

## **XV. MEMORIALS**

### **IN MEMORIAM**

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Jimmie H. Mobley, Jr.

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Lanelle Thompson  
Marcia Carol Wiles Wilson

## Jefferson E. Davis, Jr.

Rev. Jefferson Davis passed away Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital at the age of 90.

Rev. Davis was born on May 20, 1925 in Little Rock, Arkansas, the son of Jefferson Emmett Davis, Sr. and Mary Thompson Davis. He married Martha Demaree on September 1, 1946 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Rev. Davis was career military. He served in the United States Marine Corps during WWII for 3 years and then the United States Air Force for over 23 years as a Chaplain.

Upon retirement from the Air Force, he returned to Arkansas and served churches there for an additional five years. In 1980 he transferred his membership to the North Texas Annual Conference where he served the Detroit Charge and the Avery Charge before retiring in 1988. Rev. Jefferson and Martha enjoyed a few years of not working before being called back to the pulpit at Annona Charge where they served their last church appointment from July 1, 1992 until January 1, 1994.

He graduated from Arkansas A&M College and Perkins School of Theology. He was a lifelong member of Rotary International and a Paul Harris Fellow.



## James Marion Gatlin

Rev. James Marion Gatlin, 93, of Farmersville, Texas, passed away on February 21, 2016 at his residence in Farmersville. He was born October 10, 1922 in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas to George and Ruth Gatlin Hoffman. He married Faith Badger on June 22, 1946 in St. Louis, Missouri. He served in the Army/Airforce and was a World War II veteran. Rev. Gatlin served churches throughout the North Texas Conference for 31 years prior to his retirement in 1986.



## Jimmie Horton Mobley, Jr.

The Rev. Jimmie Horton Mobley Jr. passed away on May 5, 2016 at the age of 84. He was born in Fort Worth, Texas on July 30, 1931, graduated from Pascal High School in 1949 and Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University in 1958. He married Mary Frances Osborn June 29, 1952. Rev. Mobley served over 62 years as a United Methodist pastor, 14 in the Central Texas Conference and 32 in the North Texas Conference. His appointments included First UMC DeSoto, Wesley UMC Dallas, Irwindell UMC, Brandon Avenue UMC & Lakewood UMC. After retiring in 1997, he served as Associate Pastor at First UMC Richardson for over 15 years. He retired fully in December 2013.



He enjoyed building model train displays, traveling, spending time with his family and cheering on the Dallas Cowboys.

## Lewis N. Stokes

Lewis Norman "Pastor Lew" Stokes passed away on August 16, 2015 at the age of 66. He was born April 8, 1949 in Dallas, Texas, growing up as an active member of Oak Cliff United Methodist Church. Rev. Stokes worked fulltime in sales shortly after graduating from high school and was

a voracious reader. Rev. Stokes married his wife Marty on May 23, 1992 and they have two children.

While a member of First United Methodist DeSoto, Rev. Stokes began the course of study to become a local pastor. From there he served Becker/Wilson Chapel as a part time local pastor and then become a fulltime local pastor at Kemp. After five years, the Stokes moved to Clarksville McKenzie UMC. He followed Leighton Farrell's advice shared early in his ministry: "Love the people; preach the Gospel."



While serving Kemp, Rev. Stokes' right leg collapsed and he was diagnosed with Primary Lateral Sclerosis, for which there was no treatment or cure. The Stokes returned to Kemp where Rev. Stokes lived the rest of his life. All through his illness, Rev. Stokes never lost his positive outlook on life and his sense of humor. He was always grateful to God for all the things God had made possible in his life.

## **Billy W. Wilder**

Rev. Billy W. Wilder passed away on June 23, 2015 at the age of 82. He was born on March 28, 1933 in Orangeville, Texas and was the youngest son of ten children in the family.

He left the family farm to pursue a degree at North Texas State College and it was during those years he felt the call to ministry. In 1955, he was first licensed in the Methodist Church. He preached at various area churches for several years as a visiting minister. He was ordained a Deacon in the UMC in 1972 and served as a local pastor in the North Texas Conference.

Rev. Wilder was married to Patricia Lois Toldan for 43 years. Rev. Wilder worked in the State Comptroller's Office for 30 years in addition to his role as pastor. He retired from active ministry in 2001 after more than 30 years serving churches in Pottsboro, Southmayd, Cedar Community and Denison. He was also visitation minister at Key Memorial UMC and Friendship UMC in Sherman until his death. Rev. Wilder served in ministry for 60 years with faith and loyalty.



Rev. Wilder enjoyed music, playing dominos, and being with family. He enjoyed home projects and the relationships he made in church and in the community. As a self-taught musician, Rev. Wilder enjoyed playing the guitar for his children and family gatherings.

## **Patricia "Patty" Evans**

Patricia "Patty" Evans, diaconal minister, passed away Sunday, November 22, 2015, at the age of 80 after an extended struggle with Alzheimer's. Patty was born in Panama City, Florida and raised in Georgetown, South Carolina. In 1958, she moved to Lake City, South Carolina where she served as Director of Music and Christian Education at the Lake City United Methodist Church until 1981. She was also a founding director of the Carolina Academy where she influenced the lives of many children. In 1981, she moved to Dallas where she worked in church music and was Director of Student Life at the Perkins School of Theology, SMU, until she began her tenure as executive director of Choristers Guild in Garland from 1987–1998. She also served as the executive director of The Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts prior to her



time at Choristers Guild and was a lifelong church music director. Ms. Evans served on the staff at Northaven UMC and was a volunteer director of the children's choir. Ms. Evans retired from diaconal ministry in 1999. In 2006, she moved to Brevard, North Carolina, where she continued working and volunteering in church music.

## Vernice Funk

Vernice Funk passed away on April 19, 2016 at her home at the age of 98. She was married to Rev. Joe M. Funk on November 7, 1935 in Denton. As a surviving spouse of Rev. Funk, they served many churches in the North Texas Conference from 1951 to 1981. Rev. Funk preceded her in death on April 13, 2010. They had three children, twelve grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren.



Vernice attended both the University of North Texas and Texas Women's University. She was a member of the Elm Ridge United Methodist Church and retired from Moore Business Forms in Accounting.

## Margaret A. Hoke

Margaret A. Hoke, surviving spouse of Rev. Douglas Lee Hoke, was born on July 11, 1931 and passed away on August 1, 2015 at the age of 84. As an infant her parents moved to south Texas, where she grew up in Harlingen, the eldest of six children. In 1948, she married Rev. Hoke and they were married for over 66 years. After traveling through the United States and Canada for ten years in Christian evangelistic service, they settled in Dallas and began serving over 45 years in many churches in the North Texas Conference including appointments in Wolfe City, Greenville, and multiple churches in Dallas.



In 1972, Mrs. Hoke enjoyed the title of Mrs. Hunt County and debuted in Greenville Community Theater's production of "Little Mary Sunshine." For over forty years, she was an active community leader to Mineola through the Fannie Marchman Garden Club, Mineola League of the Arts, Women's Study Club, Texas Republican Women's Organization, and Texas Historical Commission. Most recently, as a member of the East Texas Writer's Guild in Tyler, she was in the process of publishing a book of her own ancestral family events and genealogy. She excelled in other diverse professional interests, earning credentials as a licensed real estate broker, professionally certified interior designer, and licensed vocation nurse, as she was Director of Education in the East Texas medical community.

The Hokes have one daughter, Heidi, and three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

## Denise Johnson Stovall

Denise Johnson Stovall passed away on January 19, 2016 at the age of 61. Denise was married to Rev. L. Charles Stovall of Dallas and they are the parents of two children. They were members of St. Luke Community UMC.

After growing up in Chicago, Denise graduated with honors from Clark Atlanta University with a bachelor's degree in journalism. Denise worked for



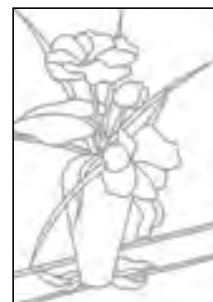
church publications as well as in radio, cable and print media. She resumed her education at the University of Georgia on a Stoodly-West Fellowship in religious journalism from United Methodist Communications. She left the University of Georgia in 1987 to join the staff of *The United Methodist Reporter* in Dallas, where she became the first African-American associate editor. There she specialized in coverage of United Methodist Women and global missions, particularly involving outreach to women, children and the projects of the second-mile giving program known as The Advance. Her reporting took her from the *favelas* of Brazil and the slums of Mexico to the townships of South Africa. She also wrote articles on location from The Philippines, Puerto Rico, eight African countries, and throughout the United States. After leaving *The United Methodist Reporter* due to declining health and industry changes, she spent the last 15 years as a freelance writer.

Additionally, Ms. Stovall served as president for seven local units of United Methodist Women in Atlanta and Dallas. Denise Johnson Stovall also worked to help children set their sights on attending college.

### **Lanelle M. Thompson**

Lanelle Thompson was born on July 18, 1934 and passed away on November 18, 2015 at the age of 81. Lanelle was the surviving spouse of Rev. Ira Thompson Jr. They were married for 52 years. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

She served the church alongside her husband for 43 years. They served in both the Central Texas and the North Texas Conferences of the UMC.



### **Marcia Carol Wiles Wilson**

Marcia Wilson, wife of retired clergy Rev. Richard (Dick) Wilson, passed away on November 7, 2015 at the age of 68. She was born on January 26, 1947 in Jonesboro, Arkansas, to Frank and Lorene Wiles. Because her father served in the civil service and the US Air Force, Marcia lived in many places throughout the United States.

While at Texas Wesleyan she met her husband, Dick Wilson, in a ballroom dancing class. As a young married couple, the Wilsons served as US-2 missionaries on St. Croix, US Virgin Islands, before beginning a life of service through local United Methodist churches.

With a move to Plano, Marcia began teaching preschool at First UMC where she later became the Coordinator of the Weekday Program, which included preschool, Mother's Day Out, and My Friends Place after-school care. While coordinating these programs she found her love of counseling. She received her Masters degree in counseling from North Texas University in 1987 and used her particular skills at Galaxy Counseling, Garland; her private practice; the Children's Advocacy Center, Austin; and the ten years before retirement at Cigna Behavioral Health.

In retirement, she joined Custer Road UMC and was a member of the Empty Nesters Sunday School class and the Ruth Circle of the United Methodist Women. Marcia and Dick were married for 44 years and had three children.



## XVI. OUR BELOVED DEAD

### ROLL OF DECEASED MINISTERIAL MEMBERS

(Note: The complete rosters of all deceased ministerial members of the North Texas Conference and its antecedents are found in: (1) the 1967 Official Record of the Oklahoma-Texas Conference of the Evangelical and United Brethren Church, (2) the 1967 Journal of the West Texas Conference of The Methodist Church, and (3) the 1978 and 1994 Journals of the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church.)

NAME	BORN	DIED	NAME	BORN	DIED
Smith, Bill Morgan	1911	1977	Young, Leland H.	1914	1987
Shipp, Thomas	1918	1977	Gorham, Jack D.	1934	1987
Cates, R.L.	1892	1977	Minga, T.Herbert	1903	1987
Evans, Bayless	1887	1978	Montgomery, Roy E.	1902	1988
Arnold, Virgil	1884	1978	Penn, William Wesley	1913	1988
Oliver, Nicholas W.	1886	1978	Randolph, George C.	1902	1987
Armstrong, Alden	1918	1979	Simpson, James M.Jr.	1913	1987
Arnold, Cecil	1911	1979	Smothermon, William C.	1929	1988
Carroll, Robert	1927	1980	Sparkman, Edwin K.	1908	1987
Garrett, Charles	1891	1980	Ackenbom, Arthur O.	1913	1988
Neeley, Lloyd	1905	1979	Broyles, Fred P.	1892	1988
Norton, Ferris	1927	1980	Hyde, John L.	1917	1988
Peirce, Arthur	1894	1979	Keightley, Carl E.	1915	1988
Pollard, Aston	1909	1980	Stowe, Bishop W. McFerrin	1913	1988
Proctor, Lonnie	1907	1978	Talbot, Fitzhugh M.	1901	1988
Rice, John S.	1895	1980	Tomlinson, Leonard W.	1931	1988
Smith, McLain	1918	1979	Walker, James H.	1928	1989
Bennett, Harold W.	1893	1979	Westbrook, James H.	1897	1989
Williams, C.B.		1980	Casad, Gordon D.	1922	1989
Seymour, Leslie W.	1896	1981	Pope, Bishop W. Kenneth	1901	1989
Tucker, Albert F.	1906	1980	Outler, Albert C.	1908	1989
Quattlebaum, J.O.	1886	1981	Wright, Theo	1912	1990
Stephenson, Paul	1893	1981	Noblin, James Sr.	1910	1990
Trice, William E.	1912	1981	Barcus, V. Cyrus	1903	1990
Cox, W. Arthur	1904	1982	Polk, John Wesley	1904	1990
Echols, Timothy B.	1894	1983	Clore, Gerald L.	1904	1990
Grounds, Hargrove	1893	1983	Connatser, James E.	1924	1990
Hite, Wesley V.	1896	1982	Rogers, Omer B.	1900	1990
Wilcoxson, George	1906	1982	Towner, Walter L.	1895	1991
House, Grover C.	1889	1983	Dunnam, Spurgeon M.	1943	1991
Click, Albert F.	1898	1983	Flaherty, Raymond G.	1910	1991
Reynolds, Carl D.	1901	1984	Cade, W. V.	1911	1991
Edgar, Fred R.,Sr.	1911	1984	Sharp, J. B.	1925	1992
Martin, Bishop W.C.	1893	1984	Quillian, Joseph D.,Jr.	1917	1992
Ortmayer, Roger E.	1916	1984	Espie, Charles O.	1909	1992
Loud, I.B.	1910	1984	Delleney, Jerry	1932	1992
Collie, B.E.	1905	1986	Mood, G. Henry	1906	1992
Goodrich, Bishop Rbt E., Jr.	1909	1985	Davis, David B.	1935	1992
Neustifter, R.A.	1929	1986	Vernon, Walter N.	1907	1993
Bevan, Roy W.	1912	1987	Jones, G. William	1931	1993
Boone, T.Bolton	1900	1986	Thompson, George A.	1917	1993
Caldwell, Homer H.	1914	1986	Cardwell, Paul O.	1903	1993
Hayes, Edwin T.	1905	1987	Weaver, Thomas P.	1904	1993
Howell, William E.	1911	1986	Staats, Harold	1913	1994
Mann, J.C.	1885	1986	Jones, Lloyd	1906	1994

NAME	BORN	DIED	NAME	BORN	DIED
May, Bob C.	1911	1994	Lewis, Clayton M.	1919	2002
Peterson, W. E.	1903	1994	Cook, Herman	1924	2003
McLean, John G.	1926	1994	Gray, Jr., Jack A.	1931	2003
Kindel, Felix	1911	1994	Bledsoe, Marvin C.	1921	2003
Hoggard, Earl R.	1912	1995	Culbertson, Donley E.	1907	2003
Milner, Leon F.	1909	1995	Kifer, Earl Edward	1917	2003
Youngblood, Donald S.	1916	1995	Kittrell, David L. Jr.	1921	2003
Yates, Frank E.	1924	1995	Renfro, Arthur F.	1925	2003
Bohmfolk, Erwin F.	1900	1995	Hill, Luther A.	1911	2003
Monts, Susan B.	1953	1995	Regan, Russell	1916	2003
Walker, Philip W.	1899	1995	Corrigan, W. Raymond	1911	2003
Cuninggim, Merrimon	1911	1995	Atkinson, Loy Terry	1923	2003
Redus, Morgan Ward	1909	1995	Richardson, Betty	1925	2004
Ridley, Robert H.	1911	1996	Perry, Richard T.	1911	2004
Logan, A. H.	1908	1996	Leffel, Robert E. Jr.	1918	2004
Bryant, S. Baxton	1919	1996	Farrell, Leighton Kirk	1930	2004
Swafford, James N.	1917	1996	Thornton, Kenneth Monroe	1923	2004
Reed, Erwin	1912	1996	Hares, James C.	1923	2005
Franklin, Velma	1910	1996	McGee, Fred	1917	2005
Judy, Marvin T.	1911	1996	Harvey, Jr., Earl	1922	2005
Son, Myong Gul	1928	1997	Turnipseed, Robert S.	1927	2005
Elliott, Robert E.	1921	1997	Jones Sr., Glendell A.	1917	2005
Calvert, Robert Clark	1909	1997	Howard, Virgil P.	1936	2005
Turner, James Leon	1910	1997	Allen, Robert L.	1946	2006
Cole, Elden H.	1910	1997	Corse, Wilma Roberts	1919	2006
Johnson, Marion	1924	1997	Yarbrough, Jimmie Wray	1934	2006
Leander, Daniel V.	1925	1998	Edwards, Kerby H.	1929	2006
Nunley, Roscoe	1920	1998	James, Conrad Randal	1943	2006
Siekman, Barbara	1932	1998	Dancer, Thomas Dudley	1936	2006
Thomas, Julian D.	1920	1998	Wheeler, George Howard	1913	2006
Mooring, James D.	1916	1998	Bailey, Wilfred M.	1924	2006
Washington, Sr. Wm. Joseph	1931	1998	Moncure, Bishop Rhymes H. Jr	1945	2006
Philbrook, Leroy	1927	1999	Lavender, Garland T.	1905	2006
Trompler, Raymond	1916	1999	Reaves, James E.	1911	2006
Smith, Thomas J.	1911	1999	Roberson, Linwood John	1933	2006
Morgan, James William	1914	2000	Rentfro, John Moore	1931	2007
Smith, Lawrence E.	1909	2000	Fielder, Jackson W.	1921	2007
Stauffer, Paul A.	1921	2000	Thompson, Ira M.	1932	2007
Hensley, John Poe	1911	2000	Newkirk, Randy G.	1942	2007
Pearson, Freeman H.	1908	2000	Miller, Edward Loren	1928	2007
Morell, Paul LeSueur	1928	2000	Gilmore, Martha Louise	1936	2007
Murray, Billy Wayne	1934	2000	McGee, John W.	1919	2007
Nelson, M. L.		2000	Stephenson, William Thomas	1922	2007
Smith, Claude Bourdon	1924	2000	Oliphint, Bishop Benjamin	1924	2007
Adams, Fred F.	1908	2000	Cook, Charles William	1932	2007
Vaughan, Richard Alton	1903	2000	Swift, William D.	1922	2007
Cutter, Addison Wesley	1907	2001	Welborn, Gene Cloise	1940	2007
Patterson, Floyd M.	1912	2001	Standifer, Charles, H.	1917	2007
Cooper, A. Lamar	1911	2001	Davis, Myrtis Nanette	1943	2007
Butts, Raymond F.	1932	2001	del Rosario, Philip Baron	1928	2008
Dunson, Wayne B.	1917	2001	Caraway, Hansel V.	1917	2008
Hawkins, John M.	1915	2002	Shuler, John M.	1916	2008
Copeland, Carrol D.	1916	2002	Crouch, William C.	1932	2008
Shelley, Woodrow Wilson	1916	2002	Hodge, Marshall E.	1929	2008
Robertson, Sr., Robert L.	1931	2002	Morphis, John W.	1912	2008

NAME	BORN	DIED
Noland, Russell E.	1955	2008
Baskin-Ball, Kathleen	1958	2008
Wiksten, De Forrest	1929	2009
Van Zant, John Kermit	1915	2009
Edens, Raymond Maurice	1923	2009
Jameson, Ashley Day	1916	2009
Riley, Royce Wilton	1938	2009
Bryan, Bobby B.	1931	2009
Greenhaw, William W.	1911	2009
Saylor, Joseph R. Jr.	1936	2010
Browder, Eugene Polser	1935	2010
Baker, Philip Eugene	1932	2010
Upchurch, William F.	1931	2010
Chester, Eldon M.	1927	2010
Warden Chief A.	1919	2010
Bryant, Homer Noel	1913	2011
Jackson, Douglas Ewing	1919	2011
Palmer, James B. Sr.	1929	2011
Poore, Elwood Spencer	1922	2011
Anderson, C. W.	1934	2011
Mackenzie, Kathryn L.	1922	2012
Ravert, Lawrence D	1933	2012
Barnes, Donald E.	1930	2012
Graves, John Thomas	1933	2012
Slack, William B.	1925	2012
Granville Eugene Tyson	1942	2012
Denman, Charles	1913	2013
Cherryholmes, J. Edward	1931	2013
Huffstutler, Edgar	1920	2013
Atkinson, Richard Dean	1929	2013
Ott, Jerry Paul	1938	2013
Gorham, Leta Belle	1935	2013
Grimmett, Philip E. Jr.	1930	2013
Allen, Charles	1932	2013
Johnson, William Troy	1926	2013
Zimmerman, Walter	1933	2013
Rives, Glyn	1925	2013
Vickers, Glynn J.	1930	2014
Fairchild, Millard	1934	2014
McElvaney, William K.	1928	2014
Hennigh, Ray Daniel	1939	2014
Hoke, Douglas Lee	1927	2014
Lawson, Henry	1923	2014
McIntosh, Kenneth	1927	2014
Cajiuat, Eduardo Castro	1928	2015
Besse, John Carlyle	1948	2015
Tatum, Sr., John Wesley	1941	2015
Lewis, Jr., George A.	1929	2015
Switzer, David K.	1925	2015
Davis, Jefferson E. Jr.	1925	2015
Gatlin, James Marion	1922	2016
Mobley, Jimmie H.	1931	2016