Rev. Charles Caldwell

The Rev. Charles Caldwell, 83, 2400 West 11th, died Aug. 16 at his home, following a brief illness.

He was born Aug. 6, 1911, in Excelsior Springs, Mo., son of W. S. and Katherine Maxwell Caldwell. On July 5, 1940, in Eldon, he was married to Catherine Sheldon, who survives of the home.

Mr. Caldwell moved to a farm near Cameron, Mo., with his parents in 1918. He graduated from Cameron High School and attended the University of Illinois, Champagne, and Central Methodist College, Fayette, receiving a bachelor of arts degree in 1937. He received his theological training at Yale Divinity School, graduating in 1940. In 1962, he received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Central Methodist College and, after his marriage, he and his wife began a ministry together in Unionville, Mo., where he served for three years. He was ordained the United Methodist Church in 1940 and had 30 months of service as a chaplain in the Navy during World War II.

Following his service tour, Mr. Caldwell served Methodist churches in the Missouri communities of Paris, Winston-Weatherby, Gallatin, Fayette and Carthage. He was also a district superintendent and council director of the Missouri West United Methodist Conference. He retired in 1976 after 60 years of ministry work in the United Methodist Church. He continued to provide pastoral services to the Lincoln parish, Northwest Pettis County parish and until recently to the Yeager Union Church near Lincoln. He was active in the Sedalia-Pettis County Ministerial Association, serving as a jail chaplain.

Also surviving are two sons, Marvin E. Caldwell, Vallejo, Calif.; C. Edward Caldwell, Des Moines, Iowa; a daughter, Nancy A. Caldwell, Oyster Bay, N.Y.; a sister, Mary Aleene Bergman, Sedalia; and his twin, Edith Jane Simmons, Sedalia.

Pallbearers were Mike Close, Albert Johnson, Leroy Ryan, Gerald Volpp, Russell McFarlin and Ivan Stewart.

Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Elliot J. Steele

Elliot J. Steele, 88, formerly of 1424 East 12th, died Aug. 21 at the Four Seasons Living Center.

He was born Oct. 3, 1905, in Cooper County, near the town of Speed, son of William H. and Cora Bell Rennison Steele. On Dec. 18, 1930, in Ottville, he was married to Della A. Hotsenpiller, who survives of the home.

Mr. Steele was a member and deacon at Parkview Christian Church. He worked as a barber in Ottville, drove a gasoline truck for Phillips 66, worked for the Sedalia Police Department and had owned a service station at Seventh and Osage for a number of years. He lived in the Sedalia area most of his life.

Surviving are daughter, Doris Ann Bohon, Charlottesville, Va.; a brother, Emmett Steele, Sedalia; two sisters, Mary Aleene Bergman, Sedalia; and his twin, Edith Jane Simmons, Sedalia.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today, Wednesday at the Heckart-Gillespie Colonial Chapel with Lawrence Roe officiating.

Pallbearers will be Michael Cormican, Frank Fowler, Gene Herrick, Warren Herrick, Francis Ream and Norman Seifner.

Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Gary D. Thomas


He was born Dec. 11, 1950, in Sedalia, son of Roscoe and Doris Buck Thomas.

Mr. Thomas was a 1968 graduate of Northwest High School and a 1972 graduate of Central Missouri State University. He was a past member of Broadway Presbyterian Church and had worked as a senior analyst with the actuarial firm of Martin E. Segal Co. Workin...