

EOA/WRA Necrology

October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017

Robert A. Coupe, Jr. died September 6, 2017. He was a graduate of the University of Maine and Bangor Theological Seminary. Robert also served in the U.S. Navy. His first congregation was the First Congregational Church in Milford, ME where he was a student pastor and he served at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in South Wheeling, WV for 37 years.

Merlin Kerstetter died February 13, 2017. He was a long-time licensed pastor and retired from Faith UCC in Brewster. Merlin was also one of the original members of the Partners in Ministry program. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Ernest L. Stone died December 16, 2016. Ordained in 1963, he was a graduate of Hiram College and Oberlin Graduate School of Theology. Rev. Stone served East View UCC (Shaker Heights), Bainbridge Community Church, First Congregational (Lorain), United Church of Christ (Vermilion), and United Church of Christ (Avon Lake).