



***Let us remember in prayer those grieving the loss of their loved one,
and remember in thanksgiving the life and ministry of:***

Lavonne B. Gearhart, 80, who died Sept. 8. Lavonne is survived by her son, Rahn Gearhart, daughter, Naomi (Gary) MacDonald; husband, Charles Cook; four grandchildren, Jesse (Pam) MacDonald, Holly Brown, Wesley MacDonald, and Roxanne (Benjamin) Frechette; three great-grandchildren, Aliyah, Adalee and Lofton MacDonald; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Everett and Gladys Gearhart; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death in 2008 by her husband of 50 years, Rev. Roy W. Gearhart, a retired associate pastor in the West Ohio Conference.

During and at her husband's pastorates, she was a choir director, organist, pianist, Sunday School teacher and mission volunteer. At the district and conference level, she was a past President of United Methodist Women, District and Conference Secretary of Global Ministries, and Registrar for the West Ohio School of Christian Mission. Lavonne was a certified Mission Interpreter for the West Ohio Conference and the Red Bird Missionary Conference. She participated in volunteer mission trips to Mexico, Lithuania and various other outreach ministries in the United States. In 1999, she received the Bishop's Mission Award.

[Obituary](#). Visitation is Sunday, September 13, 1-4 p.m. at the [Frank E. Smith Funeral Home Chapel](#), 405 North Columbus Street, Lancaster, Ohio 43130. The funeral service will be held Monday, September 14, at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home, with Rev. Rick Jones officiating.

Expressions of condolence will reach the family online at [Frank E. Smith Funeral Home](#).

Evelyn E. Love Lehman, 95, who died on September 6. Evelyn was preceded in death in 2003 by her husband of 65 years, Rev. Jacob Lehman, who served in the West Ohio Conference; sons, Maynard & Rick Lehman and son-in-law, Paul DeLong. Surviving are her children, Constance DeLong, Marilyn (Lester) St. Clair, and Timothy Lehman; 19 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and 26 great-great grandchildren. Rev. Timothy Lehman is an elder in the West Ohio Conference, currently serving at Amanda and Hopewell-Fairfield United Methodist Churches.

[Obituary](#). Services were held at New Hope United Methodist Church in Logan, where Mrs. Lehman was a member.

Expressions of condolence may be sent to Rev. Tim Lehman, PO Box 368, Amanda, Ohio 43102.