Lorraine Werner

Lorraine Werner (June 10, 1926 - April 8, 2023), age 96, passed to glory on Sat., April 8, 2023, in Bradenton, Florida.

Relationship to Dakotas Annual Conference: former lay preacher; wife of Rev. Edwin H. Werner, deceased elder of the Dakotas Conference; grandmother of Rev. Thanael Certa-Werner serving Cavalier Trinity in Dakotas Annual Conference; mother of Rev. Joel Certa-Werner serving in the Wisconsin Conference; and Rev. David Werner serving in the Minnesota Conference.

On June 19, 1946, Lorraine married Rev. Edwin H. Werner. He had served as student pastor at Chaseley and Pleasant Hill EUB churches, and then Chaseley and New Rockford EUB churches while attending college at Jamestown, North Dakota in the 1940s. When attending Evangelical Theological Seminary in Naperville, Illinois from 1944-1946, he served as student pastor of Wheatland Salem church south of Plainsfield, Illinois.

Lorraine met Edwin while attending college in Naperville, Illinois. They were married in 1946 and returned to ND where he served the EUB/UMC churches in 1) Walcott and Kindred (1946-49), 2) McCluskey and Mercer (1946-56), 3) Tappen and Medina (1956-59), 4) Marion (1959-62), 5) Hazen, Buelah and Zap (1962-68), 5) Pembina, Humboldt and Joliette (1968-75), 6) Harvey, Martin and Chaseley (1975-82), and then, in retired status 7) Bowbells, Coteau, Kenmare and Donnybrook (1982-84) as associate, and 8) Rolla and Dunseith (1984-88).

Lorraine served as a local pastor under appointment to Rolla and Dunseith (1988-1990) and then Antelope UMC, near Morton, North Dakota (1990-1994).

Lorraine was very involved in the United Methodist Women and at one time served as North Dakota president. She also served on the conference's Episcopacy Committee.

A memorial service is being planned for this summer and she will be interred in Jamestown, ND.

Memorials are asked to be given to UMCOR.

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