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THESE, TOO, ARE MEMORIES.

I'll try not to be selfish and wish you were here

I'll just remember the love we shared with each falling tear.

God was so good to us - of this we often spake;

His goodness continued when He came for you

and I wasn't even awake.

He came for you in the place where you loved to be-

In our bed right beside me.

THANK YOU, WILLIAM, FOR THE MEMORIES.

THANK YOU, GOD, FOR WILLIAM.

By: Dorothy Burton

Dorothy Luke Burton

### THOMAS ARTHUR CARRUTH

Rev. T. A. Carruth was born in Collins, Mississippi, September 17, 1911. His parents were W. H. L. and Ethel Barnes Carruth. His family moved to Sumrall, Mississippi, when he was quite young and there he finished his public school education. In 1935 Bro. Carruth entered Mississippi Southern University, Hattiesburg. He majored in history under the late Dr. Bell I. Wiley. In his junior year he was elected president of the student body and served with distinction.

Following his graduation from Mississippi Southern in 1939, he entered Drew University where he studied under the late Dr. Edwin Lewis. His scholastic record was so good that Dr. Lewis encouraged him to continue his graduate studies and prepare to teach. But instead he chose to come back to the Mississippi Conference. He was admitted into full connection in 1943.

His first appointment was at Terry, a small town south of Jackson. Bishop Decell soon recognized his abilities and moved him to First U.M.C. Biloxi. There he built the beautiful spacious sanctuary. But his greatest accomplishment in this appointment was Evangelism. On one Sunday he received more than two hundred in to the church. This has never been duplicated in all the long history of the Conference.

From Biloxi he moved to Laurel and had a great ministry there. He served only a short time as pastor of Broad Street United Methodist Church, Hattiesburg, before going to Nashville with the General Board of Evangelism.

On August 29, 1940, he married Lucille Williams. They have two daughters, Carol Carruth Johnson, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Linda Carruth Hager, Lexington, Kentucky. Carol was born February 26, 1945, and Linda on June 1, 1949.

While with the General Board of Evangelism, he developed the Prayer Life Movement that literally went all over the world bringing spiritual renewal to thousands of people. He also traveled with the late Dr. E. Stanley Jones with the Ashram movement. They carried the program to India, Japan and Russia.

From Nashville, Bro. Carruth went to Asbury Seminary. He had an amazing ministry there. In addition to teaching regular subjects, he taught students to pray. Many testified to being healed in his classroom. His work outside the classroom was great. At his memorial service, testimonies were given concerning his financial help. Students without food and clothing would have them mysteriously

delivered to their homes. Many gave testimonies that they could not have remained in Seminary without his help.

Bro. Carruth was a prolific writer having written more than 15 books. These have circulated across the world, many of them gratis. The most popular are "100 Days of Love", "40 Days of Love", and "I found Love".

In 1982 Bro. Carruth retired from the North Georgia Conference where he had transferred his membership and gave full time to evangelism and prayer. Of all the accomplishments of his wonderful life, the greatest was the spiritual disciples which made him a spiritual giant. For 23 years he read First John every day. This was John Wesley's favorite book of the Bible.

In addition to his immediate family, he is survived by two brothers, Sidney of Sumrall, Mississippi, and William of Houston, Texas.

The memorial service was in Estes Chapel, Asbury Seminary, with the following ministers: Jimmy Buskirk, Al Gwinn, Maxie Dunnam, Dennis Kenlaw, Lawrence Johnson and J.R. Grisham. Dr. David Hager, the Carruth's son-in-law, and three grandsons read the scriptures that included portions of First John.

One of Bro. Carruth's favorite sayings was "The rest of your life is the best of your life." Now he knows how true that is.

He was buried in Blue Grass Memorial Garden, Lexington, Kentucky.

J.R. Grisham

#### LOUISE MORRILL COWART

Louise Morrill Cowart of Doraville, Georgia, died on December 18, 1990, at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Salisbury, North Carolina. She was 100 years of age. The body was donated to the Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University, Winston Salem, North Carolina.

The memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on December 20, 1990, at Tucker United Methodist Church. The impressive service was led by the Rev. Bob Berrier. A granddaughter, Deborah Sims Willingham, took part in the service by singing "Hymn of Promise."

Louise Morrill was born on February 24, 1890, in Winterport, Maine, the daughter of Frank E. and Mary Dean Morrill. She took her nurses training at the Waltham Training School for Nurses in Boston, Massachusetts, from 1909-1913. She served as an army nurse in France during World War I.

She married Walter Cleveland Cowart in Montpelier, Vermont, on September 30, 1921. Rev Cowart died on October 19, 1971. He was a Methodist minister for fifty years who worked in the mission fields of Brussels, Belgium, and served a church in Puerto Rico. They also held pastorates in Missouri, Connecticut, Florida and Georgia. Their last three pastorates in the North Georgia Conference were Thomaston, Elberton and East Lake in Atlanta.

She had an apartment for eighteen years in the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Leon Sims in Doraville, Georgia. Until the end of her life she was an avid reader, gardener, genealogist and faithful church member. She belonged to the Tucker United Methodist Church for ten years and regularly attended the Criterion Sunday School Class.

Surviving are her sons, Walter Cowart, Jr., of Canton, North Carolina, Rev. David Cowart of Charlotte, North Carolina; her daughter, Nancy Sims of Doraville; two sisters, Mrs. Annie Carpenter of Rye, New Hampshire, Mrs. Eva Davis of Bradenton, Florida; eleven grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

Nancy Cowart Sims