

Obituary: Frances Ann Wilson

September 9, 2024

Frances Ann “Fran” Wilson, former seminary administrator, died Sept. 4. She was 79. She was born Aug. 25, 1945, in Laurel, Miss., to Franklin Maurice and Bertie Maurice Dawkins. She graduated from Monahans High School in 1963 and married John Ed Wilson Aug. 21, 1965. She served 21 years as an administrator to the dean at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and 13 years at B.H. Carroll Theological Institute, now B.H. Carroll Theological Seminary. She served in the deacon ministry at Gambrell Street Baptist Church in Fort Worth, where she and John Ed joined in 1981. She also served on the hospitality team at Stevenson Oaks, a senior living community in Fort Worth. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, John Ed; son, Todd and spouse Shelley; son, Tyson; grandchildren: Ben, Ethan, Leeah, Donovan, Naia and Sapphire; brother, Enoch Dawkins and spouse Frances; sister, Lu Price and spouse Levi; long-time best friend, Beverly Bristow; and numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at Gambrell Street Baptist Church in Fort Worth on Sept. 11 at 10 a.m., with a reception at the church prior to the service from 9:15 to 9:50 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to Gambrell Street Baptist Church, 1616 W. Gambrell St., Fort Worth, TX 76115.

