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Wilbur Warne Rodkey Jr. of Uniontown, Pa, died Friday, October 22, 1999, in Uniontown Hospital. He was born June 30, 1930 in Dunbar, Pa, son of Wilbur Warne Rodkey Sr. and Emma Bryner Rodkey. He was a retired first sergeant who served with the United States Army during both the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict. He was also a retired agent from American General Insurance Company and retired from the United Methodist Conference of Western PA.

His pastoral record was brief. He became a part-time local pastor in 1989 serving the Gans Church until 1991. He became a full-time pastor serving Confluence 1991-Feb. 1, 1993. He became disabled, and was in that relationship until he retired in 1998.

He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Uniontown, Fayette Lodge F&AM No. 228 (past Master),

Union Royal Arch Chapter (past High Priest), St. Omer's Commandry, Uniontown Lodge of Perfection, Melha Shrine in Springfield, Massachusetts, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Fort Necessity Lions Club, American Legion post 51 in Uniontown, VFW Post 8543 in North Union Township, AMVETs Post 103 in Hopwood, Pa, Life Member of Disabled American Veterans Chapter PA 58, and Irishtown Sportsman's Club.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine Bush Rodkey; two daughters; Debra Rodkey Michael of Blackville, West Virginia, and Sandra Kay Rodkey of Uniontown, PA; nieces and nephews. Wilbur's memorial service was held in the Franklin Memorial Church in Dunbar with Rev. James Fogg and Rev. Sharyn Robinson officiating. That service was preceded the evening before with a service by the Masonic lodge. Interment followed in Franklin Cemetery with military honors accorded by North Union VFW Post 8543 and Uniontown American Legion Post 51.

Wilbur loved hunting, fishing, camping, shooting, hiking, music and local history. His life was full. He gave encouragement to other pastors also. He overcame obstacles and gave assurance of the victories of faith. His service will live on.

RUTH IRENE MOORE SCHRECENGOST

March 26, 2000 She was a quiet lady with a deep faith in Jesus Christ. She took training in the Practical Bible Training School with her

husband. Her interests beyond the church and God's Word were varied from crocheting and quilting to golf. She enjoyed being part of women's clubs and for a time served on the Conference Historical Society.

This lady was Ruth Irene Moore who married Jonathan Duncan Schrecengost November 15, 1934. She was born in Kittanning, Pa to Elmer Thompson Moore and his wife Cora Esther Nolf Moore. The family was part of the Lutheran Church. Ruth was part of it until 1942 when she and Jonathan joined the Methodist Church.

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