

REV. FERRIS S. WOODRUFF

1915-1998

Rev. Ferris Sunday Woodruff, 83 of Pinckney and former pastor at several local churches, passed away Wednesday, June 3, 1998, at Scotts Adult Foster Care in Howell.

He was born Feb. 8, 1915, in Smithville, WV, son of the late Rev. E. Wesley and Cora (Rush) Woodruff. His father and grandfather were both Methodist pastors, his father serving in the West Virginia Conference.

He and Janet Greene were married Dec. 3, 1960.

Rev. Woodruff was pastor of Bay Port Methodist and Hayes Methodist Churches in the 1940s and 1950s. He graduated from Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL, receiving his Doctor of Theology Degree. He served student pastorates in West Virginia, Indiana and Ohio Conferences before transferring to the Detroit Conference.

He served in the Bay Port-Hayes churches from 1947 through 1958, and other state churches until his retirement in 1979.

He enjoyed playing sports with members of his congregation, built a cabin near Bay Port and a retirement home near Pinckney which was featured in the Country Magazine, October-November 1997 edition.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Paul Woodruff, Traversa City; one daughter, Betty Stein, Lake, MS; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy; his brother, Paul Bryon Woodruff, and one sister, Geraldine Woodruff.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 6 in the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon, with Rev. Thomas Hart, Rev. Pauline Hart and Rev. Douglas McMunn, officiating.

Condolences may be sent to Janet Woodruff, P.O. Box 252, Pinckney, MI 48169.