

## THE OBITUARY

In celebration of the Completed Life of  
WILBUR JOHNSTON LEATHERMAN

The Rev. Wilbur Johnston Leatherman died at 10:27 p.m. Thursday, December 16, 1982 at the home of his daughter Mrs. Maynard Heins, where he and his wife had been living for the last six years.

Born September 19, 1905, in Dickinson County, Kansas, he was the son of Elmer and Lillie Gfeller Leatherman. He received his formal education from Dickinson County High School at Chapman, Kansas, Phillips University Bible College in Enid, Oklahoma, and University of Kansas at Lawrence, Kansas. He married Myrtle Matteson June 16, 1935, in Estes Park, Colorado.

Mr. Leatherman was a retired pastor of the United Methodist Church, having served churches of the Poynette - Inch charge, Brodhead, Lancaster, Mondovi, Lodi, Avon, and the Blue River - Richmond charge in Wisconsin. Before coming to this state, he served the Christian Churches in Dexter, Kansas; Lee Summitt, Missouri; Redfield and Woodburn in Iowa and later an interim in Cleveland, Ohio.

Furthermore, he had been employed by the Consumer Cooperatives in Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Having retired in 1972, he and his wife served the Blue River charge two years and then moved to Cleveland to volunteer full time service in the work of the Ecumenical Institute. During the last thirteen years he participated in the programs of this Order and its sister organization, The Institute of Cultural Affairs. They were residents of the Cleveland Religious House for two years. He helped with human development projects and town meetings in Florida, Mississippi, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Nova Scotia and Manitoba, Canada.

Throughout most of his life he was a member of the Masonic Order, Eastern Star and Blue Lodge. Rev. Leatherman was well known as a teacher and caller of folk dancing and square dancing throughout the state, and worked in many capacities with youth groups. His hobbies were rocks and stamps.

Surviving are his wife Myrtle; three daughters, Mrs. Arlan (Sonja) Van Dusseldorp, Pella, Iowa; Mrs. Duncan (Heidi) Holmes, Bombay, India; and Mrs. Maynard (Jonna) Heins, Monroe, Wisconsin; a brother Lyle, Menasha, Wisconsin; two sisters, Mrs. Lloyd (Nelda) Krehbiel, Abilene, Kansas; and Mrs. Jack (Elmerta) Hall, Arlington, Texas; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

His parents and a brother, Lowell, preceded him in death.

Friends and members of the family gathered at the Newcomer Funeral Home Sunday afternoon. After this memorial service burial will be in Cortland Mound Rest Cemetery in Cortland, Illinois.