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She married the Rev. George Wattenbarger, who was pastor of the Henryetta-East Side, Schulter, and Warner-Webber Falls churches, and the Cookson Hills Indian Mission at Bunch, Oklahoma. He died in 1971.

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Funeral services were January 20, 1989 at the First United Methodist Church in Augusta, Kansas, with the Rev. Harold Kieler officiating. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery at Augusta.

Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Doris Mitchell of Augusta, Kansas; four grandchildren, including Donna Chastain of Oklahoma City; ten greatgrandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

MRS. BAILEY WALLACE WILKINS (Hattie Odell Sweenev)

Hattie Odell (Sweeney) Wilkins, widow of the Rev. Bailey Wallace Wilkins, died in Muskogee November 21, 1988.

Hattie, the daughter of a Methodist minister, married the Rev. Bailey Wilkins in 1913 in Texas, where he was a member of the Northwest Texas Conference. They served in the Texas conferences until coming to Oklahoma in 1941.

In Oklahoma, they served churches at Guthrie, Heavener, Sand Springs, Henryetta and Pryor. Bailey retired in 1953, but continued to serve as associate pastor at First Church Bartlesville from 1953 until 1960. They moved to Muskogee in 1960 and attended the St. Paul Church.

Bailey died in 1967, and Mrs. Wilkins continued to make her home in Muskogee until her death.

She is survived by a daughter, Annodell Tucker, of Muskogee. She was preceded in death by a son, Neal.

Funeral services were conducted at the St. Paul United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Glenn Millard officiating.

W. McFERRIN STOWE

Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe, honorary member of the Oklahoma Conference, died November 24, 1988 in Dallas, Texas, where he was bishop-in-residence at Southern Methodist University.

Born January 28, 1913 in Franklin, Tennessee, Bishop Stowe attended Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas, and Duke Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina, and earned his doctorate from Boston University School of Theology.

He served in the Texas Conference from 1938 until 1944, when he joined the staff of the General Board of Education in Nashville. After five years in Nashville, he was appointed pastor of the First Methodist Church in Stillwater, where he served until 1951, when he was appointed pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City, where he served until 1964, when he was elected bishop.

He was assigned to the Kansas Area for eight years, and the Dallas-Ft. Worth Area for eight years, before retiring in 1980. He was then named bishop-inresidence at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

A memorial service, a celebration of his life which Bishop Stowe helped write, was held November 28 at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, and December 2 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City.

Survivors include his wife, Twyla, whom he married in 1943; one son, William McFerrin, Jr. of Shreveport, Louisiana; two daughters: Martha Stowe and Twila Keigley, both of Dallas, Texas, His brother, J. Joel Stowe, Jr., was a pastor in Oklahoma from 1950 until his death in 1987.