



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

Rev. Eugene E. "Gene" Purdy, 86, who died on June 17. Gene is survived by his wife, Eloise Tong Purdy, and their sons, Dale S. (Susan) Purdy, Eric H. Purdy, Karl S. (Shelly) Purdy, and Nathan E. (Lisa) Purdy; grandchildren, Daniel Purdy, Rachel Kruse, Camille (Dameon) Kashafsky, Kenneth J. Purdy, Effie Purdy, Theodore E. Purdy and Aristide Purdy; 5 great grandchildren; Alexandria Kashafsky, Dawn Kashafsky, Beth Kashafsky, Norman Jayce Riffe, and Michael Kruse and many other family and friends.

A retired elder in the West Ohio Conference, Gene was a Korean War Veteran who served in ministry for 37 years at Salem EUB (Findlay, 1958); Springboro EUB (1959); North Bend EUB (1962); Minerva Park UMC (1974); Calvary UMC & Pleasant View UMC (Circleville 1976); and Whitehall UMC (1982).

[Obituary](#). Viewing will be at [Chiles-Laman Funeral & Cremation Services - Shawnee Chapel](#), 1170 Shawnee Road, Lima 45806, 5-8 pm on Friday, June 19. A Celebration of Life Service, officiated by Rev. Bryan Bucher, will be held at [Community United Methodist Church, Shawnee Campus](#), 2600 Zurmehly Road, Lima 45806, at 10 am, Saturday, June 20. There will be a time of visitation one hour prior to the service. Clergy are invited to wear their vestments as a part of the celebration of Gene's years of faithful service.

Expressions of condolence will reach the family via Mrs. Eugene (Eloise) Purdy, 9220 Bice Road, Spencerville, Ohio 45887.

Pastor Emma J. Collins passed June 17, 2015. She graduated from Whitney High School, Bowling Green State University, and held a degree in Ministry from Methodist Theology School & Board of Faith Institute. Emma served as Pastor of Lighthouse Community Church and enjoyed sports and spending time with her family.

She is survived by daughters, Jill (Sidney) Mallory and Tolea (Frank) Huddleston; son, Nelson (Leona) Collins; grandchildren, Shaunte (Timothy) Powell, Toni Collins, Cassius Collins, Jaden Collins; great-grandchildren, T'Niah and T'Neah West, Ti'Myra and Ti'Morah Powell; brother, Otis Stewart; sister, Beverly McGowan; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Funeral services are Thursday 11 a.m. at Braden United Methodist Church, 4725 Dorr St., preceded by 10 a.m. wake. Visitation is Wednesday 4-6 p.m. at The House of Day Funeral Services Chapel.