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Rev. Atchley was a member of the Kansas East Conference of the Methodist Church. He had also served in area Kansas churches.

Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Rebecca Diane Atchley of the home; one son, Sean David Atchley of the home; his father, Hadley L. Atchley of Pittsburg; three brothers, Brian K. Atchley of Memphis, Tenn., and James R. Atchley and John D. Atchley, both of Pittsburg; and one sister, Marsha Francis of Rose Hill, Kan.

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