



**Rev. L. Kenneth Kraft**

February 4, 1919 to January 4, 2011

**Virginia K. Kraft**

May 23, 1929 to Aug. 21, 2013

Relationship to St. Andrew United Methodist Church

L. Kenneth and Virginia K. Kraft transferred their membership to St. Andrew in 2008.

Family:

Timothy E. Kraft and Randall L. Kraft (St. Andrew member)

Randy Cable and daughter-in-law Carol Forsberg

Nine grandchildren

Four great grandchildren

Recognitions, Activities, Special Interests:

He earned B.S. degree from Indiana Central College and Master of Divinity degree from Bonebrake Seminary in Dayton. He earned his chaplaincy certification from IUPUI and was named a Fellow of the College of Chaplains.

Rev. Kraft was a member of the Indiana Methodist conference. He served several churches, including Lafayette Grace. After retiring he established the chaplaincy program at Wabash Valley Hospital and served there for 17 years. He was pastor at Earl Park Presbyterian Church for 8 years.



He developed and directed the summer outdoor camping program of the United Methodist Church and was director of higher education and campus ministry.

Virginia married L. Kenneth Kraft in 1974. She worked for the Lafayette School Corporation for thirty years before retiring in 1987. She was co-owner of The Spinning Wheel in Lafayette and was renowned for her craftwork, especially knitting. She was organist and youth choir director for Grace Church from 1964 to 1973.

Use of Funds: St. Andrew United Methodist Church Sanctuary Enhancements



Non-traditional Communion Service Table



In 2019 the sound in the Great Room was improved with the purchase of a new soundboard



L. Kenneth "Ken" Kraft, 1, of Lafayette, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011, at Creasy Springs Nursing Home.

He was born Feb. 4, 1919, in Dayton, Ohio, the son of



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the late Lora Stetson and Oliver Kraft. He graduated from Steele High School in Dayton, earned a bachelor's degree from Indiana Cen-

tral College and earned a master of divinity degree from Bonebrake Seminary in Dayton. He completed five units of clinical pastoral education and a two-year training and counseling program at Indianapolis Counseling Center. He earned his chaplaincy certification from IUPUI and was named a Fellow of the College of Chaplains.

On Dec. 21, 1974, he married Virginia McDaniels Cable. She survives.

He was a member of the Indiana Methodist conference and served pastorates at Hamilton, Ohio, South Whitley, Silver Lake, Gary Centennial and Lafayette Grace. Upon retirement, he established the chaplaincy program at Wabash Valley Hospital, where he served for 17 years. He was pastor at Earl Park Presbyterian Church for eight years.

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United Methodist Church and was director of higher education and campus ministry. While at Grace Church, he established the first church-centered day care nursery in Lafayette. He was executive secretary for the Tippecanoe Council of Churches.

He was a member of St. Andrew United Methodist Church, a former member of the Association of Mental Health Clergy, life member of Wabash Valley Auxiliary, Association of Professional Chaplains and was a member of the Eckels Society of United Theological Seminary.

He enjoyed his family.

Surviving with his wife, are two sons, Timothy E. Draft (wife: Jackie) of West Lafayette, Randall L. Kraft (wife: Debra) of Lafayette, and a stepson, Randall R. Cable (wife: Carol) of Colorado.

Also surviving are nine grandchildren, Jamie K. Kraft of Greenfield, Jeremy E. Kraft of Olympia, Wash., Ryan Kraft of Wesley Chapel, Fla., Kevin Kraft (wife: Jessica) of Westfield, Sarah Fassnacht (husband: Stephen), Joshua Kraft (wife: Rachael) of Lafayette, T. Evan Kraft Jr., Andrew Kraft and Matthew Kraft of West Lafayette; two great-grandsons, Hunter Evan Kraft of Greenfield and Samuel Zane Fassnacht of Lafayette; two stepgreat-grandchildren, Ashlyn and Tanner Dunwoody of Westfield; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Reginald, Arthur and Russell Kraft.

No service will be held. The family request no flowers. **Hippensteel Funeral Home** entrusted with care. Memorials may be made to St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 4703 N. 50 W., West Lafayette, IN 47906 or Earl Park Presbyterian Church, 306 6th St., Earl Park, IN 47942 or the charity of your choice. Share memories and condolences online at [www.hippensteel-funeralservice.com](http://www.hippensteel-funeralservice.com)



## Virginia Katherine Kraft, 84

Go Tell Everyone, the Good news that the Kingdom of God has come!

Virginia Katherine Kraft,



84, passed away on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 in her new home in Woodland Park, CO.

Virginia was born on May 23, 1929 in Lafayette, IN to George and Geneva McDoniels. In 1949 she married Harvey Cable; they separated in 1973. In 1974 she married Louis Kenneth Kraft (deceased in 2011).

Virginia worked for the Lafayette School Corporation for 30 years, retiring in 1987. With her longtime friend and partner Mary Catherine Sommer, Virginia opened The Spinning Wheel; this was the area's first yarn shop and was located in downtown Lafayette. Virginia was renowned for her Craftwork. Of all her skills from Calligraphy to Quilting, Cross-stitch to Embroidery, her first love and the craft she was particularly known for was knitting. Her hand knit gifts, instantly became treasures to pass down through generations, for the family, friends and co-workers she shared them with.

Virginia was extremely talented musically as well. She was both Organist and later Youth Choir Direc-

tor for Grace Church, from 1964 to 1973. During this period, Virginia created many contemporary worship services, which incorporated instruments and choreography and introduced them to a congregation that had never seen the like before. The Grace Church youth choir travelled the Midwest for several years, drawing many to delight in these services.

Virginia loved the Lord with all of her heart and served Him faithfully. Her entire life was shaped by her dedication and devotion to service. She touched countless lives and was well-known for her compassionate and generous spirit. Her spirit and joy in praising God, inspired many young children and teens to actively embrace their own faith and service to our Lord.

Virginia is survived by her son Randy Cable and her daughter-in-law Carol Forsberg; step sons Randy and Tim Kraft, 9 grandchildren and shortly after her passing, the arrival of her fourth great grandchild. She is missed and mourned by the numerous friends who loved her and all those whose lives she touched.

In accordance with her wishes, Virginia was cremated and there was no Funeral Service held. She left no instructions for Memorial donations to be made in her name.