Blessed are
Those who
MOURN
for they shall
be comforted.

Matthew 5:4
ORDAINED MINISTERS

ROBERT HOUSTON BRILES
JOHN NELSON FLYNN
HUBERT W. FOUST
JAMES RICHARD OLNEY
ALFRED GARFIELD SANFORD
JOHN HERSHEY WILLIAMS
ROBERT EMERSON YOUNG

ORDAINED MINISTERS’ SPOUSES

LORRAINE MASSEY ANSLEY
WANDA TATUM BALLARD
ANNE LORENE BEDFORD
DORIS J. CLIFFORD
BERNICE MARIE (HOUSE) COOPER
ELIZABETH “TIM” GLAZENER
BILLIE LOU HERRINGTON
VIVIAN MCCLESKEY
HAROLD S. SCOTT, Sr.
SUE BETH SORRELLS
MYRA ELIZABETH BRAY SPRINKLE
JAMES “JIM” MILTON SUMMERS
ROBERT J. WORDINGER

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Rev. Robert Houston Briles, 85, passed away Saturday morning, September 6, 2014. He was born June 20, 1929, and was raised in Milford, Texas.

He graduated from Milford High School, received his B.A. from Southwestern University in Georgetown; followed by a Master’s degree from Texas Christian University’s Brite Divinity School. Before graduating from Southwestern University, he enlisted in the United States Army and served in the Korean War from 1952 to 1953. His experiences in Korea shaped his life as a husband, father and pastor. He committed his life to God in Jesus Christ at a young age and always considered himself a shepherd, tending his flock.

In February of 1956, he met Irene Gregg while serving in Poolville and they married in June of that year. They spent 56 wonderful years together until her death in 2012. He was an elder in full connection with the Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. He served 15 different congregations from 1951 until his retirement in 1994.

Bob served as a Master Mason in Good Standing for over 50 years and was a member of Whitt Lodge #624 for the last 30 years. While living in Weatherford, he provided support & leadership at Manna Storehouse for over 25 years. He was a loving father to Susan Briles, Mary Katherine (Cassie) Gresham and grandfather to Sara Elizabeth Dixon. He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene; son, Robert H. Briles Jr.; parents, James Otis and Bertha Briles; brother, James Otis Briles, Jr.; sister, Nina and her husband Boyd Barnard; sister, Margaret and her husband Bill Schroeder.

Survivors: daughters, Susan and Mary Katherine and husband, Joe; granddaughter, Sara and husband, Jonathan and his future great-grandchild due in January 2015; and niece, Linda Bradford. Pallbearers: Everett Goar, Joe Lee, Leo Neely, Tom Porter, Robert Duvall, and Danny Bruce.

The family would like to express their appreciation to the nursing staff of the Palliative Care Unit at T.H.R. Harris Methodist Hospital and Community Hospice at the James L. West Special Care Center.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Methodist Children’s Home, Waco or the Texas Pythian Home, Weatherford.
John Nelson Flynn received the gift of life on October 4, 1930 in Bluffdale, Texas, the 3rd of 5 sons, born to The Reverend Warren A. Flynn and Modena Cox Flynn. John literally grew up under the eaves of the United Methodist Churches and Parsonages of the Central Texas Conference where his father, affectionately known as “Brother Flynn,” spent his Life’s ministry.

John, at a very young age, seemed to comprehend many of life’s secrets, and wasted no time in pursuing his lifelong dedication and passion of service to God, his Church, and people. This service began at 6 years of age, delivering groceries on his bicycle to shut-ins and others. He was licensed to preach and began his undergraduate degree at Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth at age 15. Dr. W. W. Ward, District Superintendent of the Fort Worth District, assigned him to “go build a new church” on an empty lot in West Fort Worth, to be chartered as Bethel Methodist Church. Mission accomplished, (at least the 1st building) at age 16.

“Nobody knows how we got to the top of the hill, but since we’re on our way down, we might as well enjoy the ride”.

John continued his studies while serving local pastor church appointments, such as Carlton, Haslet and Colleyville, 4 years on the TWC tennis team, and as President and member of the leadership team of the Conference Youth Assembly at Southwestern University in Georgetown. Completing his Masters of Divinity Degree at Southern Methodist University and Elder’s Ordination, John realized:

“The Secret of Love is in opening up your heart. It’s okay to be afraid but don’t let that stand in your way, cause anyone knows that Love is the only road. And since we’re only here for a while, might as well show some style. Give us a Smile, it’s just a lovely ride.”

Across the United States John shared his knowledge, love of teaching, passion for establishing new programs, and creative approaches to Christian Education in the United Methodist Church and beyond. This road of love & God led him to: First UMC, Springdale, Ark.; Country Club UMC, Kansas City, Mo. and Founding Faculty member of the newly-established St. Paul’s School Of Theology; Seattle, Washington’s University Temple, and the Pacific Northwest Conference where he served as Associate Program Director of the Conference.

His passion for teaching always followed him each step of his journey and included Visiting Professorships at University of the Pacific; Emory University School of Theology, Atlanta, Ga.; Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX; Pastor’s Schools
in Montana and Wyoming Conference; Workshops for Directors of Education and Teachers; Methodist & Fellowship of Christian Athletes Summer Youth Camps at Estes Park, Colo.; but the pure joy of teaching a Sunday School class was always, for John, a privilege and honor. The passage of time and opportunities also led him to St. James UMC, Atlanta, Ga.; First UMC, Dallas, TX; and First UMC, Orlando, Fla.

John’s numerous achievements included working diligently with Dr. R. Harold Hipps, of the General Board in Nashville and others, to establish a much needed national organization for professional Christian Educators in The United Methodist Church. He was the first President, and for several years after, a board member of the newly-chartered Christian Educators Fellowship (CEF).

“Now the thing about time is that time isn’t really real. It’s just your point of view, how does it feel for you?” Try not to try too hard, it’s just a lovely ride”.

John was now 48 years of age, and having been blessed with so many opportunities of service, he decided to retire under the 20 year rule from The Florida Conference. His road would now lead him to pursue his pure love for tennis when an old friend and member of the Olde Providence Racquet Club in Charlotte, N.C. convinced him he needed to be their new General Manager!

Three years of nary a suit or tie, only tennis clothes and daily playing with club members on the 26 courts of Olde Providence followed. However, God seemed to have other plans for John. Cataract surgeries made it impossible for him to continue to play competitive tennis. (He did go on to play casual tennis until his early 70’s). Upon his resignation from OPRC, the open road with a Ford van and an Airstream trailer in tow literally became our home for the following 18 months. And such a lovely ride it was!

“The smile upon your face. Welcome to the human race. Sliding down, gliding down. Isn't it a lovely ride!”

A position as President of The Methodist Reporter Foundation, and subsequent appointment as Director of Endowment, Harris Hospital, Fort Worth finally brought us back home to The Central Texas Conference, friends and family. Upon his retirement from Harris in 2001, John continued to share his wealth of teaching experience, knowledge, wise counsel, and passion for God’s Love with others.

“And God will raise you up on eagles’ wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun And hold you in the palm of His hand.” ~ Natalie Sleeth

John received the gift of Eternal Life on November 2, 2014.
A Memorial Service in celebration of his life was held November 4, 2014 at Leonard Memorial Chapel, First United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, TX., Dr. Tim Bruster, Senior Pastor and The Reverend Larry Grubb officiating.

John’s legacy continues to live on in those nearest and dearest to his heart: His loving and devoted wife of 64 years, Kathryn Whitfield Flynn; Daughters, Mary Kathryn Flynn and Julia Diane Flynn Harrell; Son, William Douglas Flynn and wife, Cheri; Grandchildren, Darby Flynn Chalko and husband, Donald; Shawn Flynn and wife, Jordan; Kelsey Flynn; Jesse Tyler; John Harrell; Kate Harrell; and Great Granddaughter, Greer Chalko; as well as, the many “adopted” brothers/sisters, extended family and friends.


Reverend Hubert W. Foust, 99, of Graham went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Friday May 1, 2015, in Graham. A graveside service is scheduled for Sunday, May 3, 2015, at 2:00pm at Pioneer Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home.

Brother Foust was born February 23, 1916, in Cullman, Alabama, to the late William P. and Nora (Jackson) Foust, one of 12 children. He married Opal K. Jones in Carlsbad, Texas, in 1937. She preceded him in death on March 18, 2004. Brother Foust was a Methodist minister and also a former Baptist minister, having served as pastor of Loving Baptist Church, Jean Baptist Church, and also First Baptist Church in Graham for 20 years. He was a member of Young County Masonic Lodge #485 and a Scottish Right Mason. Papa loved his faith, his family, his friends, and his college football and basketball teams...not necessarily in that order! He loved people, working with his hands to make woodcarvings, and writing letters of encouragement. When told by a church member to “Give ‘em some Hell, Preacher!” before a sermon one Sunday evening, he told that member he would rather give them all a bit of heaven, since people seemed to already have enough hell in their lives.

Survivors include: son Joe Foust and wife Delnita of Eureka Springs, AR; sister Vera Tennant of Artesia, NM; grandson Todd Foust of Graham; granddaughters Ashlee Thigpen Howard and husband Tim of Frisco, Padgett Thigpen Hughes and husband Danny of Graham, Dacre Whitaker and husband Ken of Bentonville, AR. Great grandchildren: Graham and Garrett Foust, Payton and Sydney Smith, and Gracie Howard. He is also survived by son-in-law Chuck Stapp of Graham. Brother
Foust was preceded in death by a daughter, Nancy Thigpen Stapp and son-in-law Fred Thigpen; and most of his siblings.

In lieu of flowers or formal memorials, please do a random act of kindness for someone in need to honor his memory. He will be forever in our hearts and missed greatly.

**JAMES RICHARD OLENEY**  
*November 7, 1949 – July 30, 2014*

James Richard Olney, husband, father, uncle, brother, pastor and friend, died Wednesday, July 30, 2014. Celebration of life: 10 a.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth. Memorials: The family requests no flowers, but suggests memorials be made to Lifepoint United Methodist Church or to Texas Wesleyan University.

Jim was born November 7, 1949, to Maurine and Richard Olney, Michigan farmers. He received his bachelor of arts from Texas Wesleyan University in 1971 and his master of theology from Perkins School of Theology at SMU in 1975. The Rev. Olney was ordained a United Methodist deacon in 1972 and elder in 1976. He served nine appointments in the Central Texas Conference during his 42 years of ministry, most recently as district superintendent of the former Brownwood District. The Rev. Olney was an accomplished writer and dramatist having created and performed 33 biblical and historic dramas during his ministry. Since the age of 17 he performed the American humorist Mark Twain throughout the country for churches, colleges, literary and civic groups, and national organizations.

Survivors: His wife of 42 years, Terri Olney of Granbury; daughters, Carey Olney of Austin and Molly Olney-Zide and husband, Joshua, of Newark, Del.; son, James T. Olney of Dallas; and sister, Danelle Olney Bowers of Quincy, Mich.

**Alfred Garfield Sanford**  
*June 12, 1936 – January 5, 2015*

Rev. Dr. Alfred Garfield Sanford, passed away Monday, January 5, 2015. He was born June 12, 1936.

Funeral will be held at 10:00 am on Thursday, January 8th at St. Andrews United Methodist Church, with a graveside service at 2:30 pm at Springhill United Methodist Church in Riesel.
JOHN HERSCHELL WILLIAMS  
August 19, 1922 – May 4, 2015

Lt. Col. (ret.) Rev. Williams, known to so many as Herschell, Georgia, John H., Sgt. Williams, Daddy, Bro. John, Chaplain Williams, Honey, and Dan-Dan, was born August 19, 1922 in Opelika, Alabama. His parents were John Wesley Williams and Ethel Agnes Hillyer Williams.

His educational journey took him through public school in Opelika and then to Texas. He attended Arlington State College (now U.T.A.); received his Bachelors of Science in Physical Education from North Texas State University; attended Brite College of the Bible, T.C.U.; and received his Masters of Theology from Perkins School of Theology, S.M.U. His lifetime of service started when he was a teen in the C.C.C. with transition into the US Army serving through the Battle of the Bulge and World War II. Shortly thereafter, he continued serving his beloved country in the Korean conflict. Next, in the Air Force, he was a Chaplain until his retirement as Lieutenant Colonel in 1982. During this time he served in a third war—the Vietnam War.

On May 25, 1946, he married gorgeous Elizabeth Ann Thomas in Grand Saline, TX. From that day on, they were a true power couple, sharing the love and power of Jesus Christ with everyone they met. As a civilian, Mr. Williams worked as an athletic coach, school teacher, meat packer, salesman and mail carrier. In his ministry career, Bro. John served 16 United Methodist congregations in Oklahoma and Texas, as well as hundreds of thousands of travelers as DFW airport chaplain. Neither Alzheimer’s Disease nor dementia kept Bro. John from the work God called him to do. However unsure his own world became, he continued praying, encouraging, blessing and loving all those around him.

Survivors include his adored wife Elizabeth; children Jan Williams Boyd and Jack; Lisa Williams Webster and Clif; grandchildren Jade Boyd Calvert and Travis; Zemmy Boyd; Sheldon Webster; Phillip Webster; great-granddaughter Sarah-Jane Calvert; much-loved nieces and nephews; and friends from everywhere he went.

Funeral: 10 a.m. Friday, May 8, 2015 at First United Methodist Church in Crowley. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 7, 2015 at Mayfield Kiser Funeral Home. Burial: 1 p.m. Friday, May 8, 2015 at Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery. Memorials: First United Methodist Church, 509 Peach, Crowley, Texas 76036; or Crowley House of Hope, 216 N. Magnolia, Crowley, in lieu of flowers, would be appropriate and welcomed.
Rev. Robert Emerson Young 87, of Holly Lake Ranch, Texas peacefully entered God’s Heavenly Kingdom Sunday, December 7, 2014. Bob is survived and forever missed by his loving wife of 13 years, Mary Jane Young; twin sister Elizabeth Jane Young; son Robert E. Young, Jr. and wife Paula; daughter Monika Moulin and husband Kirk; daughter Rebecca Elder and husband Jay; stepson Loy Frazier, III and stepdaughter Jennifer Huff and husband Jerry; grandchildren Chris Young and wife Katie; Paige Blankenship and husband Justin; Lacey Young; Blake Elder; Matthew and Meghan Frazier and Hunter Huff; great grandchildren Brady Hart and Baker Jay Blankenship; numerous family members and friends and the thousands of people whose lives he touched. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 39 years, Katherine Ann Young; his parents, E.E. and Rebecca Young; his brothers, Cy, Wendell and Dink and sisters Clarice, Wilma and Mary.

Blessed with a successful academic and athletic high school experience, Bob got on a train from Bedford, Indiana to Fort Worth, Texas to attend TCU on a basketball scholarship. He became a letterman and student body president and met Katherine Frank, later to become his wife and the mother of his 3 children. After graduation, he continued his education achieving a Masters of Theology at SMU Perkins before embarking on a 60 plus year career of ministry in the United Methodist Church.

Bob served in Fort Worth, Richland Hills, Waxahachie, Waco, Dallas and Grand Prairie. After the death of his wife in 1989, his ministry led him to Executive Director of Mount Sequoyah in Fayetteville, Arkansas. During this ministry he became more active in Rotary International, serving as a District Governor and member of the acclaimed Rotary Chorus. Through mission trips and chorus concerts, he traveled worldwide - Chile, Philippines, Panama, Peru, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan, Canada, England, Italy, France, Austria, Switzerland, Israel, Egypt, Syria, Brazil, Greece, Spain, Portugal and South Africa. Throughout his ministry, he officiated over 1,500 funerals, 1,800 weddings and 600 baptisms. After his formal retirement from the ministry in 1995, though no retirement from an active life, Bob settled in East Texas. He then married the second love of his life, Mary Jane, and his life was forever greatly enriched. They became more active in Rotary and Arkansas athletics with Bob serving as the Chaplain of the Arkansas Razorback Road Hogs for 11 years.

Bob and Mary Jane loved to travel, visiting 36 states, Canada and Mexico. Bob returned to the pulpit serving at First United Methodist Church of Hawkins, Texas. During this non-retirement retirement phase, his family, along with his steadfast faith, remained at the center of his life. As his health declined, he continued to exude his passionate and magnetic personality toward family, friends and all who visited him under the exceptional care of the doctors, nurses, and all health care professionals at East Texas Medical Center and Waterton Plaza in Tyler, Texas. A
truly genuine and great man, Bob provided peace, hope and love to all he encountered.

A visitation at Liberty United Methodist Church Wednesday, December 10 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and a memorial service at First United Methodist Church in Quitman, Texas on Thursday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m. There will be an additional memorial service at Richland Hills United Methodist Church in Richland Hills, Texas on Friday, December 12 at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Bob's memory may be made to the Liberty United Methodist Church (300 CR 3138 Quitman, Texas 75783) or Mount Sequoyah Retreat and Conference Center (www.mountsequoyah.org)

Lorraine Ansley died Saturday, October 4, 2014, just three weeks shy of her 97th birthday. Memorial service will be October 16th at 11:00 am at Thompson’s Harveson & Cole Funeral Home with visitation beginning at 10:00 am. A private interment will be at Prairie Point Cemetery in Kerens. Memorials may be given to the Prayer Garden Fund or the General Fund at Arlington Heights United Methodist Church.

Lorraine was born on October 27, 1917 in Bazette. In the late 1930’s she began teaching elementary school. As a single woman not living at home, she was required, for propriety sake, to live with the school superintendent and his family. She loved teaching the little kids, first grade especially. She was raised in East Texas and married the cute young Methodist minister, James B.
Ansley, just before he shipped out to serve as a chaplain during World War II. During the war, Lorraine worked in a bomb factory every summer driving a forklift and taught elementary school during the year. In 1947, James was transferred to First United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, and in 1957, he became chaplain at Harris Hospital. They lived in Fort Worth and raised their family with Lorraine being a full-time mom. She and James were married for 64 years at the time of his death in 2007. She was an active member of Arlington Heights United Methodist Church and a member of the Co-Workers Class. She had many hobbies including a great gardener, reading, studying the financial pages and watching sports. Despite outliving all her contemporaries, Lorraine was sweet and loving and actively made friends her whole life. Everyone she met felt special and appreciated and joined her ever-growing circle of loving neighbors and friends.

Survivors: Son, James Frank Ansley and wife, Suzanne; and daughter, Lorraine Camille Thompson and husband, John. She also had a wonderful support group, including her nieces, Nancy Priddy, Bobbie Tate and Joyce Crawford and all their families.

WANDA TATUM BALLARD
July 16, 1941 – October 22, 2014

Wanda Tatum Ballard, 73 passed away peacefully at home Wednesday, October 22, 2014, surrounded by her family, after a yearlong struggle with pancreatic cancer. Memorial Service will be held October 27th at 11:00 am at the First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth. A reception will follow in the Wesley Fellowship Hall. Wanda requested that her body be given for the advancement of medical knowledge.

Wanda was born in Columbus, GA and grew up in Plant City, FL. She was selected for an accelerated learning program, enabling her to graduate from high school at 16 and complete college in three years, meeting her husband Ron, while attending Emory University. Having served alongside Ron as a minister’s wife in Georgia, Wanda began teaching elementary school when the family moved to Glasgow, Scotland. Later, upon making her home in Hurst, Wanda continued to teach in elementary school and as an instructor in the gifted and talented program, eventually serving Birdville ISD as an administrator, overseeing ESL and foreign language programs.

Wanda found great joy in loving and raising her children, Rhonda, Kyle and Christa. She has distinguished herself as a professional woman, a selfless and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and a loyal friend and companion. Her beauty has been enhanced by her faithful service to Christ in all these roles. As Wanda, Mom and Noni, she has left an enduring impression and continues to inspire us all.
Anne Lorene (Fitch) Bedford died on Tuesday, January 20, 2015. She was born on July 30, 1936 in Bellflower, Illinois, to Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Weber Fitch. Anne graduated from Waverly High School and became a registered nurse. She married Rev. Robert L. Brandstatter in 1957 and raised two daughters, one adopted son and numerous foster children during their marriage. Following her first husband’s untimely death she married Rev. Lee Alvin Bedford, Jr of Dallas, Texas in 1973. For 35 years Lee and Anne served in United Methodist churches throughout Central and North Texas. As a gifted water colorist, she attained her professional signature status in the Southwestern Watercolor Society (SWS). She was the most proud of her family, which included 22 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughters, Teresa Granberry, husband, Sam and Cheryl Devoto, husband, Khris; step-sons Tom Bedford, wife, Becky, and John Bedford, and wife, Jan; and step-daughter, Leslie Grubbs, husband, Randy. Also surviving are her sisters, Muriel Dawson and Enid Smith, and brother, Michael Fitch, wife Linda.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, January 23, 2015 at 2:00 pm at Sparkman Hillcrest Funeral Home in Dallas, Texas.

Doris Jean Clifford passed away peacefully on September 7, 2014 in Georgetown, Texas.

Doris Jean was born to Floyd R. and Clara Huff Jones on July 22, 1920 in Milford, Michigan and grew up and attended school there. Upon graduation she attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and received a BA there. While there, she met F. Burr Clifford, and married him August 26, 1943. Doris taught school in Dearborn while Burr finished seminary work at Oberlin College in Ohio, and in 1947 moved to Britton, MI where he was pastor, and professor at nearby Adrian College.

In 1953, the family moved to Oxford, GA, and in 1958, to Georgetown, where Burr was first professor of Humanities and later Dean at Southwestern University.

Doris, after the stint teaching in Dearborn; devoted herself to her family as two sons,
John and David were born in Michigan, and later a daughter, Jeanne Ellen, after reaching Texas. She had a number of “part-time” jobs, substitute teacher, and in Georgetown columnist for the Williamson County Sun writing the “News From the Churches” and “Yesteryears” columns for a number of years.

She had a lively interest in the world. After Burr’s retirement, they traveled quite extensively, often on natural history tours. She knew the wildflowers and greenery of the area well. She kept up with world affairs with her daily paper, and kept a daily journal while in assisted living (despite its illegibility!), and she was proud of her family relation to John and John Quincy Adams and was currently reading a biography of John Quincy Adams.

Doris was a member of First United Methodist Church and within that the United Methodist Women and a District officer of that group. She was a member of the Women’s Club of Georgetown, and the Pathfinders Sunday School class and the VEEPS at Southwestern.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents and a stepmother, Marian, by a brother Donald; and her husband Burr. She is survived by her sons John F. and wife Bernie Clifford of Round Rock, TX; David B. and wife Judy Clifford of St. Louis, MO; and daughter Jeanne Ellen Weiss and husband Larry of Woodinville, WA; and two grandchildren, Michael Clifford of Chicago, and Ellen Clifford of Los Angeles.

Services will be September 20, 2014, at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Georgetown. Memorials may be directed to the F. Burr and Doris Clifford Endowed Fund at Southwestern University, to the First United Methodist Church Library, or the City of Georgetown Public Library. The Gabriels Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements.

BERNICE MARIE (HOUSE) COOPER
August 12, 1926 – May 4, 2015

Bernice Marie (House) Cooper age 88 of Holland died Monday, May 4, 2015 in a local hospital. She was born in Heidenheimer, Texas on August 12, 1926, to Thomas Edward and Lois Vernice (Owens) House. Bernice married Joe Cooper on August 19, 1944. She was an LVN. She is preceded in death by her husband Joe, her parents, sister, two brothers, infant daughter Betty Marie, her son James Thomas Cooper and her grandson Matt Sanders.

She is survived by her 5 daughters Ellen Truesdale of Killeen, Peggy Sralla of Wichita Falls, Becky Cooper of Holland, Wanda Cooper of Lockhart and Karen Sanders of California City, CA, her son John Cooper of Holland, 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.
Funeral Services for Bernice will be held at 10:30AM on Friday, May 8, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church in Holland with Pastor Philip Shuler officiating. Visitation will be held at the church Friday morning beginning at 9:30 and ending at 10:30AM.

ELIZABETH “TIM” (TIMMONS) GLAZENER
April 30, 1928 – April 12, 2015

Elizabeth “Tim” (Timmons) Glazener of Ferris, passed away peacefully in her home April 12, 2015. In over 40 years of teaching, Tim enriched the lives of second and third grade students across Texas; instilling in them a love of reading. She faithfully served the United Methodist Church as a minister’s wife and through her dedicated acts with the United Methodist Women’s group, as a member of the choir, and a Sunday school teacher. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, quilting, knitting, and crafts. After retirement, she made hats for the American Cancer Society to give to ailing children, and made quilts for the families at Ronald McDonald House charities. She also donated many items to the annual UMC Lord’s Acre sale.

Tim was born April 30, 1928, to Estelle and Tom Timmons of Birmingham, Alabama. After graduation she attended Mary Hardin Baylor College in Belton, Texas, where she majored in Religious Studies. While there she was the President of the Baptist Student Union Council; a member of the Life Service Band; Who’s Who Among American Universities and Colleges; Secretary/Treasurer of the Speech Department Honor Society, Alpha Psi Omega; a member of the Historical Phila Literary Society; Young Women’s Auxiliary; director of 3 senior plays, and was the Student Director of the historic Easter Pageant for 2 years. She earned her Bachelors of Art degree in Speech in 1953. She maintained in close relationship with the members of her class and organized class luncheons at each school reunion through the 60th Alumni Weekend gathering. On December 26, 1953, she married Elmer Glazener. She and her husband served several churches in North Texas throughout his 50 years in ministry, including North Richland Hills, Gordon, Grace Methodist of Ft. Worth, Hurst, Ferris, Killeen and other North and Central communities. During this time she taught elementary school, and earned her Master’s Degree in Education.

She is survived by her children, Gerry and wife, Kathy of Garland, TX, Gaylynn and Jeff Cottongame of Ferris, and Natalie Gailann Caddell of Ferris, grandchildren Kaylen Cottongame, Glenn Caddell, 1 brother, John Timmons and wife, Barbara of Baytown, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer, both parents, and older brother, Tom.
Family will receive friends on Tuesday, April 14 from 6 – 8 PM at the Ferris United Methodist Church in Ferris, Texas. The Celebration of Life service will be Wednesday, April 15 at 10:30 AM at the Ferris United Methodist Church. Officiated by Ethan Gregory.

**BILLIE LOU HERRINGTON**
*October 3, 1926 – March 17, 2015*

Billie Lou Herrington, wife of Rollo J. Herrington, passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2015. Private family services will be held Friday, March 20, 2015.

Lou was born October 3, 1926 in Concord, Texas to Glen Nolen and Letha Mae (McCrary) Boles. She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Sam Nolen Boles.

Survivors include her sister, Betty Jean Freeman of California; 3 daughters, Judy Sue Fears of Tyler, Donna Lou Wells of Austin and Deborah Wachsmann and husband, Raymond of Waco; 5 loving grandchildren, Tracey Santana of Tyler, John D. Baker and wife, Donna of Austin, Steven Baker of Austin, Camille and John Palmer of Waco and Jana and Josh Garvin of Waco; 11 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great grandchildren.

The family would like to express a special thank you to Providence Hospice and Right At Home staff’s for their loving care and support of our mother and family. We would also like to express a special thank you to all of Hobby and Lou’s dear friends, for their prayers and loving support.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Parental Care Ministries, P. O. Box 13116 Tyler, TX 75713 or pcmonline.org.

**VIVIAN MCCLESKEY**
*December 14, 1933 – July 7, 2014*

Vivian McCleskey, 80, died Monday, July 7, 2014, at her home in Temple. Memorial service: 2 p.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church of Belton with Sarah Burris and Darren Walker officiating. Dossman Funeral Home in Belton is in charge of arrangements and Mrs. McCleskey will be cremated prior to the service. Memorials: Methodist Children's Home, 1111 Herring, Waco, Texas 76708, in lieu of flowers.

Vivian was born Dec. 14, 1933, in Fort Worth, the daughter of Hugh Bunton Jr. and Sarah Lee Babcock Bunton. She married her husband, Archie H. McCleskey Jr., on July 11, 1953, in Fort Worth. She and Archie moved back to Central Texas in 2004 from Marietta, Ga. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Tyler.  

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Belton and loved sewing, embroidery, baking, but mostly singing. Of all the churches she was a member while traveling with her husband, she sang in all but two church choirs. She was a minister's wife, mom and memaw. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Archie H. McCleskey Jr.

Survivors: Sons, John and Michael McCleskey; daughters, Sarah Elizabeth Burris and Susan Rebecca McCleskey-Huber; sisters, Virginia Lee Ashcraft, Irene Sweely and Jeanette Dixon; seven grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

**HAROLD S. SCOTT, SR.**
*September 11, 1936 – January 6, 2015*

Mr. Harold Stanley Scott, Sr., of Waco, was born on September 11, 1936 and passed away January 6, 2015. Services will be 11 a.m. Monday January 13, at St. James U.M.C. 2nd and Clay St. Waco, Texas. Burial will be in Doris Miller Cemetery. Wake will be held 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Church. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. James United Methodist Church P.O Box 775, Waco, TX 76703.

**SUE BETH SORRELLS**
*March 11, 1939 – August 2, 2014*

In our darkest times we bind together to find light. On Sat., August 2, Sue Beth Bennett Sorrells passed away in her home in celebration with her family. She was born during a dust storm on March 11, 1939, on a farm in Claude, Texas, to Forrest and Ruby Bennett. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Nathan. Her passing is a loss for the family and for anyone who was fortunate enough to spend time with her. She was a kind, loving woman who wanted to see happiness in each and every person she met or hadn’t met yet. She loved a good chuckle and her laugh will be one of the many things missed the most. If anyone felt lost, she was there to offer support and guidance to a happier path. If anyone felt sadness, she was there with open arms and a big heart.

She is survived by her husband of 57 happy years, Kermit Sorrells, her children, Sandra, Philip and daughter-in-law Stacy, and David, four grandchildren, Emily, Holley, Travis and Ivy, five great-grandchildren, Caden, Ruby, Ava, Mia, and Chloe, her brothers and sisters-in-law, Murray and Betty, Gordon and Ruby, and Richard and Phyllis, her sister-in-law Nancy, and Kermit’s brother and sister-in-law Kenneth
and Maxine, sister-in-law Margaret, as well as numerous nieces and nephews and a large extended family.

In lieu of flowers, her family requests that donations in her name be sent to The Order of the Eastern Star to pay for school supplies. Please contact Katherine Hollis at 325-625-1713. Donations may also be sent to the American Cancer Society.

Gather together, share your happiest memories, and remember this beautiful life. Her smile will not be forgotten. Services will be Thursday at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Bradley Slaten officiating, services under the direction of Henderson Funeral Home of Coleman. Interment will be Friday at 3:00 p.m. at Claude Cemetery, Claude, Texas. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 6:00 till 7:00 pm at Henderson Funeral Home.

**MYRA ELIZABETH BRAY SPRINKLE**  
*March 11, 1918 – May 8, 2015*

Myra Elizabeth Bray Sprinkle, 97, passed quietly on Friday, May 8, 2015. Funeral: 10 a.m, Thursday at Meadowbrook United Methodist Church in Fort Worth. Private family interment: Mount Olivet Cemetery. Reception to follow. Memorials: May be made to Meadowbrook UMC where a tree will planted in her memory.

Myra was born March 11, 1918, in Van Alstyne to Anna and Garvin Vandyke Bray. Myra had 97 years to live her motto of "Faith, Family and Friends." She and her beloved JW ministered to more than 30 Methodist churches in central Texas during their 48 years together. After his passing, she continued to serve through Meadowbrook UMC. She will be missed by many and the effects of her presence will be felt for years to come. She was preceded by her husband, JW Sprinkle; her brother; and three sisters.

Survivors: Son, Stephen Sprinkle and partner, Rae Lynn Moore; daughter, Sherelyn Mitchell and husband, Dennis T. Mitchell; grandchildren, Ryan Mitchell and wife, Kelli, Megan Teeters and husband, Jesse; great-grandchildren, Troy and Austin Mitchell, Alexis and Sawyer Teeters.
James Milton (Jim) Summers, 85, went to be with our Lord on Thursday, April 9, 2015. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18th at Grace Gardens Funeral Home, 8220 Woodway Drive, Waco. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be 6 - 8 p.m. Friday, April 17th at Grace Gardens.

Jim was born August 11, 1929 to Clyde Celier and Tabor Brock Witherington Summers. Jim graduated from Lane Technical High School in Chicago, University of Corpus Christi, and A&M University for his undergraduate degrees. He completed his PhD in education from Texas A&M University.

Jim was a high school teacher, assistant principal, Dean of Cont. Ed. at Del Mar College, and McLennan Community College. He later became Asst. Dean of Cont. Ed. at Virginia Tech University, and then moved on to Director of Cont. Medical Education for the Medical Society of Virginia. After a two-year stay as President of the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians Education Foundation, he returned to Texas as Corporate Manager of Training and Development for Central Freight Lines. Finally, he and his wife, Nancy opened a business catering to the needs of the chemically sensitive and allergic all over the country.

Jim was in demand as a consultant, trainer, public speaker, certified Lay Speaker for the United Methodist Church and as a Sunday school teacher, often traveling to other states for speaking engagements. He had a way of interweaving poignant stories with humorous anecdotes that motivated and entertained his audience, class or congregation.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents, Clyde Celier Summers, Tabor Brock Witherington Summers; brother, Clyde Lee Summers; son, James (Jimmy) Milton Summers, Jr.

Jim is survived by his wife, Rev. Nancy Louise Tribble Summers; daughter, Leigh Ellen Summers Pelchat; son, Jon Michael Summers; grand-daughter, Audrey Renee Pelchat, other family, loved ones and many friends.

In one of his poems Jim wrote, “I grow weak with life’s precious time. To dust I’ll go - to dirt and grime. Hark now, the toll of heaven’s drums: it is time; it is time I come.”
Dr. Robert J. Wordinger, 69, a loving father, brother, grandfather, uncle, devoted friend and beloved professor, passed away Friday, January 23, 2015. He is now wrapped in the arms of our heavenly Father and reunited with the love of his life, Barbara. Funeral: A service of celebration and remembrance will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, January 30, at First United Methodist Church of Hurst. Private interment: Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park. Memorials: In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wordinger Memorial Scholarship Fund in The Visual Sciences, North Texas Eye Research Institute, University of North Texas Health Science Center Foundation, 3500 Camp Bowie Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas 76107.

Dr. Robert Wordinger was born February 5, 1945, to Albert Wordinger Sr. and Gladys Ferriman Wordinger of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Robert earned his Bachelor of Science degree in animal physiology at Penn State University and his Master of Science and doctorate from Clemson University. Robert was a professor of cell biology and immunology and former department chairman of cell biology and genetics at the UNT Health Science Center in Fort Worth. He was the associate director of the North Texas Eye Research Institute. He held multiple U.S. patents and one international patent. His main area of research was the diagnosis, management and treatment of glaucoma. Over his career, he was awarded multiple grants and authored many publications. The Graduate Student Association named him Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year.

Robert married Barbara, the love of his life, on August 10, 1974. They met at the University of Pennsylvania and were best friends ever since. Robert was a man marked by excellent character who was a caring, compassionate and loving person. He was a wonderful encourager who knew how to lift your spirits. Robert had a passion for teaching and love for his students. He had a great love for his family and adored his six grandchildren. Robert was preceded in death by his parents and his wife of 36 years, Barbara Wordinger.

Survivors: Children, Susan Strickland, Laurie Ashley and her husband, George, Paul Wordinger and his wife, Melinda, and Kathryn Cane and her husband, Erik; grandchildren, Nickolas Strickland, George Ashley III, Jacob Ashley, Hannah Ashley, Avery Cane and Connor Wordinger; brother, Albert Wordinger Jr. and his wife, April; and nieces and a nephew.