

Obituaries: Mercado, Wade, Price

November 8, 2013

Gilbert Mercado, 64, Oct. 5 in Paducah. He was [custodian of First Baptist Church in Paducah](#) 43 years. Mercado started cleaning the Gilbert Mercado church facility when he was a high school student in 1970, and served with 10 pastors during his tenure.. He is survived by his sisters, Rosa Pina, Minnie Ramos, Lupe Hernandez and Dora Espinosa; and brother, Johnny.

Leonard Wade, 87, Oct. 26 in Perryton. He was a supply and interim pastor for several churches Leonard Wade in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles, as well as Kansas. He also worked as a heavy equipment operator, carpenter and oil-field worker. He was preceded in death by his son, Marvin. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Irene; son, Doug; daughter, Carol Jennings; brother, Milton; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Charles Price, 67, Oct. 30 in San Antonio. He battled cancer more than three years. Charles Price made his profession of faith in Jesus at Panfork Baptist Encampment at age 12 and was baptized at First Baptist Church in Pampa. He felt God's call to ministry at age 17 and formed an evangelistic team that led youth revivals in the Southwest. A graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, he was pastor of several churches in Texas and New Mexico, including Trinity Baptist Church in Dallas, Freeman Heights Baptist Church in Garland and First Baptist Church in Canyon. For the past 13 years, he was executive director of [San Antonio Baptist Association](#). He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Sheri; sons, Lee and Judson; brothers, Harold and

Larry; sisters, Ellen Sharpley, Charlotte Atkinson and Jo Carter; and five grandchildren.