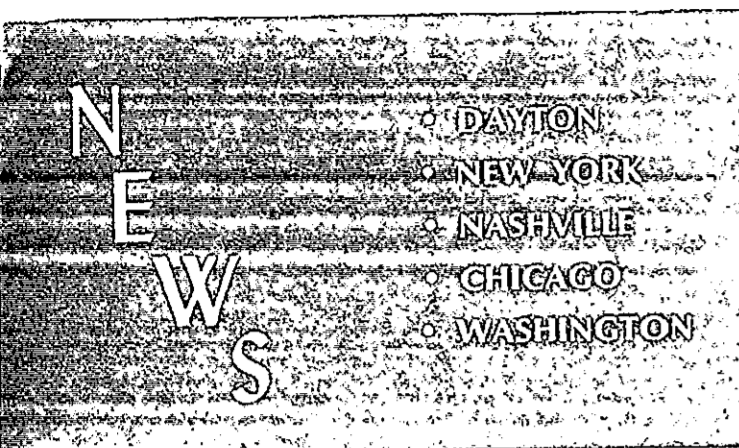


**GUM, BISHOP WALTER CLARKE**



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NORFOLK, Va.--Retired United Methodist Bishop Walter Clarke Gum died in a Norfolk hospital May 31, after suffering a heart attack two days earlier. He was 71.

Funeral services were on June 2 in Park Place Church, Norfolk, where he had been pastor for four years just prior to election as bishop in 1960.

Bishop Gum had suffered a heart attack also in 1966, but had resumed full duties prior to his retirement last summer.

Born July 4, 1897, in Monterey, Va., he was a graduate of Randolph-Macon College and Emory University.

His ministerial career spanned a half century beginning as a conference member in 1918, pastor of a four-point charge near Jarratt, Va., and concluding as presiding bishop of the denomination's largest conference. All but four years of that career were within the bounds of Virginia, those of 1960-64, his first term as a bishop, spent in Kentucky.

His pastorates were in South Sussex, Irvington, Chatham, South Boston, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Richmond, with superintendency of the Norfolk and Richmond Districts.

He served as chairman of the boards of trustees of Randolph-Macon College and Randolph-Macon Academy, and as a trustee of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Ferrum Junior College, Alaska Methodist College and Virginia Wesleyan College. He also had been a member of the General Board of Missions and chairman of its

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Committee on Church Extension. He was grand chaplain of Virginia Masons in 1946-60.

Since retirement, Bishop Gum had enjoyed long-delayed golfing and fishing, but also maintained a heavy preaching schedule.

He is survived by his widow, Lucille, and a daughter, Mrs. John W. Mason Jr. of Norfolk.

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