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NINA LUCILLE HOLLIS WILLINGHAM (Mrs. Raymond L. Willingham)

Nina Lucille (Hollis) Willingham, born October 2, 1926, in Bearden, Arkansas, died July 29, 1991, in Oklahoma City.

Consecrated in 1970 as a diaconal minister in the Oklahoma Conference, Nina became executive director of the Salvation Army Senior Centers for the Oklahoma City Area in 1977. In 1988, she received the Oklahoma Conference Human Relations Award, and in 1991, received the Community Service Award of the Oklahoma County Chapter of the National Association of Black Social Workers. She also was presented the Salvation Army Award "Others".

In 1971, she married the Rev. R.L. Willingham, who was pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Yukon. They continued to make their home in Yukon after he retired in 1981.

In addition to her husband, R.L., she is survived by two daughters: Tracy Culp of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and Helen Carolyn Balfanz of Beaumont, Texas; two sons: Philip Anthony of Edmond, and Phil Willingham of the home; ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were August 1, 1991, at the First United Methodist Church in Yukon, with the Revs. R.L. Willingham and Quitman McCrory, and Major Frank Gordon officiating. Burial was in the Yukon Cemetery.

BESS OWENS SMITH (Mrs. W. Angie Smith)

Bess (Owens) Smith, 91, wife of the late Bishop W. Angie Smith, died April 28, 1992, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Born in Lancaster, Texas, Bess married the Rev. W. Angie Smith July 20, 1920. Their appointments included El Paso, Trinity; Shreveport, First; Washington, Mount Vernon Place; Birmingham, First; and Dallas, First. He was elected to the episcopacy in 1944, and was assigned to the Oklahoma, Oklahoma Indian Missionary and New Mexico Annual Conferences, where he served until retiring in 1968.

After retiring, the Smiths lived in Dallas. He died March 15, 1974. For the past ten years, Mrs. Smith has lived in Shreveport, Louisiana.

She is survived by three sons: Shelby L. and wife, Adelaide, of Shreveport, Louisiana; Bryant W. and wife, Betty, of Mexia, Texas; and W. Angie Smith III of Houston, Texas; eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Smith were in Shreveport, Louisiana, and in Dallas, Texas. Interment was at the Hillcrest Mausoleum in Dallas.

In 1952, a doctor of humanities degree was conferred upon Mrs. Smith. The Bess Owens Smith Hall on the campus of Oklahoma City University is named in her honor.

A scholarship fund has been established at Oklahoma City University in memory of Mrs. Smith.