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## REVEREND MARVIN SMITH VANCE



Marvin Smith Vance, after an extended illness, was called to his heavenly home on July 15, 1966. He was born in a Methodist parsonage, October 13, 1905, at Naples, Texas. His father, Winston H. Vance, was a Methodist minister for more than forty years in the Texas Conference; and his mother, Ada Jordan, was the sister of two Methodist ministers — Milton Jordan, Texas Conference; and James Jordan, now retired member of Southwest Texas Conference. He entered the Texas Conference on trial in November 1931. Appointments served: Genoa and Fresno; Epworth, Houston; Jones Memorial, Greggton; First Church, Pasadena; First Church, Bay City; First Church, Jacksonville; and First Church, Austin, since 1949. Every appointment was served with distinction.

There were three sisters and one brother, Carol Vance, deceased in a hotel fire while he was pastor of the Methodist Church at Tomball, Texas.

Marvin was very active in civic and community affairs. He served as President of the Rotary Club in Pasadena and Bay City. He was a member of the Board of various welfare groups, Salvation Army, and, at the time of his death, the State Board of Corrections.

Marvin was a preacher's preacher, loved and respected by all who knew him. His sense of humor was unexcelled. His courage and wisdom was evident at every turn. Truly to all men, he was a living example of the dedicated Christian minister.

He was buried from the First Methodist Church, Austin, Texas, and interred in the State Cemetery in Austin, Texas.

"A good servant of the Lord, Jesus Christ!"

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