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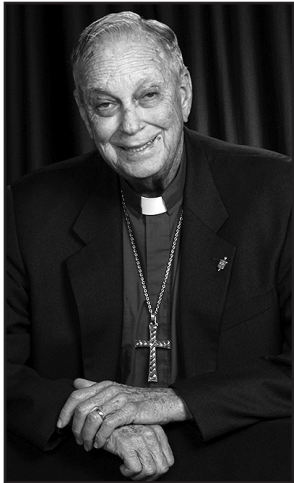
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## BISHOP WILLIAM B. ODEN



Bishop William B. Oden, 83, passed away Saturday, December 22, 2018, in Highlands Ranch, Colorado. Bishop Oden served as bishop of the Dallas Area from 1996 until his retirement in 2004.

He was born August 3, 1935, in McAllen, Texas, and earned degrees from Oklahoma State University (B.A.), Harvard University (M.Div.), and Boston University (Th. D.). He served as a United Methodist pastor in Oklahoma from 1963-88, and was a delegate to four General Conferences and six Jurisdictional Conferences. He was speaker for numerous conferences and lectureships, and served as trustee for Southern Methodist University, Southwestern University, Dillard University, Centenary College, and Africa University in Zimbabwe, as well as Methodist Hospital of Dallas and Pendleton Memorial Hospital of New Orleans.

Bishop Oden was elected to the episcopacy in 1988. He served the Louisiana Area from 1988-96 prior to being assigned to the Dallas area. He served as president of the Council of Bishops in 2000-01, Ecumenical Officer 2004-08, and Bishop-in-Residence at Perkins School of Theology, SMU from 2004-08. He held numerous leadership positions including president of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, and of the United Methodist Commission on Communication. He served on the Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council, co-chaired the International Methodist/Anglican Dialogue and chaired the Ecumenical Peace Delegation to Israel/Palestine.

Bishop Oden received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Oklahoma State University, the Outstanding Alumni Award from Harvard Divinity School and several honorary doctorates. He is the author of six books. Bishop Oden loved spending time in the summers with his family at a cabin in the San Juan Mountains in Colorado. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Brown Oden; four children (Danna Lee, Dirk, Valerie, and Bryant); and four grandchildren (Chelsea, Sarah, Nathan, and Graham).

## JOHN HANS BRAND



Dr. John H. Brand was born in Vienna, Austria, on May 1, 1923, the son of Leopold and Margarit Brand. He passed away on June 28, 2018, in Austin, Texas, at the age of 95.

Like all human beings, he knew successes and failures, joys and sorrows, laughter and tears. Dr. Brand loved his family. His devoted and faithful wife Martha Rutland Brand preceded him in death as did his wife Ruby Riewe Brand. He is survived by his children, born to Martha, James Rutland Brand, M.D., Deborah Brand Fainstein, R.N., M.S., David Blake Brand, B.B.A., B.S., and B.A.T., and his grandchildren Sarah, Lila, Christopher, and Isabella Brand as well as Ben and Karen Fainstein. He is also survived by his son-in-law Victor Fainstein, M.D., and daughter-in-law Irma Brand, N.P., R.N.

While all of his children and grandchildren have attained high achievements he is more proud of the fact that they all grew into caring and sensitive human beings.

Dr. Brand was responsible for three major accomplishments while serving as a minister of the North Texas Conference. He organized the CONTACT ministry which helped thousands of people throughout the years. He was responsible for the foundation of the Prothro Center at Lake Texoma by securing the 99 year lease for the property in the 1950's. He also organized the Social Service Center at Munger Place United Methodist Church. Each of these small beginnings grew into substantial organizations.

Dr. Brand's ashes were laid to rest next to Martha's in the Boggy Creek Masonic Cemetery in Austin, Texas.

Dr. Brand wrestled with the problem of human bestial behavior constantly resulting in wars, revolutions, murders, white-collar crimes, and the myriads of other misdeeds and offenses. He finally found the answers in the book *The Human Triune Brain in Evolution* by Paul MacLean, M.D. With Dr. MacLean's approval, Dr. Brand wrote the volume *Grand Design*. Interestingly enough, Mahlon Hoagland, M.D., Professor of Biochemistry at Harvard Medical School read John's book and made the following comments. "I have read your book at one sitting and agree with everything you said. I hope you will have a wide readership but you won't." A few months later Dr. Brand wrote him a letter, after previously thanking him for his comments, saying that Dr. Hoagland is not only an outstanding scientist but also a prophet.

Dr. Brand's mantra was *When we learn to laugh at our ignorance, then by chance, in that laughter we might learn to love and accept each other.*

## WILLIAM L. CHILDERS



William Leonard Childers was born February 23, 1931, in Anniston, Alabama, and passed away July 22, 2018, at the age of 87 in Dallas, Texas.

Rev. Childers served for twenty-one years as a Navy LCDR/Chaplain and three years as a Marine Staff Sergeant. He also served in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He was also the driving force behind the chapel that was erected on the Edson range, which was part of Camp Pendleton. Later the military brought Rev. Childers back for a celebration of his contribution and work to bring the construction of that chapel to fruition.

Following his military service, Rev. Childers was appointed to First UMC Dallas as an associate pastor. Among his many duties was assisting with the food pantry. Not only did he run the food pantry, he led Saturday worship with the homeless. He would carry a roll of silver or gold dollars and engage one of the men or women in conversation and then give them one or more of those coin dollars. The Saturday worship services with the homeless were full of music and conversation and very little preaching.

Being a Marine chaplain who was sent literally all over the world, Rev. Childers was gone for long periods of time. When he was home, he was emotionally present for his children. If one of the children showed an interest in art, sculpting or painting, Rev. Childers bought the supplies. All of his children remember when he was stationed at Camp Pendleton, and Camp Pendleton is huge. At the time, the kids liked to bowl. Even though, it was 26 miles one-way to the bowling lanes, their father would drive them there.

Rev. Childers was also a poet – a prolific poet. He loved to write poetry and he loved to put it to music. He was a thinker, philosopher, theologian, and even though rather stoic, and therefore may not have been readily apparent, he was a lover of people – all people.

Survivors include his four children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**JOHNNIE W. HANEY**

Johnnie W. Haney, 92, of Wichita Falls, Texas, passed away on Thursday, January 17, 2019, in Wichita Falls. He was born on October 12, 1926, in Clay County, Texas, to the late Owen Jefferson Haney and Jewel Beatrice Parker Haney. On September 27, 1947, he married Betty Ann Wright in Byers, Texas.

Rev. Haney was a retired salesman for Bethlehem Supply of North Texas and a retired minister with the North Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church. While an active minister, he served for 25 years throughout the conference, retiring from Electra. He was a member of the Wichita Falls Masonic Lodge #635 and was a Shriner at the Maskat Temple.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Haney of Wichita Falls; two children, three grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

**DAVID THOMAS HOWETH**

Rev. Dr. David Thomas Howeth died in his home in Wylie, Texas, on December 24, 2018, at the age of 68. David was born on November 12, 1950, in Gainesville, Texas, to Donald Marshall Howeth and Bennie Jo (Turner) Howeth. He was raised in Gainesville and Orange County, California, graduating from Gainesville High School in 1968. After high school, Dr. Howeth attended Baylor University in Waco, Texas, where he earned both a Bachelor of Science degree and Master of Arts degree in Biology. After graduation he worked for Upjohn Company as a pharmaceutical representative in Austin, Texas, before returning to Gainesville to join his father in the family business, Howeth Title and Abstract Company. During his time in Gainesville, Dr. Howeth was active in the Rotary Club, serving as President, served on the Cooke County College (now North Central Texas College) Board of Trustees and worked with the music and youth ministries at Whaley United Methodist Church.

After several years of working at Howeth Title and Abstract, Dr. Howeth received a call to the ministry. He was ordained by the United Methodist Church as a Deacon in 1989 and as an Elder in 1992. He dedicated the remainder of his life to serving several churches and communities in the North Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church. He first served as an associate pastor and youth minister at Spring Valley United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, and subsequently served as pastor of the following churches in north Texas: First United Methodist Church, Sachse; First United Methodist Church, The Colony; First United Methodist Church, Nocona; Greenland Hills United Methodist Church, Dallas; Buckingham United Methodist Church, Garland; Schreiber Memorial United Methodist Church, Dallas; and First United Methodist Church, Howe. Dr. Howeth retired in 2015. During his many years of service, he performed countless weddings, baptisms, and funerals for the families in his congregations, and felt honored to be included in these special moments. He also loved working with the North Texas Conference's youth camps at Bridgeport and served as a leader for numerous Walks to Emmaus and Chrysalis Flights.

Dr. Howeth was a talented musician and thespian, performing in productions at Gainesville High School, Cooke County College, and with the Butterfield Stage Players, where he was involved in the early development of Gainesville's community theater, as well as numerous productions at the churches he served. He was a popular performer at civic and church events as both a vocalist and instrumentalist. His tenor voice and talent for the drums were well known and appreciated throughout the North Texas area.

Dr. Howeth valued education and was proud of the degrees he had completed and the schools he attended. In addition to his degrees from Baylor University, he earned a Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological



Seminary, a Master of Divinity from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, and a Doctor of Ministry from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University.

Dr. Howeth is survived by his two children and four grandchildren

## VICTORIA DAVIDSON PAUL



Victoria Davidson Paul was born January 6, 1933, in Lufkin, Texas, to the late Mary (Robertson) and Charley Blackburn, and died Saturday, August 11, 2018, at her residence at the age of 85. She was the first baby born in Angelina County in 1933, and was visited by the county judge as a newborn in the old Angelina County Hospital.

Rev. Paul was an ordained elder in the North Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church. Her first appointment was to a five point charge: Roxton, Ben Franklin, Lakecreek, Enloe and Petty. The rest of her appointments were in the Dallas area. She was most recently affiliated with St. Paul's UMC, Lufkin First UMC of Lufkin, Texas, and First UMC, Garland, Texas.

Rev. Paul moved home to Lufkin where she resided for the last 11 years. She served faithfully as a pastor of over 40 years.

Survivors include her husband, Steve Paul of Lufkin; daughters, Rev. Valarie Davidson Englert and Yvonne Davison Boyack; and four grandchildren, including Rev. Eva Englert-Jessen who was commissioned in 2019 as a provisional deacon.

## ROBERT A. SIMPSON



Robert A. Simpson, 93, of Sheridan, Arkansas, departed this life on February 9, 2019. He was born June 8, 1925, in Blytheville, Arkansas, and graduated from Hot Springs High School. He entered the U. S. Army during World War II and was sent into combat in Europe at the height of the war to become one of the last surviving WWII combat veterans in Grant County.

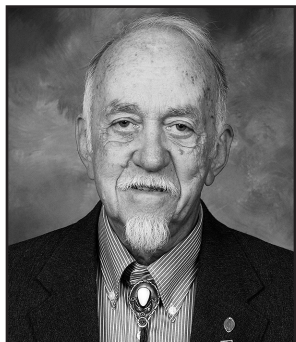
After the war, Rev. Simpson attended Hendrix College on the G. I. Bill where he began his preparation for ministry in The United Methodist Church. After graduating from Hendrix, he did his seminary training at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, and married Jane Rushing, from Sheridan, whom he had met while at Hendrix College. He was ordained into the ministry by the Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church and his first appointment was at Imboden, Arkansas, a small town near Walnut Ridge. He was then appointed to the UMC at Black Rock, before being appointed to a

Methodist Church in Rose City, near North Little Rock. While at the Rose City Church he became a part-time chaplain at the Fort Roots Veterans Hospital in North Little Rock and this service became his life's work thereafter. The Veterans Administration asked him to become a full-time VA Hospital Chaplain and move to Iowa where he served for five years. After he asked to move back to the south, he was sent to Dallas, Texas, to be the Chaplain at the Dallas VA Hospital, where he served the next 21 years. He was a United Methodist Minister for 34 years and a VA Chaplain for 27 years before retiring in Malakoff, Texas, where he enjoyed traveling in his motorhome.

Robert and Jane Simpson moved to Sheridan in 1987 to care for the late Sheridan Mayor Dalton Walker, who was an uncle to Jane Simpson. In Sheridan, he became a daily volunteer at the Grant County Museum, doing carpentry, concrete, and electrical work, as well as overseeing construction of the museum buildings. After Jane Simpson died

in 2004, he married Dixie L. Freeman, who was a hostess at the museum. He is survived by Dixie, his faithful wife and partner of fourteen years, and her children, eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

## PAGE ALLISON THOMAS



Page Thomas, 82, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 8, 2019, in McKinney, Texas. Page was born July 2, 1936, in Leslie, Arkansas, where he lived throughout his childhood. After high school graduation, he attended the University of Arkansas and Hendrix College. In 1961, he moved to Dallas to attend the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University where he received a Master of Divinity degree. In 1963, he was offered a job at SMU's Bridwell Library and was later named the Director of the Center for Methodist Studies at Bridwell. He worked for the Bridwell Library for 46 years until his retirement. Among many contributions, Rev. Thomas was involved in helping the library expand their rare book collection. His love of rare books led him on many adventures, including several trips to England. Extremely knowledgeable about John Wesley, he followed the path of John Wesley's ministry route during one of these trips.

Outside of work, Rev. Thomas had many interests. His love of blacksmithing started when he was a young boy and became an avid hobby in his adulthood. He enjoyed collecting blacksmith equipment and sharing his knowledge with others. He was a founding member of the North Texas Blacksmith Association and enjoyed serving as a board member for the Collin County Historical Society. A passion of his was the Heritage Farmstead Museum in Plano, Texas where he demonstrated blacksmithing to visitors and school children. He also donated equipment for a full blacksmith shop to be used for demonstrations and learning opportunities. He was also a Master Mason for the Wylie Chapter.

Rev. Thomas's love for fishing began in his youth on the banks of the Little Red River. Being outdoors and fishing with his son Benjamin was one of his favorite things. He reeled in his last fish the summer of 2018 on Shadow Lake in Arkansas.

Rev. Thomas is survived by his wife of forty years, Caryetta Thomas, his son and stepchildren, eighteen grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son.

Rev. Thomas was a generous and special man. He was always willing to help anyone who needed it. He never met a stranger and loved to share his many stories. He was loved by his family and friends and will be greatly missed.

## JOE LYNN VOWELL



Joe Lynn Vowell of Frisco, Texas, passed from this life on November 4, 2018, surrounded by his family. Born in Lafe, Arkansas on May 16, 1935, to Linley and Olga Vowell, Lynn grew up as a Methodist preacher's kid in northeastern Arkansas and northeast Texas. He loved riding horses and shooting baskets. He excelled in basketball, academics, and singing. Rev. Vowell graduated from Blytheville High School and attended the University of Oklahoma on a Navy ROTC scholarship where he graduated with a BBA in Finance and Business Law. He was commissioned as a naval officer in December of 1956.

Following graduation from OU, Rev. Vowell married Glenda Jo Dillahunt on December 22, 1956. They embarked together on an eleven-year adventure as an active duty Navy couple. Along the way, they welcomed three children.

After completing flight training in Pensacola, Florida, and Hutchinson, Kansas, Rev. Vowell received his “wings of gold” as a naval aviator. Beginning in March of 1958, he flew the C-121 Constellation out of Guam, providing radar coverage and early warning for the fleet. In 1960, he was transferred to Whidbey Island in Washington State, and flew the P-2V Neptune, tracking Soviet submarines, deploying to Adak, Alaska. He was stationed at Point Mugu in Oxnard, California, and served as Aviation Safety Officer to the Commander of the Pacific Missile Range. During that time, he flew downrange to communicate with Mercury missions returning from orbit. Rev. Vowell developed a desire to enter astronaut training, and in 1965, he shifted to tactical jet aircraft to accumulate the required jet hours. He instructed student pilots in F-9 Panthers and qualified to land on a carrier. In 1967, he realized that he was never going to be selected for the space program without an engineering degree. So, he decided to transition from active duty service to the naval reserves. He finished with eleven years of active and nine years of reserve duty retiring as a Captain (O6).

Rev. Vowell and Glenda moved the family to a home on 85 acres south of Valley View, Texas where he began a career flying for American Airlines. Over the years, he launched a real estate company, owned a steak house, ran for county and state offices, and earned an MBA in Finance/Economics.

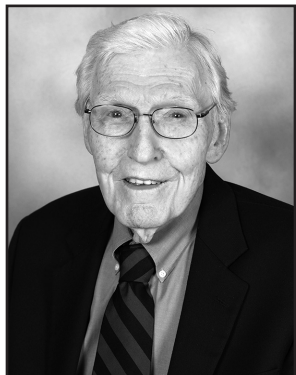
Rev. Vowell always made sure his family was in church. They attended First United Methodist in Gainesville, Texas. He served as chair of just about every committee in the church, became a certified Lay Speaker, helped the congregation acquire a van for the youth group as well as a bus to pick up children in the neighborhood on Sunday mornings, sang in the choir, became certified to be Lay Witness Missions Coordinator, and organized singing in the local nursing homes along with many other ministries.

Having grown up as a preacher’s kid, Rev. Vowell was happy to do everything in the church, except become a pastor. But that is what he finally decided God was calling him to do. In 1977, he surrendered to a call to ordained ministry, became an itinerant United Methodist preacher, and began seminary studies. This career move was unique – not about ambition, but rather about submitting to a call. He received his Masters of Divinity from Perkins School of Theology, SMU, and served local churches throughout North Texas for twenty years. Glenda dutifully served alongside as she did in every other phase of her life with Lynn.

Rev. Vowell’s signature phrase was, “Can’t never did anything.” He didn’t just say it, he lived it, often to the exasperation of those close to him. Glenda used to joke that she had been married to a Navy pilot, an airline pilot, a real estate broker, a restaurateur, and a Methodist preacher. She enjoyed watching the reaction on people’s faces before she gave the punchline: “They were all the same man.”

In retirement, Rev. Vowell decided to “slow down” by driving an 18-wheeler locally and cross-country. He joined American Legion Post 71 in Denton, where he served a term as President. With the Americanism Program he helped boys to attend Boys’ State. Most of his time was given to coordinating the Post’s Oratorical Team, which prepared high school students to give speeches related to citizen’s responsibilities to the U.S. Constitution. Rev. Vowell organized the recruitment of students, administered the Post’s competitions, shepherded students all the way to the national competition, and served as Texas Oratorical Chair. When he moved from Denton to Frisco in 2017, he served Post 178 in the same capacity.

Rev. Vowell loved and prioritized family at all times. His greatest joy was presiding at the extended-family dinner table, swapping stories and jokes with all. He took pride in his children, his children’s spouses, and his grandchildren. He celebrated their accomplishments with all the strength of his forceful personality.

**R. BRUCE WEAVER**

R. Bruce Weaver passed away on February 18, 2019, in Carrollton, Texas at the of age 97.

Dr. Weaver was born on a farm near Gatesville, Texas, in Coryell County on September 4, 1921. He married Doris Patterson and together they embarked on a magnificent journey that lasted 67 years.

He graduated from Gatesville High School, Baylor University, Perkins School of Theology at SMU, and received an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas. Dr. Weaver began his ministry in The United Methodist Church in the 1940's and served churches in the Central Texas Conference including Hillsboro, Graham, Meadowbrook in Fort Worth and as Superintendent of the Waxahachie District. In 1970, he and Doris were transferred to the North Texas Conference where he served as pastor of Kessler Park in Dallas, First United Methodist Wichita Falls, Spring Valley in Dallas and Superintendent of the Dallas-Denton District.

Dr. Weaver served as a volunteer for the United Methodist Committee on Relief from 1979 until 1991. He became the Interim Director of UMCOR in 1991 upon his retirement from the North Texas Conference. In 1992, he became the Director of the Russia Initiative of the Methodist church. This program assisted in re-establishing Methodism in the former Soviet Union. He worked in this position until he retired a second time in 2003 at age 82.

Bruce is survived by his two sons, three grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren.

**JAMES RICHARD “DICK” WILSON**

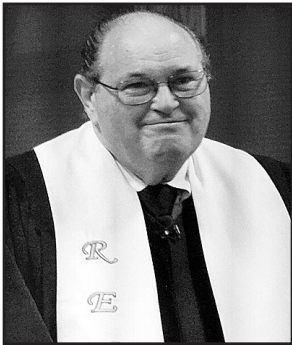
James Richard “Dick” Wilson was born December 27, 1946, in Cleburne, Texas, to Marvin and Lola Mae Wilson. He passed to eternal life on July 13, 2018, at the age of 71. Rev. Wilson lived in Cleburne through his childhood and graduated from Cleburne High School. He then attended Texas Wesleyan College where he met his wife, Marcia, in a ballroom dancing class. While he was in seminary at St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City and Marcia taught at Boude Story Junior High School in Dallas, they had three dates before Dick proposed.

Once married, Rev. Wilson and Marcia started their life together in 1971 as US-2 missionaries on St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. They began their ministry in the North Texas Conference when they moved to First UMC Sulphur Springs. In 1976, they moved to First UMC Plano where Rev. Wilson became the Minister of Christian Education for 18 years. He was recognized as a model for leading children and family ministries, and many around the conference came to see and learn from his program. He was known for his organization, creativity, and welcoming spirit.

Rev. Wilson and his family moved to Austin in 1994 where he continued in Children and Family Ministries at University UMC. They then returned to the Dallas area in 2004, where Rev. Wilson was the Children's Minister at University Park UMC. After retirement, he continued to enjoy teaching Sunday School at Custer Road UMC, University UMC, and most recently at St. Andrew UMC as a member of the Joy Class.

Dick is survived by their three children and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 44 years Marcia Carol Wiles Wilson.



**CHARLES “CHARLIE” HAHN**

Charles “Charlie” Hahn passed away on January 30, 2019, of kidney failure surrounded by loved ones. In addition, since 2009, he had battled with multiple myeloma, cancer of the bone marrow.

Pastor Hahn was born on May 25, 1943, in Detroit, Michigan. In May of 1961, he graduated from Roseville High School where he enjoyed many friends and being in the marching band. One month after graduation, he enlisted in the Air Force. By the time he retired after 28 years, he had reached the rank of Senior Master Sergeant. After his retirement, he moved to Princeton, Texas, where he started attending First United Methodist Church.

After getting to know Pastor Hahn, one of the ministers, Dan Gurley, encouraged him to become a minister. In 1999, Pastor Hahn received his local pastor certificate. He served as part time pastor at Blue Ridge and Van Alstyne as well as full time pastor at Friendship UMC in Sherman, Texas, and at First UMC in Seagoville, Texas. He retired from the ministry in 2009. Until health issues made it impossible, he was very active in the Texoma and Dallas Emmaus communities and the Boy Scouts of America.

Pastor Hahn is survived by his wife, Joyce, of Dallas, Texas. He is also survived by three children and five step-children. He will be dearly missed; he was an altogether lovely person.

**JOYCE POLK LLOYD**

Joyce LeEthel Polk Lloyd, retired local pastor, passed away September 3, 2018, at the age of 85.

Pastor Lloyd was born on September 20, 1932, in Garwood, Texas, to Willie and Ethel Polk, one of seven children. She graduated from Columbus High School in 1948 at the age of 16. She went on to graduate from Samuel Huston College in Austin, Texas, which later became Huston–Tillotson University, in 1952 at 20 years of age. During her tenure at Samuel Huston College she pledged Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, incorporated in 1951.

Pastor Lloyd began her professional life as a teacher in her hometown of Garwood, Texas, at Columbus High School in 1954. She later moved to Dallas, Texas, where she taught for the Dallas Independent School District starting in 1956. She went on to earn her Masters degree in Education from Prairie View A & M University in 1962.

Pastor Lloyd met and married Mr. Maurice Earnest Lloyd on July 17, 1959, who has preceded her in death. They had one child together, Earnest R. Lloyd.

She began her ministerial calling at New Unity Baptist Church in 1982 under the leadership of Reverend Shank Robinson. She then entered her ministry in The United Methodist Church under Reverend Dr. Henry Masters at Jubilee UMC in 1994. While graduating from the Perkins School of Theology Graduate Advance Course of Study at Southern Methodist University, she went on to pastor Warren Chapel UMC in Terrell, Texas in 1995. She served as the appointed local pastor until 2003 and remained as a retired pastor until 2013.

Pastor Lloyd is survived by her son and his wife, two grand children, one great grandchild, and three step daughters.

## JIMMY LEE “JIM” MCINTIRE



Jimmy Lee “Jim” McIntire was born August 18, 1940, in Dallas, Texas. His parents were Lonnie and Dorothy. He graduated from W.H. Adamson High School in 1958. He married Peggy Ann Brewer April 22, 2001, at Grove Hill United Methodist Church. Jim passed away Saturday January 19, 2019, in Greenville Texas at the age of 78.

Pastor McIntire had been active in ministry in The United Methodist Church since 1983 for a total of 35 years. He was pastor at Verona UMC from 1983-1991 and the Grove Hill United Methodist Church from 1991 until his passing. He was active in Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) from 1975 until the present, having sponsored too many individuals to count. He was involved in law enforcement in Dallas and Leonard in the 1970s and 1980s. He served as city judge over multiple cities for 28 plus years. His favorite Bible verse was John 3:16, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Jim is survived by his three children, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

## IMOGENE ARNOLD



Imogene Arnold, surviving spouse of Pastor Joel Nathaniel Arnold, of Greenville died Monday, November 12, 2018, at her home at the age of 95.

Mrs. Arnold was born in Cushing, Texas, on March 27, 1923. She was the daughter of George W. Blessing and Bertha L. Davis Blessing. She married Joel Arnold on April 15, 1954, in Carlisle, Texas. She was a registered nurse and a long-time member of Salem-Kinser United Methodist Church.

Survivors include four children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

## ROSE “ROSIE” MARIE BENTON



Rose “Rosie” Marie Benton, spouse of retired clergy Rev. Donald R. Benton, passed into life eternal January 2, 2019, at her residence in Dallas, Texas at the age of 89.

She was born in McAllen, in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, on November 9, 1929, to Elmer C. Bentsen and Marie J. Nessen Bentsen. After graduating from McAllen High School, Mrs. Benton attended Hockaday Jr. College and Southern Methodist University, Dallas, where she studied classical music and was a concert pianist before moving to New York where she was a model.

On May 16, 1953, she married the love of her life, Reverend Donald R. Benton, and they enjoyed the next 65 years together. She enjoyed life to the fullest with her family, all the while being a loving support to her husband’s ministry in Dallas. She loved to visit the “Arrowhead Ranch” in Clarksville which her father began in 1948 and her family continues to run today.

She is survived by her husband, four children, seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son.

**MAMIE L. “TOMMIE” CHILDERS**

Mamie L. “Tommie” Childers, spouse of retired clergy Rev. William L. Childers, passed away December 26, 2014, at the age of 79. She was born July 13, 1935.

She and Rev. Childers were married November 1, 1957, and were married for 57 years. While Rev. Childers served as a chaplain in the military spending much time serving around the world, Mrs. Childers raised their four children. When Rev. Childers retired from the military and began serving churches in the North Texas Conference, she also served along with him.

At the time of her death, Mrs. Childers was survived by her husband, four children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**DEBORAH ANN “DEBBY” CROUCH**

Deborah Ann “Debby” Crouch, surviving spouse of Rev. William C. Crouch, passed away on June 19, 2018, at Good Samaritan Denton Village at the age of 83.

Mrs. Crouch was born on January 14, 1935, in Montclair, New Jersey. She was the daughter of Thomas and Betsy Norris. In 1955, she met the love of her life, Bill Crouch, at Drew University. They married one year later, and she began a new life as the wife of a Methodist preacher. Together they served churches in Missoula, Montana, Stony Point, New York, and the North Texas Conference including University Park, Garland, and Denton.

In 1977, Bill Crouch was appointed to serve as the pastor of First United Methodist Church in Denton. They loved Denton and made the decision to return there after Bill’s retirement in 1999. Mrs. Crouch was a pre-school teacher, Sunday school teacher, and member of the church choir. She loved coffee and chocolate, good books and classical music, cooking for others and all of her dogs through the years.

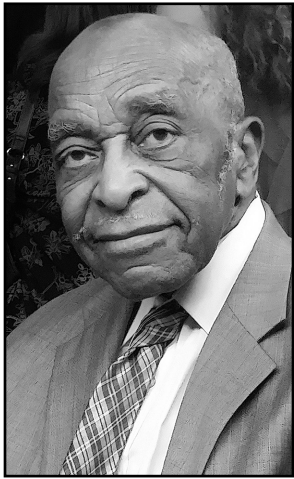
She is survived by four children including General and Jurisdictional Conference delegate for the North Texas Conference, Tim Crouch, and clergy, Rev. Mary Beth Hardesty-Crouch. Mrs. Crouch also has ten grandchildren.

**MILDRED ELAINE GRAHAM**

Mildred Elaine Graham, spouse of retired clergy Rev. F. Duncan Graham, passed away November 13, 2018, in Winnsboro, Texas at the age of 77.

She was born August 26, 1941, in Beaumont, Texas, to the late Baker Singleton and Stella Halbert Singleton. She was a caregiver, homemaker, and member of Cumby United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband of fifty-six years, Rev. Duncan Graham, three children, and six grandchildren.

**JOHN C. LEE**

John C. Lee, spouse of Rev. Dr. Ouida Lee, passed away November 14, 2018, in Dallas, Texas at the age of 88.

Mr. Lee was born July 4, 1930, and grew up in Dallas. He united with the Salem Institutional Baptist Church at a very early age along with his loving mother, Mrs. Libbie Peace. He attended Dallas public schools and graduated from his beloved Booker T. Washington High School at the age of sixteen. He was a member of the Washington and Lincoln Alumni Association.

Mr. Lee was very studious and attended and graduated from Bishop College where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology. After graduation, he joined the Air Force where he served as a dental assistant. During his four years in service, he earned the Korean Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. At the completion of his service with the Armed Services, Mr. Lee did post graduate work at the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Lee was a very humble man with deep thoughts. He was a real word enthusiast who loved challenging those he met with his intelligence. He was a Sunday School teacher, Baptist Training Union Director, member of the Sanctuary Choir, the Male Chorus, and Brotherhood. Rev. L. Butler Nelson noticed his humility and ordained him as a Deacon.

Mr. Lee and his wife Ouida met working in ministry together and were married in November of 1972. Their three children were thoroughly involved in the children and youth ministries and sang in the children's choir.

Mr. Lee served as a Sunday School teacher to several youth who later became pastors. He later spent time as a teacher to the adult classes. The family has many precious memories of their husband and father preparing the lessons that he would teach to his Sunday School classes and lead in the Baptist Training Union.

Mr. Lee had an excellent baritone voice and he would enjoy singing the cantatas with the City Temple Church for their Christmas celebrations and truly loved performing in the Messiah. He had the opportunity of singing in several national Baptist conventions when Dallas was the host city. He loved opera and was one of the first blacks to attend the opera in Dallas.

Survivors include his wife, Rev. Dr. Ouida Lee, two daughters, six grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. Preceding him in death was his son.

**JOYCE ELAINE GRAY PRICE**

Joyce Elaine Gray Price, spouse of retired clergy Rev. Thomas H. Price, passed peacefully from this world to glory in heaven on August 27, 2018, in McKinney, Texas.

She was born April 19, 1933, in Meridian Township, Michigan, to George Franklin and Mabelle Claire Zimmerman Gray, the fourth of five children, and grew up in the towns of Stillwater, Oklahoma, and Nacogdoches, Texas. She graduated from Stephen F. Austin State College with a degree in business education. Her teaching career spanned many communities and almost every grade level, from second grade to high school.



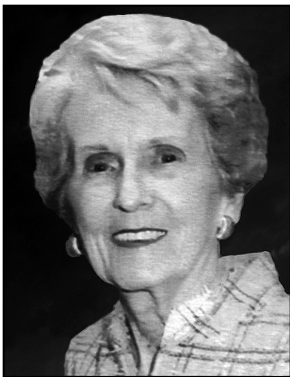
She met Thomas H. Price in Nacogdoches and they were married on June 24, 1958, in a double wedding ceremony shared with her sister, Marjorie. Both brides married ministers in the Methodist faith, beginning a life of service to God. Rev. and Mrs. Price welcomed three children. They were blessed with ten grandchildren as well as seven great-grandchildren and two expected great-granddaughters.

Mrs. Price served alongside her husband at United Methodist Churches in Nacogdoches, Bay City, Roxton, Talco, Jacksboro, Dallas (Wheatland), Wichita Falls (Floral Heights), Sherman, and Bonham. She could often be found sharing her talent in the choir or at the piano, presenting programs to the United Methodist Women, as well as its predecessors: the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Ladies Guild. In addition to her long career as a teacher, Mrs. Price worked in the mission office at Tyler Street UMC, and at Floral Heights UMC.

She had a passion for mission outreach to women, for things in the natural world, especially the Nature Conservancy, World Wildlife Fund, and National Forests and Parks across the United States. As her children were growing up, she served as a den mother and Girl Scout leader for many years. She gifted her family with opportunities to see the U.S.A. in the Chevrolet (AND the Ford), with a love for reading (was she ever without a book?), and with many gifts around the home through talents at music, sewing, cooking, canning, and making the best cactus jelly ever. Her children, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren developed a love for games and puzzles as she always had time to play. In retirement, the Prices continued in ministry by serving as Meals on Wheels volunteers in their adopted hometown of Leonard, Texas, where they found great joy in bringing meals and a friendly greeting to the people on their "route." More than anything else, she taught us the love of God and serving others.

Mrs. Price is survived by her husband, Rev. Price, her children, grandchildren, and their families.

## ALYCE BLAIR STEPHENSON



Alyce Blair Stephenson, surviving spouse of Dr. William T. Stephenson, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend passed away peacefully on July 17, 2018.

Mrs. Stephenson was vibrant, strong, funny and loving. She fought every obstacle with bravery and strength, especially in her last years and months. Affectionately known as Momma and Abby, her wit and wisdom, joyful smile, spunky energy and sparkling blue eyes will always be remembered by those who knew her.

Born August 25, 1929, in Du Quoin, Illinois; raised in Carrollton, Missouri, she remained connected to a close-knit group of friends from Carrollton often visiting one another in locations across the U.S. or returning to Missouri for special reunions. Initially working for the old Denver General Hospital in the administrative offices, she soon followed one of her brothers to Texas and worked as a statistician for Baylor Hospital. Introduced to Dr. Stephenson at a wedding, they went out on a first date the following week and never looked back. They were married in 1954 and loved to travel together. While they had the opportunity to explore many extraordinary sites around the world, they had a special fondness for the Rocky Mountains, specifically, the YMCA Camp of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado, where the family spent a great deal of time together. She loved organizing family vacations, planning everything to the last detail, always making sure both the trip and final destination were full of fun and memorable activities. An avid reader, she delighted in gifting books to others. She could browse in a bookstore for hours. She enjoyed golf, something she and her husband shared at home and on courses in the US and abroad. It was never about how well they played but it was the adventure of playing a new course, meeting new people, and having fun. She was a devoted fan of SMU Mustang football and basketball.

As a minister's wife, Mrs. Stephenson became familiar with moving the family to a new home. She always immersed herself in their new church, becoming involved with the UMW and other committees, building lifetime friendships

along the way. She especially made sure her daughters found their own place in the new community and faithfully supported their endeavors-school activities, lessons, rehearsals, performances, special events, and eventual careers. Professionally, she served in various roles for over 20 years with both Dallas and Plano School Districts, gaining special friendships that lasted through the years. She had a keen interest in the students, encouraging them to think and dream beyond the obvious when it came to college or vocational choices, regardless of their circumstances. A devoted grandmother, trips to visit or babysit brought her tremendous joy and she relished in sending “prizes,” even if just a little something to make them feel special or put a bit of sunshine in their day.

Preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Dr. William T. Stephenson, and infant daughter Dana Lynn Stephenson, she is survived by three daughters and four grandchildren.

### JUDITH “JUDY” EILEEN TYSON



Judith “Judy” Eileen Tyson, surviving spouse of Rev. Gene Tyson, passed away peacefully at her home on Wednesday, June 13, 2018, in Lampasas, Texas, at the age of 72. She courageously battled lung disease for the last two years and mercifully is now at rest with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She is reunited in heaven with her husband, LTC (Ret) Gene Tyson, who preceded her in death five years ago. They shared 41 years of marriage together.

Mrs. Tyson was born in Dallas, Texas, on September 11, 1946. She was the eldest daughter of Charles and Gladys Phillips of Dallas, Texas. She graduated from the University of North Texas with a Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education. She also held a Master’s degree in Educational Leadership from Tarleton State University. She retired from the Killeen Independent School District in 2016 after eighteen years serving as a principal at both Peebles and Iduma Elementary Schools. Prior to that, she served as a principal for several years in Lampasas at both Kline Whitis and Hannah Springs Elementary Schools.

Mrs. Tyson was an educator at heart and always saw her profession as teacher and principal as a ministry, and she served it with the utmost integrity and passion. As the wife of a US Army Chaplain, she was no stranger to service as she proudly served that role for twenty years beside her beloved husband. However, it was her devoted role as mother and grandmother that she cherished most. She is loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

Judy is survived by her two daughters and eight grandchildren.

### GLENDA JO VOWELL



Glenda Jo (Dillahunt) Vowell, spouse of Rev. J. Lynn Vowell, of Frisco, Texas, passed from this life on September 5, 2018, surrounded by her children at the age of 82.

Born in Canute, Oklahoma, on October 26, 1935, to Conrad and Pauline Dillahunt, Mrs. Vowell graduated from Granite High School and was the first in her family to go to college, receiving her degree from the University of Oklahoma in May 1957. She married J. Lynn Vowell on December 22, 1956. They embarked together on an eleven-year adventure as an active duty Navy couple. Along the way, they welcomed three children.

When Rev. Vowell retired, the family settled in Valley View, Texas. Mrs. Vowell managed kids’ activities. She served faithfully at church. She kept the kids, horses, cows, dogs and cats fed, all while teaching full-time. She taught remedial reading, third grade and middle

school before becoming a pioneer in teaching computers. She was a licensed real estate broker, ran a Christian coffee house, and a steak house.

When Rev. Vowell followed a call into ministry in the United Methodist Church, she listened to every sermon, taught Sunday School, contributed to potlucks, and moved to a new church and parsonage whenever the appointment changed. Mrs. Vowell had a deep, quiet, and relentless Christian faith. Her powerful testimony came more in the form of living than preaching. No one who entered her home went away hungry, and everyone was treated like family.

At the time of her death, Mrs. Vowell was survived by her husband, three children, and fifteen grandchildren.

## VIOLET JUANITA WILSON



Violet Juanita Settle Wilson, spouse of retired clergy Rev. Buist Wilson, with amazing grace, entered eternal life on November 10, 2018.

Born June 12th, 1929, in Akron, Ohio, to Macy Biggs and Curtis Settle, she was the oldest of five children. Graduating valedictorian of Dover High School in 1947, Mrs. Wilson attended Martin College in Pulaski, Tennessee, where she met her husband, Buist Binkley Wilson. Together, they attended Scarritt College for Christian Workers.

The Wilsons were married in Wightman Chapel on September 21, 1950. To this union, five sons were born. The Wilson family moved to Dallas, Texas, in 1951 where Rev. Wilson attended SMU Perkins School of Theology. For the next two decades, Mrs. Wilson focused her determination and kindness supporting her husband, living her faith, and raising her spirited boys. When the boys were older, she worked outside the home until she retired at the age of 80.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Wilson was an active leader with the United Methodist Women. She was instrumental in starting the Wesleyan Christian Academy at First Rowlett United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School to children, youth, and adults for many years.

The Wilsons organized a senior citizen group called the Golden Classics which met monthly for friendship, prayer, and travel. Over the years, she faithfully served the churches that her husband pastored in the North Texas Annual Conference. She was a true blessing to all that knew her. She was a fierce and loyal mother, devout wife, constant role model, a kind ear, warm hand, and most of all an unforgettable loving spirit.

At the time of her passing, Mrs. Wilson was survived by her husband, five sons, seven grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.