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TIMOTHY RAY "TIM" BOEGLIN

April 28, 1953 – April 19, 2016



The Reverend Timothy Ray "Tim" Boeglin, 62, a beloved husband, father, son, brother and brother-in-law, passed away Tuesday, April 19, 2016. Tim was born April 28, 1953, in Dallas. He served many churches as a pastor. Tim was an avid reader, book collector, talented writer and scholar with a great sense of humor. Tim was preceded in death by his parents, Chuck and Audrey Boeglin; and brother, Rick Boeglin. Survivors: Wife, Suzi Boeglin; sons, Andrew Boeglin and Keith (Kristi) Parvin; grandchildren, Max, Sadie and Jack; sister, Diane Forester; sisters-in-law, Susan Boeglin and Sandi (James) Michel; brothers-in-law, Fred (Sammie) Sheppard and Steve (Sue) Sheppard; nieces, Stephanie, Rachel, Kaity, Hanah and Melody; and nephews, Charlie, Brett, Nicholas, Ben, Michael and Jonathan.

RICHARD ALAN HUNT

February 8, 1931 – March 20, 2016



Richard Alan Hunt, Ph. D, 85, died peacefully at home in Denton after a short battle with cancer on Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016. Born February 8, 1931 in Fort Worth to E.E. "Eddie" Hunt and Naoma Baumand.

Richard married Joan Annett Francis on May 29, 1951. After obtaining a bachelor's degree from Texas Wesleyan University, and a M.Div. from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, he completed a doctorate in Psychology from Texas Christian University in 1965. After ordination, and 13 years as a United Methodist pastor, Dr. Hunt published and presented nationally and internationally on marriage and on clergy assessment/support. As an SMU faculty member, he authored "Creative Marriage," a text that sold 300,000 copies. He and wife Joan co-authored three editions of "Growing Love in Christian Marriage," the official marriage manual of the United Methodist Church, and he was the lead author for the first six editions of the United Methodist Church's Candidacy Guidebook, which is still the process for candidates seeking to become United Methodist ministers. Dr. Hunt was a licensed psychologist and American Board for Professional Psychology Diplomate, a life member of the American Psychological Association, a fellow of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and a supervisor in the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. He taught at SMU in Dallas, Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, California, and Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth.

Richard approached retirement as re-engagement. He enjoyed camping, travel, teaching and active involvement in the Searchers Sunday School Class at First United Methodist Church Denton, Mentoring at Rivera Elementary School, Senior Center events, and ushering at the Community Theatre. A servant who cherished

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his work with marriage preparation and enrichment, Richard believed marriage is the basis for society, a theme reflected in his service activities. His greatest sorrow recently was that he would not complete the many projects he still nurtured.

A brother, Gene Hunt, predeceased him in 2009. Survivors include Joan Hunt, his wife of 64 years, a sister, Jeanette Kinard of Wimberley, a brother, Hubert Hunt of Fort Worth, two married sons, Randy Hunt and wife Annetta Ramsay of Denton, Dr. Ron Hunt and wife Sarah of Charlotte, North Carolina, grandchildren Ashley Hunt, Megan Hunt Etherege, David Hunt, Ian Hunt, Camden Hunt, and one Great-grandchild, Caleb Etherege.



MOLLY ELIZABETH CAVANAUGH

December 11, 1938 - September 16, 2015

Molly Elizabeth Cavanaugh, age 76, died after a lengthy illness on September 16, 2015, in Temple, Texas. Molly was born on December 11, 1938, in Winters, TX, to parents C.S. and Mary Harris. She attended school for many years in Plainview, TX, which she considered her home.

Molly worked in the insurance industry for many years. She was a great wife, loving mother, niece and Grandmother. In 1955 she married Robert Cavanaugh and the couple had four children together. She supported her husband in the ministry of the United Methodist Church for several decades. She was an accomplished pianist and enjoyed traveling with her husband in their RV, reading, crocheting, and cross-stitching. Her family and friends will always remember her as a vibrant, loving, generous and witty "Mima". She will be missed by the many family members as well as all of the many friends she had.

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She was preceded in death by her son Rob Cavanaugh Jr; her parents C.S. and Mary Harris; and brothers Stanley Harris and Phil Harris. She is survived by her husband of 60 years the Reverend Robert Cavanaugh of Gatesville, Texas; her daughters Connie and husband Michael Neal of Euless, TX; Karen Cavanaugh of San Antonio, TX; and Molly and husband Michael Hebert of Beaumont, TX; Ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. The family would like to thank her many friends and relatives for the support and prayers during her lengthy illness. Flowers and/or donations can be sent to First United Methodist Church, Evant, TX.

LORI GILL CONNER

September 3, 1961 – September 3, 2015



Lori Gill Conner, who lived with incomparable grace and courage for two decades after surgeries for a brain tumor, died Thursday morning, Sept. 3, 2015, at her home. It was her 54th birthday. Lori was born in Urbana, Ill. She demonstrated the same tenacity in her health battles that she displayed as an all-American swimmer at Eastern Illinois University. She inspired friends and family with her remarkable faith and love.

Survivors: Her beloved husband, Jim Conner; sons, Tim and Zach; parents, Paul and Jan Gill; brother, Alan Gill and his wife, Julie; sister, Sara Collard and husband, Stuart; mother-in-law, Jan Conner; brothers-in-law, Mark and John Conner; and sisters-in-laws, Sharon Frank and Lisa Conner. Lori loved her extended family of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and more, as well as her church family and a multitude of friends.

MAXINE ELIZABETH (DURST) ELLIS

December 18, 1916 - August 14, 2015



Maxine Elizabeth (Durst) Ellis, 98, went to heaven August 14th at Amara Hospice. She was born Dec. 18, 1916 to pioneer parents in Optima, OK. At age 16, Maxine enrolled in Panhandle A&M College in Goodwill, OK and graduated with a BS in Home Economics in 1936. Concurrently, her future husband, Cecil Ellis from Texas was a PAMC student and Pastor at the Optima Methodist Church. The church pianist's shoulder length, strikingly red hair immediately caught his eye. Married in 1936, they moved to Texas for his studies at SMU's Perkins School of Theology, and settled into their first parsonage in rural Aubrey. Maxine taught school there and, by night, the couple were custodians at a bank to pay for his tuition.

In 1939, Rev. Ellis graduated and was ordained into the Central Texas Methodist Conference. For the next forty years, their lives were entwined as they joyfully served the Lord at various Methodist churches; for example, Killeen during WWII

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where Maxine was a Gray Lady volunteer at the Ft. Hood Army Hospital and Mexia, 1954-59, where they spearheaded the construction of an elegant new sanctuary. Ever the energetic preacher's wife, Maxine sang in the choir, taught Sunday School, led MYF activities and W.S.C.S. projects. For church dinners, she cooked bountiful meals of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, cornbread, chocolate cake, and homemade ice cream. She was a skilled seamstress who made clothes for herself and her three daughters, even frilly evening gowns for school proms. Periodically, Maxine taught at local schools - special education, 4th grade, or home economics.

After retiring from active ministry in 1973, the couple resided at their lakeside cabin near Moose Lake, MN. They loved fishing together, growing large vegetable gardens, and "Swedish coffee" with friends. In addition, Rev. Ellis was interim minister for the Moose Lake/Barnum Methodists and three churches in Duluth. For a time, Maxine taught adult special education at the Moose Lake State Hospital. They joined the annual Winter Texans' migration to RV parks in the Mission area for twenty-three years and were active at the First Methodist Churches in Mission and McAllen.

As a widow in 1998, Maxine became a full-time RV park resident. She was preceded in death by Rev. Cecil Ellis and a grandson, John Wagner. Survivors include daughters, Dianne Ellis, Mission; Marlis Cuthbertson and husband Joe of Brownsboro, Tex.; Stephanie Ellis of Boston; one granddaughter Rachel Fleming, Denton; two great grandchildren, Dustin Dickinson, Yukon, Okla., and Liz Key, Lewisville; and two great-great grandchildren, Devon and Harper Dickinson. The family wishes to extend "our deepest gratitude and love to Frances and Martin Flores for their loyalty and devoted TLC to our mother for the last 12 years. They are truly angels on this earth." Maxine's ashes will be interred beside her husband in Arlington

NELDA GATHINGS

September 4, 1923 - October 23, 2015



Nelda Gathings, 92, passed away Friday, October 23, 2015. Nelda was born on Sept. 4, 1923, to the late Alma and Jack Weaver on a farm in Pancake community of Coryell County. She graduated from Turnersville High School in 1940, where she was captain and starred for the basketball team. Life was hard on the farm, but it taught her the basis of ideals she followed her entire Life: Obey God, Always pray, Family is Treasure, Friendships are gifts, Smile easily, Laugh often, and Remain humble. After high school, she attended Weatherford Junior College where she met many friends, including her future husband, Ervin Gathings.

After graduating from Weatherford College, Nelda and Ervin married on June 6, 1943, in the old Polytechnic Methodist Church, a marriage for 57 years, until Ervin was deceased in 2000. Ever the devoted wife and mother, she was a sole supporter

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of Ervin who was a Methodist minister. They served together in churches where Ervin served in Central Texas Conference, Nelda was "first lady" and was honored in many ways. She shared responsibilities of the United Methodist Women. Also she was president of the Ministers Wives Central Texas Conference. Her membership in First United Methodist of Fort Worth was her pride and joy. A written quote of tribute to her from one church, "In the years, we have come to know and love you, for your endearing qualities and your capability as a Pastor's wife, your willingness to serve where needed, your inclusive love, your generosity with your time, your originality, your sweet disposition and attractive appearance." Ever the devoted wife and mother, she enjoyed being a homemaker until her children, Stuart and Jan started school. Then she substituted as a teacher. She also enjoyed volunteering with Harris Hospital Auxiliary where she received 92 hours of service. This precious lady carried many titles, until her health curtailed her activities. Her last volunteering was at the popcorn machine for Auxiliary on Sunday afternoons, where she met many friends and was an example of gratitude and love.

Survivors: Son, Stuart Gathings; daughter, Jan Owens; grandchildren, Ryan, Reed and Regan Gathings; sister, Marzie Bartee of Bureson; many cousins and friends.

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DORRIS THOMAS HOLDEN

October 28, 1929 - December 25, 2015



Dorris Thomas Holden was born October 28, 1929, in Georgetown, TX. Dorris graduated Salutatorian of her class in 1946. She began her Christian walk at a young age. She was a member of Heroines of Jericho Lodge; Court #15, where she served as Secretary; The Socialite Club, and The Citizen's Memorial Association. She served faithfully, as Church Secretary of St Paul United Methodist Church; and later attended St John's United Methodist Church.

Everyone knew Dorris as "Mother." She was the epitome of what living for Christ looks like. She was a firm believer in "loving thy neighbor as thyself". She was always willing to help someone in need, and steadfast in her faith and trust in God.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Rev Joseph Benjamin Holden, Sr., her son: Joseph Benjamin Holden, Jr., her mother, Odessa Bowden Zamora, her, Step-Father, Pedro "Pete" Zamora; her father: JC Thomas and her only sister: Mayron Mays Drake. Dorris leaves to mourn four daughters: Dorris J Ross of Hutto, TX; Brenda J Miller of Georgetown, TX; Odessa J Hardwick of San Antonio, TX; and Janice H Jefferson of San Antonio, TX; one nephew/brother Larry A Drake of Austin. She leaves 7 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

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MARGARET RUTH (SONE) MILLSAP

November 28, 1926 – September 29, 2015

Margaret Ruth (Sone) Millsap died Tuesday, September 29, 2015. She was born in Forney on November 28, 1926. She was 88 and lived in Fort Worth, her home since 1944. Margaret passed away peacefully in her home with family members present.

LILLIE RICHARDS PAYNE

September 16, 1926 – January 21, 2016



Lillie Richards Payne, 89, passed away Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016. Lillie was born Sept. 16, 1926, in Cayote to Viola Raines Richards and Bryan Richards. She graduated from Clifton High School in 1944. After attending Weatherford College for two years, she enrolled in Texas Wesleyan College where she earned a bachelor of arts in education in 1948. It was at TWC that she met the love of her life, Jack Payne. Following graduation, she taught school in Rotan. She and Jack married on her birthday in 1949. She attended graduate school at SMU while Jack finished seminary at Perkins School of Theology. Lillie was a dedicated pastor's wife. Jack and Lillie's pastorates included Asbury UMC Fort Worth, Santa Anna UMC, Ferris Heights UMC Waxahachie, McGregor UMC, Westcliff UMC Fort Worth and First UMC Arlington, First UMC Hurst and districts of Weatherford and Temple.

Following her beloved husband's death in 1983, Lillie moved to Weatherford. In her 26 years in Weatherford, Lillie was a lay pastor, led Stephen's Ministries, formed and led a grief support group and established a ministry to provide worship services to nine care homes weekly in Weatherford. Her team continues this very meaningful program. Lillie participated in service and evangelical missions over many decades, including trips to the Philippines, England, Missouri and Texas. She was a faithful and loving Christian servant, mentor, teacher, fervent lady of prayer, encouraging role model, trusted friend, wise and comforting counselor, inspirational writer, compassionate and skilled nurse and worship leader in addition to being a devoted wife, wonderful mother and grandmother.

Lillie radiated her love for the Lord and truly lived her faith. She loved music and enjoyed playing the piano. Feeling a deep heart of compassion and always finding joy in serving others, Lillie used her many gifts and nursing skills to provide care in hospital, hospice, home and geriatric settings. She was honored by the United Methodist Central Texas Conference in 1995 with the Morris Walker award for exemplary service to the Methodist church and was honored many times in Weatherford for her gracious service to the community. She was a Rotarian and active member of the Business and Professional Women. She was honored as "Woman of the Year" in many organizations in Weatherford.

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Survivors: Lillie is survived by her children and their spouses, Dana and George Turner of Cleburne, Shauna Elizabeth and Paul Braun of Houston, Bryan and Cindi Payne of Junction and Barry and Claire Payne of Glen Rose; 11 grandchildren; sister, Stella Richards Weaver of Clifton; and brother-in-law, Bill Lowe of Houston.

ADELLE TODD

April 18, 1914 – August 18, 2015



Adelle Todd, age 101 of Gatesville passed away on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at her home. Mrs. Todd was born on April 18, 1914 in Caps, Texas to the late Frank and Lina Hopkins. She graduated from Abilene High School and attended McMurry College. She married Plez Todd in 1934 in Abilene. She had prepared herself to be a school teacher, but chose to be a full-time mother and helper for her husband for almost fifty years in the ministry of the United Methodist Church.

H After retirement, they continued to make their home in Gatesville, where she was active in the life of the church, the United Methodist Women and the Foster Sunday School Class.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Plez Todd in 2001; daughter, Glenda McDonald; grandchildren, Jeff Davis and Lisa Stracener. She is survived by her son Jerry Todd and wife Lou of Flower Mound; sister, Wanda Jolly of Arlington; three grandchildren, Lesli Briggs and husband, Donnie, Jason Todd and wife, Danielle, Janna Snodgrass and husband, Roger; ten great grandchildren.

*To Everything There Is
A Season, And A Time
To Every Purpose
Under Heaven
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