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I. Date and Place of Birth - Roots and Family Heritage

Paul Kapp was born in Tulsa Oklahoma on December 31, 1925

II. Religious / Denominational Background

Paul's family attended the United Methodist Church in Muskogee, OK. At the age of 9 years, Paul responded to an 'altar call' at his church, and marched down to the altar to commit himself to Jesus Christ.

III. Education and Degrees

He graduated from Central High School in Muskogee, Oklahoma in 1943. Following military service, Paul entered Oklahoma A & M (Oklahoma State University) in the Chemical Engineering program. Later, he switched degrees (primarily because of his interest in serving the Lord) and was graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences with a BA in 1949. He immediately entered Perkins Seminary at Southern Methodist University where he obtained his Bachelor of Divinity in 1952. In the mid-1980's he entered a PhD program in Religion at the University of Kansas and was awarded that degree at the completion of the program.

IV. Marriage / Family / Relationship with Significant Other

While still in high school, working in the chemistry lab, Paul met his first wife, Patricia _____ and they were married in 1944, sometime after he graduated from high school and before he entered the military service. They had four boys: Russell, David, Mark and James. Somewhere in the mid-1980's they were divorced. While Paul was pursuing his PhD at the University of Kansas, he met Dorothy Lane, a PhD psychologist that was on the staff at KU. (Dorothy had been a member of a Roman Catholic religious order, had left the Order and was pursuing secular activities. However, her religious faith was still a strong influence in her life.) At some point after Paul was awarded his degree, Dorothy and Paul were married. Some years later she developed cancer of the breast, underwent much medical treatment and eventually died. During this time, Paul became very enamored with the strength that he saw Dorothy draw from the sacramental ministry of her church. Paul, in his always probing mind, explored the Roman Catholic Church with Dorothy's assistance and was eventually received and Confirmed in the that Church. Later he even spoke with the local Roman Catholic bishop about the possibility of being ordained as a RC priest. (This may have been after Dorothy died.) On February 22, 1991, Paul married Maureen Kelly, a former member of a RC religious order, who was working for the Roman Catholic Church.

V. Ordination - date and by whom. – [Paul couldn't remember this one. Perhaps it is in the ACPE records.]

VI. Work Experience / Ministry:

A. Prior to Ministry – Paul volunteered for military service shortly after graduating from high school. "I thought I might as well join up before they drafted me!" He was inducted into the US Army at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and his Army serial number was #18163653. Following his induction, he was sent to Fort Hood, Texas where he joined the 66th Infantry Division (?). He was sent, with his Division, to the Normandy area of France after the initial Normandy invasion. Later his unit went to the Rhone Valley of France and then on to Austria. Paul served as a communication specialist with a rank of T-5 (Tech sergeant ?). He was discharged in 1946 and entered Oklahoma A & M College.

B. Pastorate/s – Paul remembers serving a small student charge in Perkins, Oklahoma while he was at Oklahoma A & M. He describes a very dynamic pastor at the local United Methodist Church name Rev. Copeland. Rev. Copeland encouraged a number of college students to commit their lives to the Lord and to work for Him. Paul was one of that number. Later, Paul served a charge in Southeast Oklahoma (Lebanon??) and later he served a congregation in Tulsa for 3 or 4 years. While serving the church in Tulsa, Paul heard a speaker from the Menninger Clinic in Topeka, Kansas. He was intrigued by what the speaker had to say and talked to him about where he had learned all the things he had spoken about. This led Paul to take a charge at Saint Mary's, Kansas and he entered the CPE program at Topeka State Hospital.

C. Chaplaincy Training, Chaplaincy Service and CPE – Tom Klink supervised Paul in his initial quarter of training at Topeka State Hospital. Ray Bailey assisted Tom in the supervision. One of Paul's peers in that group was Max McGuire. (Ray reports that both Paul and Max showed up the first day with short crew cuts!) Later, following his CPE at Topeka State, Paul went to Hadley Hospital in Hays, Kansas where he established a CPE training program and stayed for 3 or 4 years. From Hays, Kansas Paul went to be the Chaplain at Osawatomie State Hospital in Osawatomie, Kansas. (Uncertain if he started the first CPE program at Osawatomie.) He remained at Osawatomie for many years and became a well-respected member of the hospital staff. When the hospital supervisor left Osawatomie for the state hospital in Georgia, he asked Paul to come with him – which Paul did.

While at Osawatomie, Paul took Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City as a satellite-training center and supervised Jerry Kolb in his CPE Supervisory education at that location.

Paul remained at the Georgia State Hospital (name?) for a few years before returning to Kansas where he developed a 'unique' congregational based CPE program at LeCompton Kansas for local pastors using their own experiences in their churches. Following this, he entered the PhD program at KU (see above) and was hired to be the Professor of Pastoral Care at Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Missouri where he served for 4 years.

There was an opening at Saint Luke's Hospital for someone to run the CPE program and Paul felt it was time to get back to what he loved best – directly supervising CPE students. So he left Saint Paul School and ran the program at Saint Luke's for approximately 3 years. Then he retired only to come back to CPE again by supervising at The Veterans Medical Center in Kansas City and he did some part time supervision of a CPE program that he 're-activated' at Shawnee Mission Medical Center in Overland Park, Kansas. He left these places to be with his wife, Maureen, as she had taken positions with the church in Texas and Washington DC areas. While in Texas, Paul supervised students on a part-time basis at Baylor Medical Center and the VA Hospital. When Maureen moved to Ohio, Paul served a small three church charge in Green City, Ohio. It was here he discovered that he was developing Alzheimer's Disease and he told the church (when he forgot his sermon one Sunday morning, that it was time to 'hang it up' – so he did.

D. CPE Supervision - When and Where certified. – Paul was certified Supervisor by the Council of Clinical Training in 1959 or 60 somewhere in Kansas.

VI. Leadership Roles - Committees & Offices held (Sub-regional, Regional and National)

Paul was the first Regional Director of the South Central Region of ACPE in 1967. He has held a large number of offices in the region during his years as a supervisor.

VII. Writings and Research

When Paul discovered he had Alzheimer's disease, he wrote a small pamphlet entitled "I Have God and Alzheimer's." It was self-published in 2003.

VIII. Other Accomplishments

X. Personal Accounts and Stories

[The information for this 'page' was compiled at a breakfast gathering of the "Old Goats" (Bob Carlson, Ray Bailey, Bob Pattie, Jerry Kolb {scribe} and Paul Kapp) on November 3, 2004. We concluded that it was best to gather what 'facts' we could before Paul's memory was too far gone. We had a great time sharing and remembering our 'old times together.')

One of the stories that Paul remembers well was about his dog 'Stinky' that he had while he was serving a student charge in Perkins, OK. As pointed out above, Paul was very taken by Rev. Copeland, the very dynamic local pastor that encouraged many of the kids in his congregation to 'serve the Lord.' One of the things that Rev. Copeland did, that was unusual for a United Methodist Church, was he had a 'altar call.' Paul thought that every pastor should have an altar call. So one of the first things that Paul did at his new church was have an 'altar call.' Paul says that when he made the invitation to come forward, the only 'person' that responded was 'Stinky,' his dog, who wandered down the aisle, sat down in the sanctuary and scratched himself! Paul says that was his first 'convert!'

XI. Additional Comments, Anecdotes and Retirement Activities

As pointed out above, Paul was very involved in the Roman Catholic Church during his marriage to both Dorothy and Maureen. While in Washington DC area, Maureen and he attended a RC church that had two simultaneous services: one in the church nave and the other, a more contemporary service, in the parish hall. This particular Sunday, the priest that was celebrating mass in the church nave was suddenly taken ill and had to leave. Thus they called the priest from the parish hall to come celebrate at the main service – leaving no one to celebrate in the parish hall. This was not a problem for Paul, he just stood up, went to the altar and continued celebrating the mass! Ecclesiastical limitations were not an issue for Paul!

XII. Date of Death and Memories (To be filled in by the final author of this B. of R. page)

Paul Horton Kapp died peacefully on March 30, 2012 at Evergreen Living Center. Olathe, Kansas after a long and courageous journey with Alzheimer disease. A memorial service and celebration of Paul's full and happy life will be celebrated at Asbury United Methodist Church, Prairie Village, Kansas (75th and Nall) on Saturday April 7th at noon. Lunch and visitation will follow the celebration.

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Paul was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on December 31, 1925. He spent his early years in Siloam Springs and Prairie Grove Arkansas where his life-long love of nature and all living things was nurtured. His family moved to Muskogee, Oklahoma where he attended elementary and high school and developed his interest in music and chemistry. He volunteered for service in the US Army and served as a communications specialist in Europe during World War II. Following military service, Paul entered the Chemical Engineering program at Oklahoma A & M. Later, feeling called to ministry Paul switched degrees and graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences with a BA. He immediately entered Perkins Seminary at Southern Methodist University where he obtained a Master of Divinity in 1952. Later he completed a doctorate in Psychology and Religion at the University of Kansas

Paul was ordained a UMC minister for the Oklahoma Conference and later served in the Kansas East Conference. He served as pastor in Perkins, Stillwell and Tulsa, Oklahoma and St. Mary's, Pleasant Hill and Lecompton, Kansas and a three congregation charge in Greene County, Ohio near Dayton.

The majority of Paul's ministry was spent as a Clinical Pastoral Education Supervisor. He served in that capacity at Osawatomie State Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital Plaza, Veteran's Hospital and Shawnee Mission Hospital. He was also a Professor of Pastoral Care and Director of Field Supervision at Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Missouri. Paul was the first Regional Director of the South Central Region of ACPE and held a number of offices in the region during his years as a supervisor.

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Paul was preceded in death by his parents Paul Henry Kapp and Geraldine Horton, brother John and his youngest son James. He is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Maureen Kelly; his sons, Paul Russell, Lawrence, Ks; Kenneth David (Jeanne), Phoenix, Az; John Mark, San Francisco, Ca; daughter in law, Chimae Say, Davis Ca, sister, Geraldine Eagan, his first wife and mother of his sons Patricia Young (Ed), Joplin Mo., seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren,

Paul claimed presidency of the Kelly in-law association and will be missed by his brothers and sisters in law Mike and Ellen, Ed and Lynn, Kevin and Cherie, Theresa and Mary Clare. He also leaves his second Kansas City family the O Connors: Bill and Sharon, Robyn and John Fink, Bill Jr. Matt and Laurel, Kursten and Tavish Euwer and Jacque O Connor.

In death as in life he is grateful to and will continue to bless all his loving “buddies”, the caregivers and staff at Evergreen Living Center who graced his last year with love, care, tenderness and humor. The family thanks them and the caregivers from Kansas City Hospice for their kind and gracious care throughout Paul's last days..

In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to Evergreen Living Center (ELI), 11875 S. Sunset r., Olathe, Ks 66061; the Foundation for Clinical Pastoral Education (FCPE) 1549 Claremont Road Suite 205 or Asbury United Methodist Church 5400 W 75th St Prairie Village, KS 66208