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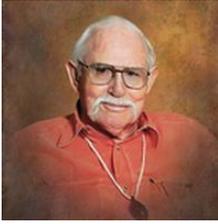


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J. "NOBLE" ATKINS

February 25, 1928 – July 21, 2016



Dr. J. Noble Atkins, Pastor Atkins, was born February 25, 1928 in Midland Texas. The Atkins family settled in Odessa where Noble graduated from Odessa High in 1944 at the age of 16. He headed to Texas A&M in the summer of '44, arriving on the day after D-Day. He heard the radio reports of the invasion on Sunday then took the train to College Station to begin classes on Monday. After three semesters at A&M he felt the call to the ministry and transferred to Southwestern in Georgetown, Texas where he completed his degree in English. While at Southwestern he taught freshman English at the age of 19 (he apparently claimed to be 21 to get the job). He then moved to SMU's Perkins School of Theology and became a minister in 1949. We suspect Noble had churches in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas serving in three conferences.

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On September 23, 1954 Noble married his childhood sweetheart Dorothy Leonard with whom he had three children Jim (James), John and Martha. Noble and Dorothy teamed up to give their kids the best education possible with the children JD, MM and PhD degrees. These are added to Noble's PhD, which he earned at about age 50. Noble was working on his Doctorate in Ministry while the boys were in college and yes, there was some comparison of grades at the ends of semesters. Noble's grades were always the highest. He had a prodigious memory that served him well in his studies, as well as in the pulpit, in party games and in life. He could quote the Bible, Shakespeare, poems he had written in Jr. High, songs he had learned while studying voice in college, hymns, as well as all the presidents or states in order, with equal ease and relish. If you wanted to know some random fact about who was married to a king of England or a bible verse you could only remember the beginning of...just ask. He could probably tell you. His interests, as he described them, included opening the scriptures, church histories, brotherhood between Christians and others, English literature, music, poetry and Free Masonry. He was a more than 60-year member of the Masonic Lodge and a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and remained active in both until the end. He was also a voracious reader of mysteries. He enjoyed learning and trying new things. He continued studying Spanish and practiced with whomever he could. He, in his last month or so, wanted to try Indian Food for the first time, just because. So we did.

Noble is survived by two of his children, John and Martha, by his grandson John, and by his sisters Elizabeth and Lydia, Daughters-in-law, Nicolette and Kelly and "adopted" daughter Suzette. He was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Dorothy, son Jim, brother Hardin and best friend Jimmy. We will remember his dry wit, his stentorian preacher voice, his birthday prayer, his connection to his boxer dogs and his generosity of spirit to those around him especially, in his final years, at SPJST where he found a second home. Rest in Peace Papa.

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MICHAEL “MIKE” ALLEN EFIRD

January 4, 1942 – June 10, 2016



Michael “Mike” Allen Efird, age 74, passed away peacefully at his home in Georgetown, Texas on June 10, 2016. He was born on January 4, 1942 in McKinney, Texas to A. A. “Potts” Efird and Rena Beam Efird. Michael graduated from McKinney High School. He was a second career minister in the United Methodist Church. In 1985, Michael served as a part time local Pastor at the same time he was working in the corporate world with Southwestern Bell Telephone in Dallas, Texas. Michael went into full-time ministry in the North Texas Conference in 1989. In 1991, he began serving churches in the Central Texas Conference. Michael attended Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas and Perkins School of Theology at SMU. He retired in 2006.

On April 19, 1969, he married Patricia Syptak Efird. Michael and Pat spent their life together serving the Lord and ministering to others. Michael enjoyed painting ceramic figurines in his spare time.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Pat of 47 years; his brother, Patrick Efird, of Plano, Texas; his nephews, Jeb Efird of McKinney, Texas; B. J. Efird and wife Christie of Wylie Texas; his niece, Krissy Efird Allen; and many cousins.

STANLEY “SWEDE” WALLACE ERICKSON

June 14, 1932 – September 19, 2016



Stanley Wallace Erickson was born on June 14, 1932 and became one of Gods Angels on Monday, September 19, 2016. Swede grew up in the San Francisco Bay area. He went into the Air Force seven days after graduating from high school at age 18. He left the Air Force long enough to attend Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, and while there worked with Street gangs in Southwest Dallas for the YMCA. Swede served in England, Germany, Panama, Thailand and served two tours in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. During Desert Storm, he was a Senior Protestant Chaplain and was assigned to C5B heavy transport airlift wing and made eight flights with his wing, carrying men and supplies to the Desert Storm area. After 28 years, he retired with the rank of Lt. Col. While on active duty he served in Korean, Vietnam and Desert Storm campaigns, as a chaplain.

Swede enjoyed his volunteer work both while he was in the service and after he retired from active duty. Swede was chaplain for 13 years at the Ron Jackson State Juvenile Correctional Complex, formerly known as Brownwood State School, a top security facility for juveniles. He worked 7 years as a Boy Scout Master. In June

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of 1992, Swede came to Florence, Texas as the pastor of Florence United Methodist Church and Jarrell United Methodist Church and he served these churches for the next six years. Not only did he make friends in the church, but also the entire community. During his tenure as pastor of the Methodist Church, he worked very closely with the people of Jarrell during the tragedy of the devastating tornado. Besides his duties as Pastor, he worked very closely with the schools, he video-taped all of the football, basketball and volleyball games at his expense, which allowed the coaches to use them as teaching aids.

Swede was a volunteer chaplain for the Police Department, Fire Department and EMS. He was a Senior Red Cross Instructor for over 30 years, both in the military and out, he was a CPR first responder instructor for the Fire Department. Swede went to New York City after 911 and worked with the Red Cross and also worked with Katrina victims in New Orleans. In 2002, Swede was the Florence Citizen of the Year. He was a true outdoorsman who loved all sports, especially the Dallas Cowboys. Swede was a man with a kind soul and big heart who will truly be missed.

ROLLO “HOBBY” JEROME HERRINGTON *October 18, 1930 – September 7, 2016*

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Rollo “Hobby” Jerome Herrington was born on October 18, 1930 in Hempstead, Texas, the son of Luther Waytt Herrington and Lela Barbara (Kennedy) Herrington. He married Lou Boles on July 29, 1961 and she preceded him in death on March 17, 2015. Hobby was a minister in the United Methodist Church for 51 years. The churches he served were: Moody Leon; Cross Plains; FUMC Crawford; FUMC Olgesby; FUMC Tehuacana.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Tom Wyatt Herrington and Jennings Graham Herrington. He is survived by his brother, Kurlee Herschel Herrington; three daughters, Deborah Waschmann and her husband Raymond, Judy Fears and Donna Wells; as well as many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

WILLIAM “BILL” H. HORICK *December 16, 1924 – March 27, 2017*

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William H. “Bill” Horick, 92, passed away peacefully at home in Temple on Monday, March 27, 2017. He was born Dec. 16, 1924, in Eastland, Texas to Ross and Maurine Britton Horick. He grew up in Waco next door to the fire station where his grandfather, a retired Waco fireman, had been the captain. After graduating from Waco High School in 1943, Bill served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, stationed in the Pacific Theater, from 1943-46. He attended Baylor University on the G.I. Bill and graduated with a degree in journalism with the class of 1950. He was working in Waco when he met his future wife, Patricia Ruth “Patsy” Faulk at a

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Sunday morning service at St. John's Methodist Church. Bill and Patsy were married on the Fourth of July, 1953, in Brownsville and moved to Dallas, where Bill graduated from the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in 1956.

Bill spent his entire career as a minister, faithfully serving United Methodist churches in the Central Texas Conference. During his ministry, he pastored churches in Breckenridge, Copperas Cove, Taylor, Dawson, Lorena, Coolidge, Prairie Hill, Corsicana, Little River, Holland, Evant, Bee House, Pearl, Florence, Troy and Waco. After his retirement in 1991, Bill and Patsy joined First United Methodist Church in Temple, where Bill taught the Dawson Class. He also led a Bible study for residents at a local nursing home.

Always proud of his naval service, Bill was a devoted member of the American Legion. Until his dying day, he habitually saluted fellow veterans when he saw them wearing caps that spoke of their own service records. Bill was a longtime and devoted fan of the Baylor Lady Bears basketball team. His love for classic movies was almost boundless, and his knowledge of old movies and actors was practically encyclopedic.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Ann Wilkinson. He is survived by his loving wife, Patsy; two sons, Wilson R. "Randy" Horick and wife, Grace, of Nashville, Tenn., and Ronald G. "Ron" Horick and wife, Shelly, of Dallas; and three grandchildren, Kelsey Horick, Allison Horick, and Michael Horick. He is also survived by a brother, Robert Horick of Georgetown and wife, Judybelle, of Georgetown and their children, Bob Jr. and Nora, and a large extended family.

JOHN WESLEY HULME *July 8, 1925 – June 18, 2016*



Rev. John W. Hulme, 90 of Sparta, TN formerly of Jackson, TN passed away on June 18, 2016. He was born on July 8, 1925 in Newbern, TN to the late F.E.P. and Lula Carnell Hulme. He attended Lambuth College, Asbury College, Vanderbilt University and Vanderbilt Seminary. John was a retired U.S. Army Colonel who served as a Merchant Marine in WWII and as a Chaplain in the U.S. Army and served in Korea, Japan, Panama, Vietnam and Thailand. He also served as pastor of many United Methodist churches both in Texas and

Tennessee.

Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, John Wesley Hulme, Jr., and 11 brothers and sisters. He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Asylee Hulme; one daughter, Sylvia Hull of Mineral Wells, TX; 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

JOHN MICHAEL PATISON, SR. July 30, 1927 – February 21, 2017



John Michael Patison Sr., 90 of Fort Worth, a retired United Methodist minister, died on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017. Rev. Patison was born to John Earl and Odessa Taylor Patison on July 30, 1927 in Fort Worth, Texas. His paternal grandfather, John Willis Patison, was also a Methodist Minister. He was married to Nelda Johnson of Hillsboro, Texas on March 8, 1958. Their lives were enriched by their two children, Pamela Renee and John Michael Jr. Theirs was a marriage of wonderful experiences. The family camped throughout the United States and Canada and traveled to Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Greece, Germany and England. Nelda participated in their ministry in six churches and their oversight of two districts. After sharing 27 wonderful years, Nelda died an untimely death at the age of 49 in 1985. Rev. Patison was blessed to be united in marriage to Margaret Yvonne Williams of Weatherford on March 16, 1991. They spent 25 deeply loving and marvelously enjoyable years together. He referred to her as "St. Margaret" and always said that few people have been as doubly blessed in marriage as he had been.

They toured every country in Western Europe except Ireland and traveled widely in the United States. Their cherished friends extend from Norway and England to the breadth of the United States. Theirs was a picture-perfect marriage full of love and respect. They were active in First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth and occupied the second pew on the east side of the sanctuary every Sunday.

A 1944 graduate of Paschal High School, he was active in its alumni activities. He studied at Texas Christian University and Texas Wesleyan University before being graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1949. He subsequently earned the Master of Divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology at S.M.U. in 1952. He loved music. An accomplished trumpet player, he played in the Paschal, T.C.U. and S.M.U. bands and in the T.C.U. and Texas Wesleyan Orchestras. While serving in the U.S. Marine Corps he played in the band of the Marine Base in San Diego, Calif., in the Fleet Marine Force (Pacific) band in Hawaii, and the First Division bands in China. He was a cheerleader while at S.M.U.

Rev. Patison was licensed to preach at the age of 18 and entered the Central Texas Methodist Conference in 1950 where he served as an active clergyman for 46 years. As a youth, he served as president of the Fort Worth District youth organization, as an annual conference youth officer and as president of the eight-state South Central Jurisdiction Youth organization. The churches he served were: Mosheim, Lane's Chapel, Cayote and Coon Creek; Gordon; St. Paul in Temple; Central in Mineral Wells; Bethel in Ellis County; Moody; Church of the Good Shepherd in Arlington; Seventh Street (now Oak Park) in Temple; Richland Hills; University in Fort Worth. He served five years as District Superintendent of the Temple District and six years as District Superintendent of the Weatherford District. For the last eight years of active ministry, he was the Director of the Central Texas

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Conference Council on Ministries. His ability in this position caused him to be chosen to be a member of the national training team for new Conference Council Directors for six years, the last four of which he served as team leader. He also served as Chairman of the Jurisdictional Council Directors Association and as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Council Directors. Since retirement, he has taught seminary classes for United Methodist Communications, served on the Conference Board of Pensions and various other boards. Because of his extensive research and writing on Central Texas Methodist Conference history, he was elected the Conference Historian and Chairman of the Conference Committee on Archives and history. In addition to writing many articles based on that research, he has served as chairman of the committee charged with writing and publishing the comprehensive history of the Conference. The volume he edited, "The Central Texas Conference at the Center of Texas Methodism," was published in 2011. Rev. Patison served as a Trustee of Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas and of Lydia Patterson Institute of El Paso, Texas. He was a member of the World Methodist Council when it met in Nairobi, Kenya, and he served as a delegate to that organization's meetings in London, England and Singapore. His peers twice elected him as a delegate to the Church's Jurisdictional Conference. He served two four-year terms as chairman of the Conference Board of Church and Society, as Chairman of the Committee on Camps and Conferences, and was on the boards of directors of United Community Centers, Wesleyan Homes, Inc., and Church Growth and Development.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Margaret; daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and David Signori of McLean, Va.; son and daughter-in-law, John and Michelle Patison of Dallas, Texas; his adored grandchildren, John Michael Patison III, Andrew Charles Patison, Samson Tobia Signori and Lily Wen Signori; a number of cousins, "adopted" grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and by countless friends.

HENRY "HANK" EDWARD PERSLEY *March 3, 1936 – March 9, 2017*



Reverend Henry "Hank" Edward Persley, 81 (retired), of Fort Worth, Texas passed through, Thursday, March 9, 2017 at his home with family surrounding him in love.

Four score and 1 year ago on March 3, 1936 in Nashville, Tennessee God blessed Frances Persley and Sam McCray with a son, Henry Edward Persley.

Henry joined the United States Air Force in 1956. While serving in the military he worked various jobs including performing in a jazz group in San Antonio, Texas. He played the trumpet with passion. While living in San Antonio he wrote arrangements for various plays and operas for Incarnate Word College. While in San Antonio he met and married the love of his life, Yvonne Ross on August 23, 1962. They were blessed to have 6 children from this union; Anthony and Antonio, Phyllis, Kimberly,

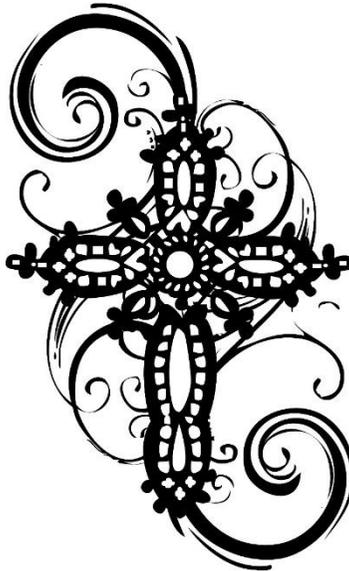
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Henry Edward III, and James Leigh Persley. He was also blessed with two daughters from a previous union – Francis Persley White and Alecia Persley Carter.

After leaving the military, he started his career in the jewelry industry at Corrigan's Jewelry Store in New Orleans. Eventually Henry transferred to the Texas area to continue his work with Corrigan's. Upon leaving Corrigan's he moved the family to Long Island, New York to begin a career with Zales Corporation, and moved the ranks to become an executive of marketing. After years with Zales, Henry decided to move back to Texas where he utilized his entrepreneurial desire to start his own janitorial service, Paragon Professional Cleaning Services. He worked that business until he was called into the ministry. He attended Texas Wesleyan University where he completed his BA and continued on to complete required ministerial studies at Perkins School of Theology at SMU in Dallas. Henry became a fulltime pastor at Mt. Zion UMC in Belton, Texas in 1989 and was pastor of several other churches until he retired in 2004 from St. James UMC in Waco, Texas. He spent his retirement years as an active member of the older adult group Tried N' True, he taught Sunday school, bible study, and at Easter he told the story of and dressed as Simon Cyrene. He was devoted to his church and loved his God.

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Henry was preceded in death by 2 children, Anthony and Antonio, deceased at birth, sister (Jean), mother, and father. Henry is cherished in memory by: his wife, Yvonne, daughters, Frances (Jeffrey White), Alecia (Junius Carter), Phyllis (Charles Scott) and Kimberly. Sons, Henry III (Tiffany) and James (Alusina); grandsons, Corey King, Junius Carter, Edward Carter, Malcom Carter, James Persley Jr, Charles Scott, Henry Persley IV, Anthony Persley, Samson Persley, Jonah Persley; granddaughters, Ashley Scott, Sarah Scott, Carolyn Persley, Kamara Persley, Aleshia King; great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.



JOHN FREDERICK ADAMSON

April 6, 1944 – February 8, 2017



John Frederick Adamson was born April 6, 1944 in Linton, Indiana, the son of John Joseph and Irma Kahre Adamson. He died unexpectedly on February 8, 2017.

Growing up in the Sandborn area of Indiana, John's character was shaped by his involvement in the United Methodist Church, Boy Scouts, 4-H, school and working on the family farm. John was a member of the last graduating class of Sandborn High School. Later he graduated from Purdue University with a degree in electrical engineering. He was a proud Boilermaker who had all Purdue football and basketball games on his calendar, and his Direct TV subscription HAD to include the Big Ten Network. He was always watching for any word about Chauncey House alums.

John worked for Peabody Coal Company, serving as Chief Electrical Engineer for 22 + years in Indiana, Kentucky, Alabama, Ohio and Texas. Typically, when asked what he did for a living he responded, "I turn on the lights."

John married Georgia Lee Mitchell on November 22, 1972 at Redstone Lodge in Alabama. Together they shared 44 + years of marriage and two children: Trina Michele Adamson and John William Adamson (J.W.). The last 29 years they lived in the Central Texas area.

A man of deep faith, great intellect and curiosity, fiercely loyal and full of humor (but almost never at anyone's expense), John believed strongly in God and family and doing what is right. He chose to live out his faith as a lifelong United Methodist. Many people joked that John had done everything in the church except get ordained. John was active in the Ecumenical Cursillo and later The Walk to Emmaus from 1981 to 2001, serving as Lay Director as well as Conference Board Chair in Ohio, Kentucky and Texas.

John always said he was a master at making machines talk but not so much people. Those who truly knew him knew that his life and witness spoke more than any sermon ever preached.

After a spinal cord injury in 2002 and subsequent health issues over the next 15 years, John taught himself to walk again three different times. He built a stand in the choir loft at First United Methodist Church, Mineral Wells so he could continue to sing. He found new ways to exercise his mind and curiosity, such as designing his own remote control weed eater and spending endless hours on genealogy and watching webinars to learn how to do new things. John found countless ways to rejoice in life daily. If he wanted to do something, that engineering mind found a way.

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John was preceded in death by his parents, John Joseph and Irma Kahre Adamson. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Rev. Dr. Georgia Lee Adamson of Aledo, Texas; daughter, Trina Michele Adamson, also of Aledo; son, John William (J.W.) Adamson of Midwest City, Okla.; sister, JoAnna and her husband, Rev. Mike Madden of Saginaw, Texas; and brother, George Adamson and his wife, Janice of Elkart, Ind. John loved and kept up with his extended family of nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles, plus longtime friends spread throughout the country. In the last couple of years John was especially grateful for the online worship community of White's Chapel UMC in Southlake, Texas.

JOAN ALLISON BAILEY

September 27, 1930 - January 28, 2017



Joan Allison Bailey, 86, was born September 27, 1930, in Kansas City, MO to Janice May Allison and Edison Ruel Kessler, she passed away, Saturday, January 28, 2017, in Fort Worth. After Joan graduated from high school, the family moved to Dallas where she enrolled at Southern Methodist University in 1950. She married H. Barry Bailey, who she affectionately called "Pete", and they had two children.

Joan was the first of two women to receive an economics degree from SMU. She was very interested in finance, and one year she gave her three young grandchildren stock certificates for their birthdays. She told them to learn from the interest, and to watch and see that their money was working for them. One occasion after being excused from jury duty, and having a free day, Joan enrolled as a full-time student at Texas Christian University, which led to her receiving a degree in interior design. She became a member of the American Society of Interior Design, and worked pro bono designing the office of the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the home of the president of SMU, for which she received an award from the trustees; the Methodist Children's Home in Waco, as well as the entire facility of First United Methodist Church, Fort Worth. Joan loved to entertain, and once gave a party for 500 people; the entire delegation of Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Her family was the center of her life, and she was an ideal beloved grandmother. She particularly enjoyed games, excelling at table tennis. She rode the twenty six mile "Fort Worth Chisholm Trail Ride," three times, and said she would have gotten off the horse, but wasn't sure she could get bak on. She had a great sense of humor. Joan was a woman of integrity, honesty, and courage. During her husband's civil trial, years ago, Joan stayed calm, and was a source of strength for the whole family. Things were falling apart on the outside, but she remained steady, and secure on the inside. She said; "We will live above this, let the chips fall as they may. Don't tell me Pete; that you will let what someone says defeat you." She was a member of the Woman's Club of Fort Worth, the Fort Worth Garden Club, American Society of Interior Designers, The United Methodist

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Women (president), she taught Sunday school for the Methodist Church for thirty years, and was a Texas board certified interior designer. The family extends their love and appreciation to the wonderful staff at Colonial Gardens Nursing Home and especially to Eugenia Hindes, Caty Galvin, Lisa Thomas and the Lupe San Doval family.

Joan is survived by her husband of 66 years, H. Barry Bailey; son, Barry Kessler Bailey (Ms Debbie Curran); daughter, Janice Allison Bailey Robinson (Dr. Roger Robinson); and her grandchildren, Wesley Lamar Robinson (Dr. Lindsay Robinson), Laura Allison Robinson and Stephanie May Robinson.

JOANN BASHAM

August 2, 1929 - January 14, 2017

JoAnn Basham, 87, was born August 2, 1929 and passed away Saturday, January 2, 2017. JoAnn was preceded in death by her husband, John Basham on February, 9, 1984. JoAnn is survived by one sister; three children; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

BETTY JEAN BUHL

September 8, 1926 - February 26, 2017



Betty Jean Buhl went peacefully to be with the Lord on Friday, February 26, 2017. Betty Jean was born in Chattanooga, TN on September 8, 1926. She graduated from Lake Worth High School and worked in sales at Neiman Marcus, Monnigs and Striplings department stores.

She was a member of Arborlawn United Methodist Church. She loved animals, interior decorating and antique & decorative bottles. She enjoyed traveling, bowling and was an avid sports fan, especially the Tennessee Volunteers football team. She was loved by all who knew her and will be dearly missed.

Betty Jean is survived by her husband of 48 years, Arthur Buhl; son, Jimmy Godby; grandson, Trent Godby (Trish); granddaughter, Ashley Godby; brother and sister-in-law, Johnny McKissick (Virginia); sister and brother-in-law, Carol Gordon (Winston); great-grandchildren, Gage Godby and Gentry Armstrong; and numerous niece and nephews.

EDDIE LEE (YOUNGBLOOD) DENTON COOPER

July 22, 1922 – December 21, 2016



Eddie Lee (Youngblood) Denton Cooper passed from this life on December 8, 2016, in Houston, still inspiring others at the phenomenal age of 94. She was born with mid-wife assistance on July 22, 1922, on the family farm near Coolidge, Texas. She graduated from Woodland High School as class valedictorian and received a bachelor's degree in education from Samuel Huston College, and a MA in Education degree from Prairie View A&M University. Mrs. Cooper's lifelong career and passion was teaching. She spent the entirety of her 38 year teaching career in Coolidge I.S.D. She purposefully chose to remain close to home and positively influence youth in the small community near the farm on which she was raised, and on which she helped remain in continuous family operations for over 120 years.

She was a faithful servant leader in her church, St. Luke, United Methodist Church, serving as adult Sunday School teacher, lay speaker, volunteer and mentor to others in various roles. She was a resident of Mexia, where her involvement included being a supporting founder of Caritas Mexia and active in the Limestone County Retired Teachers Association. She was an avid reader, an adventurer, a lover of the outdoors, and seemed to never meet a stranger, prompting interesting conversations and connections with just about everyone she met. Her laugh was contagious; her compassion, endearing. Though she became legally blind at age 92 and started to experience declining health about that time, she continued to encourage others not only with her sharp wit and insightful counsel, but also with her confident response "I'm blessed," when asked about her well-being, even though her frailest physical state.

Eddie Lee is preceded in death by – and ready to join – her parents, James E. Youngblood and Mattie (Hobbs) Youngblood, her 14 siblings (Alfred, Ulysses, Shallie, Mary Ethel, Grover, DeLillian, Theodore, Booker T., Billie, Oscar, Helen, Clarence, Rudolph, and Tracy) and the loves of her life, husbands, Luther Denton (1968) and the Rev. E. M. Cooper (1981).

Her faithful, strong and courageous legacy will be remembered with love by her daughter, Vicki Denton Holmes (Sidney) of Houston; and granddaughter, Ashlee holmes Eiland (Delwin), and two great-grandchildren, Brooklyn and Myles, all of Fox River Grove, Illinois. Her sister-in-law, Lena V. Youngblood, Houston; brother-in-law, Aldee Miller, Wichita, KS; and an extensive number of nephews, nieces, great-nephews/nieces, cousins and their families.

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ALFRED L. DAHL

May 19, 1927 – January 28, 2017



Alfred Leroy Dahl, 89, of Fort Worth was born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin to Florence Colby and Martin L. Dahl on May 19, 1927 and he passed away Saturday, January 28, 2017. He graduated from Paris High School in Paris, Texas in 1944. He went on to earn a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Texas in 1949 and a Master's in Education from Texas Christian University in 1970.

In 1955, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served as an engineer at White Sands, N.M. He worked as an engineer for Texas Electric Service Company for 15 years. He taught math and science for 24 years, most of those at Eastern Hills High School. He was recognized by the Texas Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers in 1972 for Excellence in Physics Teaching.

Alfred was a member of Meadowbrook United Methodist Church where he sang in the chancel choir, taught Sunday school, accompanied the youth on several mission trips and served on numerous boards and committees. His civic activities included Meadowbrook sector zoning committee, precinct chair, and election judge. He was proud of his Norwegian heritage and visited Norway on three occasions to connect with distant family. He was an avid fan of Texas Rangers baseball. Al had a deep love for all kinds of music, particularly classical and sacred music.

Alfred is preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Charlotte Threadgill; and his brother, Roger Dahl. Al's last two months were spent under the loving care of his wife and four devoted children in the home he built with his own hands. The family is grateful they were able to fill his heart and mind with their deep love and admiration. Al undervalued his worthiness throughout his life. In the end he came to understand what an exceptional man his family, students and friends knew him to be.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Dorothy M. Dahl; daughters, Namie McCahan (David); Louisa Dahl-Tillson (Robert); sons, Martin (Lynda); Alan (Natalia) and grandchildren, Colby McCahan, Cooper and Grace Tillson and Lida Dahl-Ruiz.

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PATSY “PAT” FEEMSTER

September 7, 1932 – April 21, 2017



Patsy “Pat” Feemster, 84, passed away Friday, April 21, 2017. Pat was born on September 7, 1932, to the late Hollis and Lounell Green in San Angelo, Texas. Her family moved to Fort Worth in 1936 and became active in St. Paul Methodist Church. It was at a church prayer meeting in 1948 that she met Ben Feemster and two years later, shortly after she graduated from Paschal High School in Fort Worth, she and Ben married at St. Paul. Aside from the years that they spent in Atlanta while Ben attended Candler School of Theology at Emory University, their entire ministry was in the Central and North Texas Conferences. It was during ministries at Aldersgate UMC in Arlington and First UMC in Brownwood that Pat and Ben welcomed their two children, David and Martha Ann.

Pat loved school and graduated with a double major in English and History in 1968 from what was then Texas Wesleyan College. When her children were grown, she worked briefly in the academic counseling office at Eastfield Community College but it was her career as wife, mother, and grandmother and friend that truly brought her joy. Pat was active in WSCS/UMW, Minister’s Wives, The Women’s Club of Fort Worth Round Table and 93 Clubs, University Place Book Club and the Dr. Jim Lee Book Club. Pat was also a docent at the Amon Carter Museum of American Art. She and Ben were hosts with Educational Opportunities Tours and led nine trips to the Holy Land as well as leading groups to 30 other countries.

When Ben passed away in 2005, just two months after their 55th wedding anniversary, Pat moved to Trinity Terrace where she re-connected with several old friends and enjoyed playing bridge and 42 as well as participating in book clubs. She was an active member at Arborlawn UMC for as long as she was able. Pat left a legacy of love and devotion to family and friends that continues on through her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She is survived by her children: son, David Feemster (Betsy) and her daughter Martha Tomasko (Jay); 4 grandchildren: Beth Wise (Alex), Kristin Pierson (Josh), Leah Sutphen (Tyler) and Michael Wolverton (Devin), and several great-grandchildren including two that were born the month before she passed away.

Laura Jean Greenwaldt

September 15, 1922 – February 25, 2017



Laura Jean Greenwaldt, 94, died on February 25, 2017. Born September 15, 1922, in Wichita Falls, Texas, to Harold and Ruby Lee Murph and living most recently in Nashville, TN. She was an accomplished violinist, pianist, and oil and water color painter. She was a former school teacher & volunteer in many organizations. She loved flowers, planted lovely gardens and filled her homes with indoor flowering plants. Her back yards

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always had bird houses and feeders as she loved the colors and singing of our winged friends.

During her teenage years, Laura Jean felt “called to be a preacher’s wife”. She graduated from Southern Methodist University with a degree in home economics. While at SMU, she met and then married her husband, the Rev. Dr. William M. (Bill) Greenwaldt, an elder in the Central Texas Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church. They were married for over fifty years.

She and Bill served many churches and places of ministry in the central Texas area. While he served as a pastor, as a district superintendent or as the annual conference’s secretary/treasurer, she taught Sunday school, Bible and book studies, led choirs, and volunteered in numerous local church ministries and activities. During several of her retired years in Longview, Texas and prior to moving to Nashville, Tennessee, she volunteered with the Longview Symphony Guild and thoroughly enjoyed teaching adult Sunday school classes and leading Grief Support groups at the First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill, by their daughter, Hilda Jo Greenwaldt, by two sisters, Arline Haskell and Barbara Corley, and by her friend and companion, James R. Roberts. She is survived by Becky French (John), William Carroll Greenwaldt (Mary), Karen Greenwaldt (Russell Harris), 5 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren.

MARJORIE ERRINGTON HAYNES *October 27, 1928 – February 4, 2017*



Marjorie Errington Haynes, 88, of Amarillo died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017. Marjorie was born Oct. 27, 1928, in Spearman to O.D. Riggs and Pearl Hance Riggs. She moved to Pantex Village in 1943 and graduated from Amarillo High School in 1946.

She was employed as a congressional assistant to Congressman Jack Hightower and worked for Amarillo Independent School district as an attendance clerk for Travis Middle School.

She married the love of her life, Ross Errington, on November 8, 1947. After his passing in 1997, she met the Rev. Robert Haynes, a retired Methodist minister, and they were married in 2000. She was a member of St. Paul Methodist Church, a 50 year endowed member of Eastern Star and was a secretary to Grand Chapter of Texas. She was also a longtime member of Avihk Temple No. 70 Daughters of the Nile.

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She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Ross Errington and the Rev. Robert Haynes; a daughter, Ellen Cox Kiser; a sister, Jo Nell Webber; and two brothers, Olen and Don Riggs.

Survivors include a daughter, Rossianne Wood (David); three granddaughters, Sherrel Ivie (Tony), Donna Ashton and fiancé Brian Kelly and Jerri Cox (Jay); a grandson, Peyton Cox and fiancé Jessica Kennedy; two great-granddaughters, Ellie Ivie and Amber Cox; five great-grandsons, Morgan Ivie and fiancé Kaitlin Woods, Micah Ivie, Clayton Ashton, Bryce Tucker and Axel Cox; a great-great-grandson, Hickson Ray Ivie; and many nieces and nephews.

MYRLENE “LYNN” DOSS HOPKINS

May 17, 1928 – September 14, 2016

Myrlene “Lynn” Doss Hopkins was born May 17, 1928 to Claude Otto and Bessie Maude Brooks Doss in Graham, Texas. She married James A. “Jack” Hopkins, Jr., on October 1, 1946 in Mineral Wells, Texas. She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include two daughters, Jacque Hopkins of Temple and Pam Johnson of Belton; a brother, Richard Doss of Carbon; a sister, Barbee Doss of Colorado; two grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

MARY ANN CURTIS MARNEY

January 17, 1937 - April 11, 2017



Mary Ann Curtis Marney, was born on January 17, 1937 in Mobile, Alabama and after a brief illness she passed away on April 11, 2017.

She moved to Texas with her mother in 1952. She graduated from Pascal High School in Fort Worth, Texas. One Sunday evening while attending church, her pastor mentioned that he didn't think his 25-year-old son was ever going to get married, and Mary accepted the challenge. She married Rev. Ben Marney on February 22, 1958.

Mary became mother to Barton, Leah, and Kenneth before going to work for the State of Texas. Over the years, Mary worked in several different offices for the state as she and Ben moved from church to church until Ben retired in 1995 and moved to their home in Fort Worth. She retired in August of 1996.

In 1999, after all the local members of the family were deceased, Mary and Ben moved to Pennsylvania to live in Hollidaysburg. Mary was then able to be more involved with her grandchildren. Ben and Mary moved to Homewood Retirement Center in Martinsburg, Pennsylvania in March 2015.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. Benjamin Marney; Barton; Leah; 5 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; 2 nieces and 1 nephew. She was preceded in death by her son, Kenneth and will be laid to rest next to him in Shannon Rose Hill Cemetery, in Fort Worth, Texas.

BENTON DURWOOD MATHIAS

September 24, 1926 - January 30, 2017

Benton Durwood Mathias, 90, was born September 24, 1926 and passed away Monday, January 30, 2017. He was a long time resident of Fort Worth and worked at Bell Helicopter for many decades. Ben is survived by his loving wife, Maureen as well as children and grandchildren.

CYNTHIA VANCE REDMOND

September 9, 1950 – May 21, 2017



Cynthia Vance Redmond, 66, was born September 9, 1950 and went to be with her Lord Jesus May 21, 2017. Cindy was a life-long resident of Fort Worth, where she attended and graduated from Fort Worth schools. Her spiritual formation began at home at an early age and her family became active with Meadowbrook UMC where her mother started the “Bright Corner Sunday School Class” in 1954.

Growing up in church, you would not be surprised to know that she met the love of her life, Michael Redmond one Sunday morning at Smithfield UMC. They had their first date early in May and Dr. Richard Reed married them on August 30, 1997. It was the beginning of a 20-year romance. Michael and Cindy were a team, they shared a ministry. Cindy graciously and faithfully witnessed to the love of Christ in each church they served together. It didn’t take anyone long to recognize that Cindy was the jewel in their relationship. Her beautiful smile and graciousness was contagious. As you got to know her, you began to recognize that the love of Christ oozed out of every pore in her body, Cindy brought a beautiful voice to the choir and how she loved to sing. She plugged into the church and willingly gave of herself in teaching, working on mission projects, Bible Studies. Most importantly, when you were around Cindy, there was sheer joy, and that source of her joy was her faith in Christ Jesus as her savior. Even in the toughest moments of her life she trusted God.

Cindy was preceded in death by her brother Mark Mabey and her father Earl Mabey. She is survived by her loving husband Michael; daughters, Amy (Brian) Hackney; Alisa (R.J.) Williams; Arin Mortensen and fiancé Jeff Rench; Casey Redmond and fiancé Skylar Russell; grandsons, Caleb Wallen; Jimmy Crider, and Zackery Redmond; granddaughters, Amara and Jaida Rench; sister, Julie (Rickey)

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Hargrave; brother, Charles (Kathy) Mabey, and mother, Jeanne Mabey; plus, a large extended family.

EMMA “JEAN” LOVELADY REED

August 3, 1927 – March 21, 2017



Emma “Jean” Lovelady Reed, 90, born August 3, 1927 and passed away peacefully in her home, Tuesday, March 21, 2017. She was born Emma Jean Lovelady to Samuel Lovelady and Emma Richards Lovelady. She graduated from Jacksonville Texas High School. While attending Lon Morris College, she met Cecil D. Reed and they married on August 16, 1945.

Cecil became a minister in the Central Texas Methodist Conference, and Jean was proud to serve beside him as a pastor’s wife and mother of their three children. In 1960, Cecil joined the U.S. Army Chaplain’s service. The military took the family from Texas to Georgia, Germany, New York, Korea and Maryland, before retiring to Fort Hood, Texas. Jean was proud that her husband, while stationed near Camp David Presidential Retreat, was honored to hold religious service 52 times for President Jimmy Carter during his presidency. Jean and Cecil retired to the ranch life in Florence, Texas in 1980.

Jean will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend who enjoyed ranch life, summers at their Colorado cabin, flowers, hummingbirds, sewing, art crafts and cooking. The aroma of yeast rolls baking will bring memories of her fresh rolls and sweet smile in Florence, Texas and Conejos Valley, Colorado.

Jean is preceded in death by her parents and five brothers; Melvin, Calvert, Sam Jr., Chester and Perry Lovelady. She is survived by her husband, Cecil; three children, Nancy (Larry); Paul (Chloe); Jeannie (Steve); as well as six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

KATHRYN LOUSE TIDD

June 27, 1942 - July 30, 2016



Kathryn Louise Tidd, 74, born June 27, 1942 and passed away peacefully at home, Saturday, July 30, 2016. Kathryn was preceded in death by her husband, David Tidd.

Kathryn is survived by sons, Andrew Tidd (Kimberly); and Stephen Tidd (Julia); brothers, William Fuller (Marcia) and Ross Fuller (Debbie); sister, Mary Ann Cosgrove; and grandchildren, Aeriell

Tidd and Addison Tidd.

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FRANCES ZELLERS

November 24, 1920 - May 6, 2017



Frances R. Zellers, 96, passed away quietly Saturday evening May 6, 2017 with daughters Brenda and Jessica and granddaughter Arianna by her side. Frances was born Frances Lee Rogers on November 24, 1920 in Barney, Georgia to Clara and Quinton Rogers. Quinton was a tobacco farmer and Clara raised chicken, quail, hogs and grew all their vegetables and some fruit as well. Frances helped raise her 5 younger brothers until she graduated Barney High School in June of 1937. She attended the University of Georgia and earned a BS in Home Economics in May of 1942. During WWII, the Victory Garden program produced vegetables which the war had made scarce. Following graduation, she moved to Langdale, Alabama working as a supervisor in a community canning plant which preserved the harvest from Victory Gardens in the community. Frances also taught home economics at Valley High School in Langdale.

In 1947 Frances heard about a new program which sent missionaries to Japan. She felt the call and signed up joining other volunteers to receive training to become missionaries and to teach English. The program had more than enough volunteers for Japan so they established a group to go to Kaesong, Korea for 3 years. Frances Rogers and Lawrence (Larry) Zellers both volunteered and later fell in love, marrying in Seoul, South Korea on November 19, 1949. Seven months later in June, 1950 the Korean War broke out and Larry was captured by the North Koreans. Frances meanwhile was ill but safe in Seoul following their friends' wedding and remained there while Larry traveled back to their home in Kaesong which is very close to the 38th parallel. All the missionaries in Korea returned to the United States and Frances initially stayed with Larry's parents in Weatherford, Texas. Lillie and Jack Payne invited Frances to stay with them and they remained lifelong friends. Frances remained confident that Larry would be released and for the next few years was asked to travel all over the United States and speak about the importance of mission work abroad.

In July of 1953 Larry Zellers was released in a small group of civilians. Reunited at last Larry and Frances moved north while Larry attended Drew University to get his Masters of Divinity at Drew University. During this time, Frances became critically ill and was admitted to New York Hospital where she stayed for months. Larry made the decision to enter the Air Force Chaplaincy and thus began her 20-year career as a Chaplain's wife. Their first assignment was Japan where they adopted two half American and half Japanese girls. Returning to the United States Frances was involved in the life of the Base Chapel wherever they were stationed. An assignment to England afforded opportunities for the family to travel which she dearly loved. Larry's final assignment was to Rickenbacker AFB in Ohio. Frances decided her next mission in life was to minister to the aged in a nursing home. She

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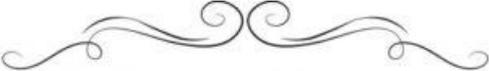
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attended school and attained certification as a Licensed Practical Nurse. After retiring from the Air Force Larry and Frances returned to Weatherford, TX and Frances worked in a nursing home for over 10 years. Frances was also an active member of the Couets Memorial United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women and taught Sunday School.

In August, 2007 Larry passed away and the following year Frances moved to Hernando, Mississippi into the Wesley Meadows Senior Living Community. Her daughter Brenda and family lived 30 miles away in Collierville, Tennessee, so Brenda became the primary transportation to various appointments and to Walmart, visiting Frances once a week. Frances felt her next mission was to get to know her fellow residents and find those who needed a friend or perhaps some assistance. She continued to serve and witness for almost ten years at Wesley Meadows. An avid gardener she took advantage of a raised bed and Dave, her son-in-law, added two more raised beds allowing her to garden until the Fall of 2016, she was 96.

Frances is survived by her youngest brother Roland T. Rogers of Sylvester, GA, daughters Jessica Harrison, and Brenda Blizzard, son-in-laws Rob Harrison and David Blizzard, grandchildren Oney and Leggy Harrison and Natalie and Alan Blizzard. Predeceasing her were her father Quinton Milous Rogers, mother Clara Hendry Rogers and brothers Lloyd, Norman, Morris and Glenn.

Frances was a faithful Servant and is now in her Master's house. She will be remembered and missed by family and friends.


In Loving Memory

♡ *Those we love don't go away* ♡
They walk beside us everyday
Unseen, unheard, but always near
Still loved, still missed and very dear


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