Williams

Cora Leon Merriwether Williams was born in Eutaw, Alabama, February 3, 1981 to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Merriwether.

Mrs. Williams was graduated from Alabama State Normal College and subsequently taught school in Greene County, Alabama. Early in her career she was often called upon to serve as a volunteer mid-wife and home nurse. She administered to friends, local parishioners and others in the community-at-large.

Mrs. Williams was united in marriage to the late Reverend Dr. William Hazaiiah Williams, Sr., who died in August 1969. She served pastorates with her husband in Natchez, Mississippi; Seat Pleasant, Maryland; Washington, D.C.; Wheeling, West Virginia; Columbus, Ohio and Detroit, Michigan. During that period of time, Mrs. Williams was an elected officer of the Methodist Ministers' Wives and an Officer of the Inter-denominational Alliance. In addition, she was awarded a Certificate honoring her 50 years of teaching in various Sunday Schools of the Methodist Church. In Columbus, Ohio at the Centenary Methodist Church Mrs. Williams organized the first Gospel Choir.

Cora Leon Merriwether Williams departed this life on Thursday, December 8, 1988. To cherish her memory, Mrs. Williams leaves: Three sons, Samuel Hazaiiah Williams, Attorney William James Williams of Detroit, and Reverend William Hazaiiah Williams II of Berkeley, California; two daughters, Ruth Leon Williams and Naomi Kathryn Sharp, of Detroit; four grandchildren.

CHILD OF PARSONAGE

Frederick Beckert Stanko

Frederick Beckert Stanko (Miles) died April 5, 1989 at age 32. He was born November 12, 1956 in Saginaw. He was graduated from Marine City High School in 1974. He attended Michigan State University and graduated from R.E.T.S. Electronic School in Livonia. He served with the U.S. Air Force and was currently employed by Dow Chemical Company in Midland. He was a member of the Methodist Faith and related to the State Street United Methodist Church in Saginaw. Surviving are his parents, Reverend Philip and Patricia Miles of Saginaw, his father, Fred Stanko of Saginaw; one sister and her husband, Diana and William McElheney, of Toledo, Ohio; his grandmother, Pearl Miles of Pontiac; several aunts and uncles. His grandparents, John and Emma Beckert and Fred and Charlotte Stanko and Reverend Richard C. Miles have predeceased him.

Funeral services were held in Saginaw on April 7, and were conducted by Reverend Duane Miller, and Reverend James Thompson. Burial was in the Kochville Cemetery.

RETIRED MINISTER

Rolland C. Puffer

The Rev. Rolland C. Puffer, Detroit Conference pastor, died May 21 in Rockledge, Florida. He had lived two years in Cocoa, Florida. He was born January 14, 1898, to William and Mary (Pierson) Puffer in Spencer, Michigan. His first wife, the former Ethel Mecum, died in 1976. His second wife, Norma McCarty Puffer, died in 1987. He served churches at Nexford, Kingsley, Big Rapids, LeRoy, Buchanan, Dowagiac, Indian River and Grayling. He was called to missions in Hawaii and Michigan City. He served on the White House Conference in Education during the Eisenhower years. He was the author of *Pioneers of the Human Spirit*. He leaves two daughters, Rowena Davenport and Gene Daniels, both of Cocoa, Florida. He leaves many grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Grayling Michelson Memorial UMC on May 30 with the Reverend Jeffery Regan officiating.

SPOUSE OF ACTIVE MINISTER

Eloise Bratton Mercer

Eloise Bratton Mercer (Mrs. William) died on October 6, 1988. She was born February 12, 1923 to Guy and Ada Rae Bratton. Guy Bratton was a prominent Detroit attorney. She attended Ohio Wesleyan where she met Bill Mercer. They were married August 6, 1943, to which union two daughters were born: Dr. Melody Mercer Mac Martin and Merrily Rae Mercer Sampson. She was grandmother to Scott Ryan Mac Martin, age 9, and Heidi Hedquist, age 12.

Following their marriage Eloise taught speech at the Liggett school in Grrosse Pointe. The Mercers served six churches in the Detroit area: St. Andrews, St. Marks, Highland Park Trinity, Nardin Park, Dearborn First and Troy First.

Eloise taught Sunday School and gave numerous programs on her doll