

By 1968 the three oldest children had left home. Janice had married, and Allan and Don were in the service. In June of that year the family moved to Sarasota, Florida, and in 1969 Dwight transferred to the Florida Conference, where he served Vamo, Sarasota/Miakka, 1969-1976, and Pompano Beach, associate, 1976-1979.

After retirement in 1979 Dwight and Autumn moved back to Sarasota, where they lived until 2002, when they sold their home and moved to Merrill Gardens. On May 3, 2005, Dwight moved to a nursing home at the Pines of Sarasota. He passed away on March 12, 2006. Funeral services were held on March 26, 2006, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Sarasota, with The Reverend Jerry Miller officiating. Burial was in Memorial Cemetery in Sarasota.

Survivors include his wife, Autumn, and his children, Janice McBride, Allan Webster, Donald Webster, and Paul Webster.

Submitted by Autumn Webster

### WINSTON BRUCE WILSON



Winston Bruce Wilson was born in Lebanon, New Hampshire, on February 12, 1936, to the Reverend Dr. Edgar Bruce Wilson and Elizabeth Wilson Dungan. He had one sister, Elizabeth Wilson Hart.

After beginning high school in Michigan, Win, as he was known, graduated from West End High School in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1954. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State University in 1958 and a master of divinity degree from The Methodist Theological School in Ohio in 1964.

Winston married Carol Anne Lindsay Wilson on June 27, 1959, and they had three children: Robert Bruce Wilson, born on June 13, 1963; Karen Elizabeth Wilson Lewis, born on October 17, 1965; and James Winston Wilson, born on August 13, 1968.

He was admitted on trial and ordained a deacon in the Detroit Annual Conference in 1961 and ordained elder in the North East Ohio Conference in 1965. He was appointed to Galena, Ohio, in 1963 and Savannah, Ohio, in 1965.

From 1967 to 1976 he served as a U.S. Army chaplain. His assignments included the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, Vietnam; U.S. Special Forces, Fort Bragg; and the 84<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Win returned to the local church in 1976 and was appointed to Riverview in Toronto, Ohio.

From 1979 to 1997 he served as a U.S. Navy chaplain. Assignments included the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; Naval Station, Annapolis, Maryland; Chaplains' School, Newport, Rhode Island; USS Texas, Bremerton, Washington; Marine Corps Base, 29 Palms, California; NAS, Whiting Field, Milton, Florida; Marine Corps Base, Camp Butler, Okinawa; and the U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida.

Winston transferred to the Florida Conference in 1994. After retiring from the U.S. Navy in 1997, he served the following appointments in Tampa: associate, First, 1997-98; Manhattan Avenue, 1998-2003; and Highland, 2003-2005, when he retired.

God's faithful servant, Winston Bruce Wilson entered the church triumphant on July 15, 2006. His death was a result of lymphoma. A memorial service was held on July 24, 2006, at Hyde Park United Methodist Church in Tampa, with the Reverends Bernard H. Lieving, Jr., James A. Harnish, and Wilson Andrew Hart officiating. Interment of the ashes was at the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida, with full military honors.

Survivors include Win's wife of forty-seven years, Carol L. Wilson; his children, Robert B. Wilson and wife Dianna; Karen E. Lewis and husband Steven; James W. Wilson and wife Danette; his grandchildren, Mary Elizabeth Wilson, Alexander B. Wilson, Conner W. Lewis, Christian J. Lewis, Jeremiah W. Wilson, Zachary J. Wilson, and Grace E. Wilson; and his sister, Elizabeth Wilson Hart and husband Carroll.

Upon his retirement from the U.S. Special Operations Command as a U.S. Navy captain, he received the Defense Department Superior Service Medal. He earned the Bronze Star for service in Vietnam. Win wore other medals on his uniform, but none of them meant as much to him as the Cross of Christ. When he joined the church triumphant, he received his highest promotion.

Win enjoyed his children and grandchildren very much. He felt blessed when he conducted a wedding ceremony for one of his children or baptized one of his grandchildren. He enjoyed reading, music, Michigan State sports, his poodles, taking trips in his R.V., his career, and spending time with his wife. Win believed he had experienced the abundant life.

Submitted by Carol L. Wilson

## Spouses

### IRIS RUSSELL ACKENHUSEN

Iris Russell Ackenhusen was born on June 8, 1919, in Palmetto, Florida, to A.M.C. Russell and Ethel Durst Russell. She attended Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky, graduating in 1941 with a bachelor of arts degree in music. She pursued graduate work in pipe organ at the University of Florida and in music composition at Florida State University.

She married the Reverend Richard (Ackie) Ackenhusen on June 4, 1941. They had twin daughters, Kathleen Clore Neely and Carol Ackenhusen Barker, born on November 14, 1945.

An accomplished pianist and pipe organist, Iris was a published composer of numerous pipe organ pieces. She taught piano to children and adults over the forty-two years of Ackie's ministry in the Florida Conference, which took them the length and breadth of the state.

After their retirement from the full-time ministry in 1983, Iris and Ackie bought a home in Tampa. Ackie stayed active by serving as chaplain at The Methodist Place and assistant pastor at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Tampa. He taught adult Sunday school and sang in the choir. Iris attended Forest Hills United Methodist Church, where she had many friends from their years serving that church in the 1970s.

Her later years were spent quietly, doing needlework, playing the organ for vacationing musicians, tutoring youngsters in reading, and donating probably more than fifty colorful full-size knitted afghans for the homeless. She loved cats and had two. She received great pleasure watching a cluster of feral cats eat outside on her patio each day. We were able to capture one brood of kittens and find homes for all of them, which meant a lot to her.

After living in their home for eight years after Ackie died, Iris moved in 2000 to John Knox Village in Tampa with her piano and her cats. Neighbors often remarked how they enjoyed hearing her piano playing as they walked down her hallway. She was sweet and happy until her very brief illness following a fall. She died on July 31, 2006. Funeral services were held on August 5, 2006, at Florida Mortuary in Tampa, with the Reverend James Smith officiating. Her cremains are interred in Sunset Memory Gardens in Tampa.

Iris was preceded in death by her husband on April 22, 1992. She is survived by her daughters Carol A. Barker and Kathleen C. Neely; sons-in-law, Lewis Barker and Joe Neely; grandchildren, Laurie Marsh, David Barker, Brian Clore, and Jennifer Matthews; and great-grandchildren, Richard and Kayleigh Matthews.

She is missed greatly by her family, who are comforted by good memories.

Submitted by Carol Ackenhusen Barker

