

XIV. MEMORIALS

IN MEMORIAM

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John Carlyle Besse

Rev. John Carlyle Besse, died February 16, 2015 at the Sauk Centre Hospital in Sauk Centre Minnesota. John was born September 8, 1948 in Texarkana, Texas, to C.L. and Fannie (Cochran) Besse. He married Catherine Stone. They later divorced. On December 31, 2007, Rev. Besse married Linda Ceynar at First Lutheran Church in Sauk Centre.



Rev. Besse received a Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology from the University of Arkansas and a Masters of Divinity from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City. He was a United Methodist minister serving parishes in California, Michigan and Texas. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and Shriner's Club, serving as Grand Master of Blue Lodge. Rev. Besse was a rabble rouser who wanted to spark change and make the world a better place. He loved theology and enjoyed a good religious debate. Rev. Besse enjoyed all sports, especially football and hockey and was a fan of the Arkansas Razorbacks. He also liked to think he had strong technology skills.

Eduardo Castro Cajuat

Rev. Eduardo Cajuat passed away February 13, 2015. He was a native of the Philippines, born on August 2, 1928, where he served both as a pastor and as a district superintendent. Rev. Cajuat attended seminary after high school and graduated from Union Theological Seminary in 1959 with a Bachelor degree in Theology and received his Master of Sacred Theology from Drew University School of Theology in 1966. A gifted linguist, Rev. Cajuat spoke four languages, translating and interpreting for the Japanese and American soldiers during World War II. In 1985, he came to the United States to be a church planter along with his wife Amy, whom he married in 1954, where they planted two churches in the North Texas Conference.



In 1985, Rev. Cajuat became senior pastor of The First Filipino-American UMC. The church moved to Plano when Briarwood UMC closed and its facility became available. In 1989, Rev. Cajuat was appointed to the Plano location with the original church now called Umphress Road UMC. While Rev. Cajuat was serving at the Plano church, they became a chartered church of the North Texas Conference. In June 1990, the church voted to name the church Faith UMC. In 1998, Rev. Cajuat retired.

In addition, Rev. Cajuat wrote for *The Filipino Methodist*, the official newsletter of the Philippines Central Conference. He and his wife Amy translated *The Upper Room* to Tagalog in the 1960's. He also wrote and designed curriculum for the youth and adult Sunday School and Bible study materials for the UMC in the Philippines and the National Council of Churches in the Philippines. In addition to his writing, he taught preaching and homiletics at Harris Memorial College for eighteen years.

Millard E. Fairchild

Rev. Millard E. Fairchild died June 27, 2014 at Sterling House of Longmont. He was 79 years old. He was born December 26, 1934 in Highland Park, Michigan to George Henry and Vera Fairchild. He moved with his family as a young child to Texas. Millard grew up and graduated high school in

Dallas. He graduated from Southern Methodist University, and while at SMU he felt the call to the ministry. He earned a Masters of Divinity from Perkins School of Theology in Dallas and was ordained a Methodist minister. Millard married Francine A Daniels on June 19, 1953. They moved to Longmont in 1999. He served several Methodist churches in Texas and Colorado with his last parish at Mead United Methodist Church. Rev. Fairchild was currently a member of Longs Peak United Methodist Church and was a former member of the Board of Directors for Emmaus in Colorado. He is remembered as a man who dedicated himself to a “life of service and living the Christian faith.” In addition to his ministry Rev. Fairchild served the communities where he lived.



In Mabank, Texas, he was a volunteer fireman, involved with the Lions Club, Masonic Lodge, Boy Scouts of America, having earned the rank of Eagle Scout himself, and as ham radio operator assisted with disaster preparedness. He was preceded in death by his wife Francine on January 15, 2013.

Raymond Daniel Hennigh

Rev. Raymond Daniel Hennigh was born on May 12, 1939 in Rutheron, New Mexico to Roy D. and Gracie Hennigh. The eleventh of twelve children, Rev. Hennigh grew up in Darrouzett, Texas where he graduated from high school, as well as met his life-long love, Edna Johnson. He and Edna were married on August 3, 1958. The Hennighs had several children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.



Earning his undergraduate degree from West Texas State University, Rev. Hennigh began his professional career as a speech therapist. In 1967 he was called to the ministry, beginning his career of faithful service at Southern Methodist University’s Perkins School of Theology. Rev. Hennigh had a rich pastoral career, serving the congregations of Boyd UMC, Boyd; Trinity UMC, Denison; Westshore UMC, Richardson; Wesley UMC, Greenville; University UMC, Wichita Falls; and Spring Valley UMC, Dallas. Rev. Hennigh humbly served each church home, spreading God’s love and Word through a devoted pastoral presence. In 1999, he furthered his career and dedication as the Director of Camp and Retreat Centers for the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Rev. Hennigh passed away October 7, 2014, in Dallas, Texas, at the age of 75.

Douglas Lee Hoke

Rev. Douglas Lee Hoke passed away on November 27, 2014, in Tyler after extended ill health. He was born Dec. 20, 1927 in Houston to the late Walter W. Hoke, Sr. and Laura E. Watson Hoke of Palestine and Jacksonville. He spent most of his life in the Dallas area, retiring to Mineola in the 1990s. He spent the past six years in Tyler and was a member of Marvin UMC.



In his youth he studied at Southwestern Bible College, Nacogdoches State University and received a Master’s degree in theology and education from Southern Methodist University in Dallas. He served for 25 years of ministry as a member of the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Rev. Hoke was an adventurer of high energy with a wide range of interests and activities, including buying and selling real estate. He was very active in historical preservation, restoring and acquiring Texas State Historical designation for the O.P. Pyle home in Mineola. He purchased the adjoining birth site of Miss Ima Hogg for the purpose of developing a garden and acquiring Texas Historical designation as well. He served on the Wood County Historical Commission. He was a certified real estate appraiser, serving on state boards, private clients as well as many banking and lending institutions.

Rev. Hoke served many years on the board of North Texas Conference Credit Union and hosted that group at his home in Mineola. He was an extraordinary theologian, spending much of his early life in private research and study developing systems for teaching and understanding for others.

He had hobbies, but his greatest interest was people, and he generously gave of himself to others. Rev. Hoke was a loving father and loved all his family dearly, showing concern for each members' well-being.

Henry Harold Lawson

Rev. Henry Harold Lawson was born near McKinney in Whites Grove, Texas on October 16, 1923 and died peacefully on December 8, 2014 in Waco, Texas at the age of 91. Rev. Lawson grew up in the Collin County area and graduated from Blue Ridge High School. He received a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Divinity (1955) degrees from Southern Methodist University. In 1924 he married Dorothy Jane Broyles and had three sons.



A WWII veteran, Rev. Lawson was drafted into the Army in 1943. Assigned to the 746th Tan Battalion, he would serve in France, Belgium, and Germany until December 1945.

Rev. Lawson served as pastor to ten North Texas United Methodist churches from 1948-1978 and continued to serve the church as Chaplain for the Dallas Veterans Administration Hospital from 1978-1988.

George Anfosso “Jimmy” Lewis, Jr.

Dr. George Anfosso “Jimmy” Lewis, Jr. passed away on April 2, 2015 in Luling, TX at the age of 85. Born in Abilene, Texas on August 11, 1929, he was the adopted son of George Sr. and Della Katenkamp Lewis. As an only child, “Jimmy George” was a “forever bachelor”.



Early in 1932 the family moved to Luling where his father found work. The Lewis' were active members of the First Methodist Church and in 1945 God called Jimmy George to ministry as a pastor. Following his 1946 graduation from high school, Dr. Lewis enrolled in Southwestern University, graduating in 1949. During those years he served as a student pastor of the Soda Springs and Harwood churches. He then attended seminary at Duke Divinity School in North Carolina, serving as an assistant to rural pastors in North Carolina.

As a member of the Southwest Texas Conference, Dr. Lewis served the Flatonia circuit, Sequin, Corpus Christi, Buda and Lytton Springs. Transferring to the North Texas Conference in 1968, he served University UMC, Wichita Falls, Commerce; Argyle, and Highland Park UMC. During

these years, sabbaticals were granted for study in Illinois and France. Further studies were done at Garrett Theological Seminar and Northwestern University.

Dr. Lewis's special interests in the church included youth and older adult ministries. Hobbies and extra-curricular activities were in music, travel, gardening, letter-writing, Spanish study, politics, cats and Duke basketball.

Following his 1995 retirement, he moved to Magnolia, then to Luling in 2006. Volunteer works were done for the LHS class of 1946, various churches, Caldwell County Genealogical and Historical Society and the Republican Party.

William King McElvaney

Dr. William King McElvaney was born to Eugene and Sue King McElvaney on June 3, 1928, and died on August 24, 2014 at the age of 86. He grew up in Dallas, graduated from Highland Park High School (1946) and Southern Methodist University (BBA 1950, MBA 1951). Following graduation from Perkins School of Theology, SMU, in 1957, he did postgraduate work at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.



Dr. McElvaney was pastor of First United Methodist Church, Justin, prior to serving as founding pastor of St. Stephen UMC in Mesquite. He served as pastor of Northaven UMC in Dallas and was president of St. Paul School of Theology, Kansas City. He served as LeVan Professor of Preaching and Worship at Perkins School of Theology, SMU. He was married to Frances Owens McElvaney for 54 years and they had two children, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his family and many treasured friends, Dr. McElvaney's passions were doing pastoral work and working for peace and justice, as evidenced by the many times he was honored for his contributions. He was especially proud of receiving the Perkins School of Theology Distinguished Alumnus Award as well as the SMU Distinguished Alumnus Award. He received the Fitzpatrick Award for Ecumenical Leadership from the Texas Conferences of Churches; the Peacemaker of the Year Award, along with his wife Fran, from the Dallas Peace Center for lifelong dedication to peace, civil rights and social justice; and the Heroes of Hope Award from the Cathedral of Hope in recognition for his courage in provide hope for all people.

The McElvaney Fund for Advancement of Peace and Justice was established by friends and colleagues to recognize and support SMU students in their work on peace and justice projects, and St. Paul School of Theology established the McElvaney Chair in preaching in his honor.

Dr. McElvaney preached and lectured widely throughout the United States, usually on worship and liturgy, spiritual formation, and peace and justice issues, with attention to how these areas are connected. He was the author of nine books, the latest of which was, *Becoming A Justice Seeking Congregation*, as well as articles and essays.

Kenneth McIntosh

Rev. Kenneth McIntosh passed away on December 13, 2014 at the age of 87. Rev. McIntosh was born on November 17, 1927 in Dallas, Texas. He met his wife, Iweeta, during youth fellowship at church and they married on August 27, 1947. Early in his ministry, Rev. McIntosh served as a circuit preacher, and eventually was appointed to Lake Highlands UMC where he served as

the founding pastor. In 1962, the McIntoshes became missionaries in Hong Kong and also served in China as missionaries. In 1973, Rev. McIntosh was appointed to the General Board of Global Ministries, serving part of that time as Field Representative for the South Central Jurisdiction in the Mission Education and Cultivation Program Department. Rev. McIntosh was the founding director of Project Pentecost, a North Texas Conference Vision 2020 ministry dedicated to establishing Asian churches in the conference. He spent his life in service to the Lord as a United Methodist minister, missionary and servant.



A WWII veteran he served his country in Vietnam as a Protestant Chaplain, touching the lives of many.

David K. Switzer

Dr. David K. Switzer, Distinguished Pastoral Counseling Professor Emeritus passed away on May 11, 2015 at the age of 89. He was born August 28, 1925 in Beaumont, TX to Horace Swindon and Helen Kone Switzer. Reared by loving parents who were examples of Christian lives committed to love of God and neighbor, he felt called to pastoral ministry at 17 years of age. He served the local church, the academy and as Chaplain.



Enrolled in Southwestern University in Georgetown, TX he enlisted in the US Marine Corp when WWII began and served with distinction. He earned the ThD degree at Claremont School of Theology and was recruited to Perkins School of Theology, SMU where he served 29 years.

Dr. Switzer's scholarship and expertise led to national and international speaking engagements, consultations, and visiting professorships focused on increasing understanding and effective response to issues of bereavement, loss and crisis. His influence extended beyond the academy to the mental health and faith communities. Dr. Switzer was instrumental in establishing the Suicide and Crisis Center of Dallas, TX, serving on its board for many years. His service was honored by a Lifetime Achievement Award. He also served as part-time weekend Chaplain at Timberlawn Psychiatric Hospital.

Dr. Switzer authored seven books, numerous professional publications, and served on several professional journal editorial boards. In 1996 he retired and in 1999 Dr. Switzer moved to Shreveport to support his spouse's ministry. He participated as fully as able following the onset of Alzheimer's disease in 2000.

John Wesley Tatum, Sr

Rev. John Wesley Tatum, Sr. was born January 11, 1941 in Mexia, TX to the late Israelite and Josephine McGee Tatum. Rev. Tatum graduated from Mexia High School in Central Texas. He later attended Paul Quinn College which was located in Waco but subsequently relocated to Dallas. Rev. Tatum was a member of the Student Council, Ministerial Club and voted "Most Likely to Succeed." He graduated Summa Cum Laude. He stated during his college years, "I acknowledged my call to ministry."



On January 31, 1961 he married Marian Washington and this union included one daughter, Renee and two sons, John Jr. and Ivan.

Rev. Tatum completed the requirements for becoming an ordained Deacon in 1964. Since the AME church didn't have a seminary, he enrolled at Perkins School of Theology at SMU. While there, he served as a student pastor for the Bethlehem Center in Dallas, a church in Denison and as Student Director of the Inner-City Parish Cooperative Ministry which was composed of Bethlehem Center, El Buen UMC and St. Luke "Community" UMC.

Rev. Tatum graduated from Perkins School of Theology in 1970 with a degree in Masters of Theology. He was ordained Elder in Full Connection and his first student charge was to serve at Moody UMC in Gatesville, TX and then went on to serve as a minister at Bowman Chapel UMC, Long Branch UMC in Kossee, TX; St. Paul UMC in Calvert, TX and Haven Chapel UMC in Denison, TX. He became the pastor of two churches, Crest-Moore UMC and King UMC. He later merged these two churches to form Crest-Moore King UMC now known as Community UMC. He also served as Pastor of St. Paul UMC and Warren UMC.

In 1993, Rev. Tatum came to St. Luke "Community" UMC as the Senior Associate Pastor and served there until his retirement in 2003. He served as Parish Director of the Inner-City Parish and by December that year, he began to expand the Inner-City Parish Program which allowed him to be the founding director of the Methodism's Breadbasket. He also served as the first African-American staff person for the North Texas Conference.

During his 40 years as founder and director of Methodism's Breadbasket, Rev. Tatum would take a sack of emergency food supplies home from work just in case he received a call in the middle of the night from someone in need. Due to Rev. Tatum's vision, preparedness and personalized efforts to help others, St. Luke "Community" has been able to provide food, clothing, and financial assistance to more than 4,500 men, women and children. "We never deny anybody" he would say. Rev. Tatum spent the later years of his retirement helping his wife in the yard and spending time with family.

Rev. Tatum's areas of service over the years: First African-American staff member for the North Texas Conference, Director of Community Global Ministry, UMC Congregational Development Specialist, Boys Worker at the Dallas Bethlehem Center and the Director of Westerfeld Center.

Rev. Tatum served in ministry faithfully for over 40 years. "A successful ministry requires understanding how the gospel works in the everyday lives of the people of the church and helping them through committed ministry and service."

Rev. Tatum passed away March 13, 2015, at the age of 74.

Jacqueline "Jackye" Waiters-Lee

Rev. Jacqueline "Jackye" Waiters-Lee passed away on June 21, 2014. Rev. Waiters-Lee was born September 8, 1945 in Greenville, Texas to S. W. "Jack" Waiters, Sr., and Jessie Dean Waiters. She moved with her family to Dallas at an early age and attended Hamilton Park School. Rev. Waiters-Lee's involvement with the United Methodist Church began as an active youth in the Methodist Youth Fellowship at Hamilton Park Methodist Church. She describes her spiritual and social development to be triangular, inclusive of home, school and church.



Rev. Waiters-Lee's laity involvement in the United Methodist Church was on the local church, conference and global levels. She was an Advanced Certified Lay Speaker for 25 plus years. She was facilitator trained and completed all Disciple courses, chaired Stewardship ministry, the Trustee Committee of the local church and served as a conference lay member of the Bishop's 2020 Vision Plan, laity member of the North Texas Annual Conference for 25 plus years, Anti-Racism Team, and served as chairperson of the Metro District Superintendency Committee. She also provided leadership as National President of Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc. Rev. Waiters-Lee served as Secretary of the Coordinating Committee for Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century and was a member of this committee for three quadrenniums.

As a second career clergy, Rev. Waiters-Lee was a retired teacher of the Texas Public Schools. Her educational background encompassed a Master of Religious Education degree from Perkins School of Theology, SMU. She was commissioned as a Deacon in the North Texas Conference. Her pastoral leadership certified her to serve as a Local Pastor in the North Texas Conference. She also received certification as a Transition Interim Ministry Specialist.

Her pastoral appointments included Crest Moore-King UMC and Lambuth UMC. These congregations merged under Rev. Waiters-Lee's leadership to become Community UMC. She served under appointment for three years as Lead Pastor of St. Marks UMC, Mesquite.

Rev. Waiters-Lee's passion for The United Methodist Women ministry has been displayed through over twenty years of support and involvement. She served as a study leader repeatedly in North Texas Conference School of Mission. Her study leader services have also been in the Arkansas, Missouri, and Alabama United Methodist Women schools.

She was a life member of the NAACP, graduate of Leadership Richardson-Class XVI, charter member of the Texas Coalition of Black Democrats, and former board member of The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Inc.

Ray Davidson

Ray Davidson, retired Diaconal Minister, died on February 2, 2015 at the age of 92 in Tyler, TX. Mr. Davidson was born in Hughes Springs on May 26, 1922, to Claudia Kenna and Ray Vernon Davidson, who nurtured and encouraged his passion for music. This passion took root while listening to his mother play ragtime and church hymns, then bloomed as he began dissecting jazz tunes. Mr. Davidson was allowed to "go for it" and go for it he did. Mr. Davidson taught himself to play the saxophone during high school in Port Arthur. He was so enchanted by the instrument that his fate was sealed at the age of 15 when he picked up his Musician's Union card so he could play professionally.



During WWII, Mr. Davidson joined the US Navy Midshipmen's program at Southwestern University in Georgetown, TX. Despite his musical background, Mr. Davidson declined an offer to play in the Navy band. However, Uncle Sam knew best and put his keen ear to use as a sonar officer aboard the USS Fletcher. He was tasked with leading a crew that protected its ship by listening for danger in the depths below. Mr. Davidson saw his fill of action aboard the Fletcher in Manila, Corregidor and Zamboanga, among many other places. He met Mary Sunshine Cudworth riding a merry-go-round at the dockside carnival. The two were engaged four days later. As anyone who know them often heard, they met on a merry-go-round and "have been going around together ever since."

Although he loved the music, Mr. Davidson's song was incomplete after two years spent traveling the jazz circuit with Gene Krupa's band, so he returned to Carthage to find harmony he so missed—his family. Mr. Davidson worked various music related jobs in East Texas, including band directing and writing the school song for Beckville High School. However, it was in leading the Carthage and Longview First Methodist Church choirs that his song segued to a tune he'd live for the next 40-plus years of his life—leading worship as director of music.

The Davidson family went to Wichita Falls where Mr. Davidson became minister of music for First United Methodist Church. As conductor of the Wichita Falls Civic Chorus, he conducted many choral works over his 37 years in Wichita Falls. Mr. Davidson also composed and published many anthems, service music and solos. He was the cantor for Temple Israel for many years and performed as bass soloist in many choral works and recitals. Mr. Davidson's crowning achievement was his ability to help shape his choristers' lives through music and the lessons he taught that transcended music.

After they both retired, the Davidsons moved back to East Texas, where Mr. Davidson busied his hands acting as the interim choir director for First Presbyterian Tyler, helping Sunny in her various civic engagements and countless dinner parties she threw in Tyler, and being the most loyal and loving "Dibi" a grandchild could ever want.

Lane Tunnell Minton

Lane Tunnell Minton, age 80, passed away on May 11, 2014. She was born June 23, 1933 in Washington, Arkansas to Thurman and Grace Moses Rhodes. A caring and loving wife, mother and grandmother, she will be remembered for her dedication to her friends, intelligence, and her love of a good dessert. She was a member of her women's bridge club for 48 years and her book club for 27 years. She also enjoyed financial planning, travelling, square dancing, reading and gardening. She was preceded in death by her first husband of 30 years, Pete Tunnell, and is survived by her second husband of 20 years, Ralph Minton.



The United Methodist Church played a central part in her life. Lane Tunnell Minton was dedicated to her work for the church as a teacher, day school director, educator, and Diaconal Minister. She was honored as the first female board member at the North Texas Conference UMC. She received her BA from the University of Arkansas and her Masters degree in Education from the University of North Texas.

Twila Farrell Stowe Bryan

Twila Farrell Stowe Bryan passed away November 25, 2014 at the age of 96. She was born October 1, 1918 and was a person of faith, mother of three, wife of two United Methodist Bishops, choir, and Christian education director and golfer. Twila's life was committed to being the hands of God through church work, volunteer work, music, missions, teaching and as a devoted mother, wife and friend. Up to her last days she was busy keeping up on social issues, donating to missions, and writing encouraging notes to friends and family. Raised in Muleshoe, TX, Twila was one of 10 children born to Claude and Hazel Farrell. She graduated from Texas Tech with a degree in music. Twila was married to Bishop William McFerrin Stowe from 1943 until his death in 1988. Together they had three children. Twila was married to Bishop Monk Bryan from 1992 until his death in 2011.



Lorna Doone Dunson

Lorna Doone Dunson of Desoto, TX was born on October 4, 1922 and passed away on December 11, 2014 at the age of 92. As the surviving spouse of Rev. Wayne Dunson, they served many churches for over 43 years in North Texas Conference including Tyler Street, Iowa Park in Wichita Falls, Preston Hollow, Calvary, Paris, Brooklyn Avenue and Elmwood to name a few. The Dunsons retired in 1982. They had two children, several grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren.



Billie Jean Johnson

Billie Jean Johnson, 83 of Garland, TX was born on January 25, 1931 in Cave City, Arkansas and passed away on June 12, 2014 at the age of 83. She was the surviving spouse of Rev. William Troy (Jack) Johnson, married for 67 years. When Rev. Johnson became a United Methodist minister, they moved from Arkansas to Texas. Billie was a longtime member of the Methodist faith and was a tireless supporter of her husband in each of his church assignments that included Greenville, Denison, Sherman, Wichita Falls and others.



When the family moved to Greenville she attended East Texas State University in Commerce where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Education and, for twenty years, taught in several school districts in Texas.

Billie's greatest joy came from the love she gave and received from her family, which included three daughters, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. She spent time camping out, swimming, fishing, and skiing with her daughters and grandchildren.

Jean Rogers Lewis

Jean Rogers Lewis, surviving spouse of Rev. Clayton M. Lewis, passed away Sunday, October 26, 2014 at the age of 85. Jean lived a life characterized by exemplary service, uncommon fortitude and extraordinary faith. She was born December 12, 1928 on a farm in Johnson County, where she learned discipline and developed a strong work ethic from an early age. She graduated from nearby Venus High School as valedictorian. She was active in the Methodist church in Venus where she met Clayton Lewis who was serving as a student pastor for the church, his first appointment in a 41-year career in ministry. Jean was a full partner in ministry with her husband for all 15 churches he pastored, serving in a wide variety of roles including singing in the choir, teaching United Methodist Women and in other leadership and administrative capacities. She did so while raising three sons and later was employed in the corporate world, with most of her years being in the airline industry. She finished her working life at Southwest Airlines where she held a succession of increasingly responsible positions, ending as the founding director of SWA's Ticket by Mail program. It was through her work in the airlines industry that she and her husband were able to live out their love of travel by making numerous trips covering five continents.



Janice S. Miller

Janice Miller, surviving spouse of Rev. Thomas Lee Miller, was born January 23, 1910 and passed away March 31, 2015 after recently celebrating her 105th birthday. Her birth place was Roellen, Tennessee. She moved to Milan, TN at an early age where her father and grandfather were local physicians. The family moved to Paris, TX in 1918 where she attended school through high school. T. Lee and Janice Miller met in 1928 and married November 3 of that year in Dallas, TX. Rev. Miller was a Methodist minister and together they served many churches and districts in the North Texas Conference. She was his support as a wonderful minister's wife drawing from her talent as a musician and sharing her love of God and great faith. Janice attended East Texas State University and SMU where she majored in music. She taught piano to many children who she loved and enjoyed. As a member of PEO Chapter BC, CC Young Auxiliary, United Methodist Women and many volunteer organizations, Janice shared her experiences of love of life with many people.



For the last 20 years Janice has resided on the CC Young Campus and has touched many lives including residents and staff with her outlook that "every day is the best day to live."

Mary Ben'dette Miller

Mary B. Miller, surviving spouse of Rev. Edward Loran Miller, was born August 26, 1928 in Baxter, TX to Rev. RoyLee McIntosh and Lizzy Norris Edwards. She passed away Wednesday October 1, 2014 in Wichita Falls, TX at the age of 86 years.

She married Rev. Edward Loran Miller, July 3, 1946 in Pleasant Mound. Together they served churches in Electra, Burkburnett, Decatur First and Jacksboro prior to Rev. Miller's retirement in 1993. She was an LVN and worked in several nursing homes.



Dorothy Marion McCoy Thompson

Dorothy Marion McCoy Thompson, surviving spouse of Rev. George Thompson, passed away Sunday morning, July 13, 2014 in St. Jo, Texas at the age of 85. Dorothy was born September 29, 1928 to E.C. and Omega McCoy in Ashland, KY.

Dorothy married Rev. George Albert Thompson, Sr. on June 9, 1953 at the Irving UMC. Their life of serving God through ministry began at Spanish Fort, TX and continued throughout many other churches in Texas. They then retired after serving Callisburg UMC to make their home in Saint Jo, TX and serve in a new capacity at Saint Jo UMC. She was very involved in children's ministry and United Methodist Women for many years. She loved to see the love of Jesus come into the eyes of the children.



Joan Zimmerman

Joan Zimmerman, surviving spouse of Rev. Walter Zimmerman, was born on February 20, 1940 in Midlothian, Texas and passed away October 9, 2014 at the age of 74. They eloped on April 21, 1956, and were secretly married for three months. They had two daughters, as well as three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. In addition to faithfully serving churches with Rev. Zimmerman for over 50 years, Joan was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who made the family house a home.



XV. 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

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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
Bohmfalk, 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

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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