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at Oak Hill United Methodist Church in Ruth and the Rev. John Wright. Bob Antonio; his wife Barbara and son Brian Martin.

Murph

om to Claude Henry Murph and Mae 1911 in Wharton, Texas. While he moved to Cedar Bayou, Texas, in he attended church and school, his class in 1929. He then attended uating with a B.A. Cum Laude degree years to work.

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a local license in 1942. He became a ed from the SMU School of Theology

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ed by a dedicated group of people in living, to help them start the only rian minister became available. He gh with him yet!

Morningside) Retirement Community. el services. In late 1998, Herman's anuary 9, 1999 ended his suffering.

ene; son and daughter-in-law, Wayne nd husband, Jody and Clyde Bullard Dee Murph of College Station; four ullard, and Cody Murph; sister-in-law e, and several nieces, nephews and

orning of January 12, led by Chaplain dedicated to the Glory of God and in nited Methodist Church with the Rev. Harold Zirkel, Pastor of the Medina emorial UMC in Austin, and Mrs. Jil d Mrs. Lacy sang some of Herman's ay Edkins. Entombment followed at ice led by the Rev. Zirkel.

inadvertently left out of the 1999 gies for this unfortunate oversight.

John Juergen Rasmussen, Jr.

The Reverend John Juergen Rasmussen, Jr. was born on September 5, 1934 in Bunkie, Louisiana to Mrs. Elise Louise Leinhardt Rasmussen and Reverend John J. Rasmussen, Sr. He graduated from C.E. Byrd High School in Shreveport, Louisiana, Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas and the Perkins School of Theology at SMU. He was pastor of 15 churches in three conferences including the North Texas, Louisiana and Southwest Texas Conferences during his ministry. He died at his home in San Antonio, Texas September 10, 1999.

John not only served churches in three different conferences but also had a special talent in television ministry with First Church Dallas, Texas and First Church, Shreveport, La. He was a chaplain with the police departments in New Orleans and Shreveport, La., as well as with Methodist Hospital in San Antonio. He was the organizing pastor of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Mesquite, Texas. Following his retirement from full time ministry in 1995, he continued to live in San Antonio and share his talents with the public as a greeter at Wal-Mart until the time of his death.

Preceded in death by his mother and father, John is survived by his wife, Linda Franzen Rasmussen of San Antonio, Texas; daughter, Sigrid Williams and her husband, Brian; son John J. Rasmussen, III; son, Paul L. Rasmussen and daughter-in-law Ashley; sister, Elizabeth Dycus and brother-in-law Steve; nephew, James Dycus; niece, Annie Dycus; uncle, John Leinhardt; aunt, Esther Leinhardt; two stepchildren, Frederic P. and Heather E. Manke; his granddaughter, Grace Alexandra Williams, and two step-grandchildren, Mary Elizabeth Williams and Frederic Paul Manke, IV.

A cremation memorial service was held on September 18, 1999 at Porter Loring North Chapel, San Antonio, Texas. Dr. William C. "Strick" Strickland officiated.



Lawrence Douglas Washington

Lawrence Douglas Washington, the only son of Ella & Booker T. Washington, was born on August 14, 1926 in Jackson County Texas. Lawrence spent his childhood in Edna, Texas, Ganado, Texas and Victoria, Texas where he was loved and cherished throughout the community. Lawrence confessed his belief in Christ at an early age.

Lawrence Douglas Washington attended elementary school in Ganado, Texas. In 1945 he graduated from high school in Victoria, Texas where he was the class Salutatorian. He was a member of both the basketball and football teams. After serving in World War II in the United

States of America Army in 1945, he received an honorable discharge. Lawrence received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Clark University in Religious Education. He attended Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia. He furthered his studies attending the Ecumenical Institute Outreach Ministry.

Lawrence Douglas Washington married Emma Jean Sims on July 17, 1975, in Wichita Falls, Texas and remained married until his earthly departure. To this union he welcomed a daughter, Ms. Betty Knight and a son (preceded him in death), Charles Sims. Together they lived in various locations throughout Arkansas and Texas. They retired in Morales, Texas, where they resided on a beautiful ranch.

Retired

1st UMC; 1957 Charlotte UMC; 1959 SAnt: St. ...
Conf; 1967 Member, GBGM; 1969 Executive ...
Retired

Retired

52 Kernville Yancy; 1953 Bandera UMC; 1956 ...
MC; 1965 Brownsville: First UMC; 1969 Del Rio ...
Superintendent, SWTX Conf; 1985 SAnt: St.

Director of Congregational Growth

; SAnt: Alamo Heights; 1992 Wimberley UMC;

Buda

Retired

orth TX Conf; 1982 Ecumenical Center, SWTX

Disability

X Conf; 1990 Woodsboro Faith; 1992 SAnt: St.

Associate Pastor, Marble Falls

Center Point

iate Pastor, SAnt: St. Andrew's UMC; 1981 El ...
Leave of Absence, SWTX Conf; 1983 Division ...
ctor Human Servs, Bexar Ctny Adult Detnct; ...
al; 1996 Center Point UMC

CC: St. John's

Kenedy: First

astor, Rocksprings: First UMC; 1994 Fulltime

Local Pastor (PT), Runge

Highland Lakes: Grace

nt Local Pastor, N Cent NY Conf - Benton Ctr.; ...
dent Local Pastor, Bertram UMC; 1993 Marble

in Evangelism & Church Growth, GBGM

alieu; 1975 Associate Pastor, SAnt: Colonial ...
rmer Place; 1978 Leave of Absence, SWTX ...
re UMC; 1986 Schertz UMC; 1989 Dripping ...
M; 1996 Exec. Sec. in Evangelism & Church

Raby, Earl Stephen

Retired

PM: 1945 (Eastern EUB); FE: 1948 (Eastern EUB); FE: 1968; RM: 1985
1944 Fulltime Local Pastor, Cent PA Conf - Hummelstwn CT SCH; 1945 In School, Central Pennsylvania Conf;
1948 W Ohio Conf - Zion; 1949 Balt-Wash Conf - Myersville; 1953 Cent PA Conf - Wormleysburg; 1963 Cent PA
Conf - York First; 1964 San Antonio 1st; 1968 SAnt: Albright/Bethany; 1985 Retired

Raj, Hans

Disability

PM: 1977 (NE); PM: 1980; FE: 1981
1977 NE Conf - Dewitt 1st & Zion; 1979 In School, SWTX Conf; 1979 St. Johns - McAllen; 1981 Rio Grande City:
St. John; 1982 Stockdale: Christ UMC; 1987 Disability, SWTX Conf; 1988 Water Valley; 1988 Disability, SWTX
Conf; 1990 Smiley UMC; 1991 Disability, SWTX Conf; 1995 Carrizo Springs UMC; 1997 Disability, SWTX Conf

Raper, Mary Elizabeth

Associate Pastor, Austin: First

PM: 1972 (WNC); PM: 1973; FE: 1974
1972 In School, Western N. Carolina Conf; 1973 Associate Pastor, SAnt: Coker UMC; 1976 San Benito: First UMC;
1978 San Juan - Edcouch; 1981 Mathis/Skidmore; 1985 Austin: First UMC; 1989 Buda UMC; 1992 Sabbatical;
1993 No Salary Paying Unit, SWTX Conf; 1996 Spiritual Director, Exten. Min.- New Life Institute, Inc.; 1997
Associate Pastor, Austin: First UMC

Rasmussen, John J.

Retired-20 yr Rule

PM: 1960 (NTX); FE: 1964 (NTX); FE: 1984; RM: 1996
1960 In School, North TX Conf; 1961 Louisiana Conf - New Orleans 1st; 1962 In School, North TX Conf; 1963
Associate Pastor, North TX Conf - Dallas First; 1964 North TX Conf - Mesquite St Marks; 1968 North TX Conf -
Maple Lawn/Found; 1969 North TX Conf - Dallas/Webb Chapel; 1971 Associate Pastor, Louisiana Conf -
Shreveport 1st; 1972 Leave of Absence, Louisiana Conf; 1973 Louisiana Conf - Haughton; 1979 Texas Conf - St.
Lukes; 1980 Leave of Absence, TX Conf; 1981 Retired-20 yr rule, TX Conf; 1985 Associate Pastor, SAnt: Laurel
Heights UMC; 1986 Devine UMC; 1988 SAnt: Asbury UMC; 1990 Disability, SWTX Conf; 1991 Assoc. Chaplain,
SW Texas Methodist Hospital; 1993 SAnt: Alamo UMC; 1996 No Salary Paying Unit, SWTX Conf; 1996 Retired-20
yr rule, SWTX Conf

Ray, Joseph M.

Retired

PM: 1952; FE: 1956; RM: 1995
1952 In School, SWTX Conf; 1954 Combes; 1957 Schertz UMC; 1961 SAnt: Palm Heights UMC; 1965 Big
Lake/Barnhart; 1968 Yoakum/Hope; 1975 Lockhart: First UMC; 1978 Alice: First UMC; 1983 CC District
Superintendent, SWTX Conf; 1989 Seguin: First UMC; 1995 Retired

Reed, Carolyn A.

SAnt: Epworth

FL: 1993
1994 SAnt: Epworth UMC

Reeves, Elvin E.

Retired

PM: 1951; FE: 1953; RM: 1976
1948 Other Local Pastor, Manor UMC; 1949 Fulltime Local Pastor, Paige - Pflugsvil CT; 1950 Manor UMC; 1952
Govalle - Austin; 1955 SAnt: Palm Heights UMC; 1957 Ganado/Louise; 1960 CC: Trinity; 1963 Yoakum/Hope; 1968
Mathis UMC; 1969 SAnt: Harlandale UMC; 1976 Retired

Reeves, Jim

Robert Lee

FL: 1999
1999 Robert Lee UMC

Reger, Paul E.

Retired-20 yr Rule

PM: 1953 (OK); FE: 1963 (OK); FE: 1979; RM: 1982
1952 In School, North TX Conf; 1953 Texas Conf - Lissie; 1956 N. Tex Conf - Post Oak; 1959 SAnt: Grace UMC;
1959 Chaplain US Air Force, Oklahoma Conf; 1965 Chaplain US Air Force, SWTX Conf; 1967 Chaplain US Air
Force, North TX Conf; 1968 Chaplain US Air Force, Cent TX Conf; 1968 Chaplain US Air Force, SWTX Conf; 1977
Leave of Absence, SWTX Conf; 1982 Retired-20 yr Rule

Reichert, Andrew Douglas

Bastrop

PM: 1994; FE: 1997
1995 Menard: First UMC; 1998 Bastrop UMC

Relder, Damon E.

Harlingen: Wesley

PM: 1994; FE: 1997
1993 Associate Pastor, Bertram UMC; 1995 Goliad: First UMC; 1999 Harlingen: Wesley UMC

Renfro, M. Barrett

Retired

PM: 1954 (NTX); FE: 1956 (NTX); FE: 1963; RM: 1999