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dedicated on August 25, 1991.

He retired from Bear Lake United Methodist on June 15, 1994. The members gave Cecil and Betty a sit-down dinner with gifts and all the trimmings including a plaque of dedication that was placed in his honor in the new sanctuary.

After he and Betty retired, Cecil took up bowling and oil painting and became a very good painter. He called himself the "Happy Camper."

Betty Radcliff, Wife

JOHN WITHERSPOON CLAY

John Witherspoon Clay was born February 22, 1939, in Juiz de Fora, Brazil, of missionary parents, Charles Wesley Clay and Helen Witherspoon Clay. He grew up in Brazil where he attended Brazilian public schools, and 3 years of high school at the American Graded School in Sao Paulo, Brazil. He returned to the United States to complete his senior year of high school in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and to attend college.

He graduated with a B.A. degree from Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia in 1962 and earned his M.A. degree from Teacher's College, Columbia University in New York City in 1969.

He returned to Brazil as a 3-year Short Term missionary from 1962-1965, teaching in a rural Methodist School. After completion of this term he returned to the states and married Glenda Lee Cail, who had also just completed a 3-year Short Term, on September 9, 1967. After earning his M.A. degree he and his wife returned to Brazil on a special assignment, serving in Brasilia, Brazil, from 1970-1973. Twin daughters, Amanda Clay and Glendalee Clay, were born in Brasilia March 17, 1970.

Returning to this country, he served as Director of Christian Education and as Director of Membership Care and Service at First United Methodist Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico from 1979-1984.

Moving to Venice, Florida, and to Grace United Methodist Church, he served as Director of Christian Education. He was consecrated in 1993 as a Diaconal Minister of the Florida Annual Conference. He served from 1993 as the Diaconal Minister to Adults at Grace United Methodist Church.

John died October 4, 1995, with melanoma cancer. His funeral service was held October 6, 1995 at Grace United Methodist Church with Rev. William Granberry and Rev. Warren Wasson officiating. His remains were buried in the Garden of Remembrance at Grace United Methodist Church and in the Clay family plot in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Glenda Clay, Wife

DEE ROBERTS HORTIN

Dee Roberts was doing some housecleaning on a Saturday morning in Oklahoma City. She was thinking about her life and what she should do. Being a devout Baptist Christian, she had a keen sense of the stewardship of all of life.

As a young woman, she had answered an ad in the newspaper for caregiver of two children in the home of a professor at the University of Oklahoma. The Lee family took her in as a part of their family and saw to it that she finished her education. When Josh Lee was elected to the United States House of Representatives and then to the U.S. Senate, Dee went with them to Washington to work as his secretary.

Senator Lee had retired from the Senate by the time World War II broke out and Dee joined the WACS. She was stationed at the Headquarters of the Second Air Force in Colorado Springs. There, she "cut" the orders that assigned people in the Army Air Corps to places all over the world. While stationed there, she was a faithful participant in the worship and activities of the base chapel where Captain Paul R. Hortin was the post Chaplain.

Then, with the war over, she was working again in the area of Oklahoma. On that Saturday