

Obituary: Jimmie D. Burton

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Jimmie D. Burton, longtime pastor in Texas and Colorado, died Sept. 21. He was 98. Burton was born March 23, 1923, in Streetman to John W. and Nancy E. Henson Burton and spent his childhood in Navarro County. He enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II and much later served as a chaplain with the Colorado Civil Air Patrol. Burton earned degrees from East Texas Baptist College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminaries. He devoted 79 years to service as pastor of Baptist churches, including two churches in Dallas from 1955 to 1969. With his wife Mary by his side until her death in 2002, he served several Southern Baptist associations of churches as associational missionary under the Colorado Baptist General Convention and the North American Mission Board until retirement in 1989. He continued preaching the gospel at every opportunity until his last sermon in February 2021 at age 97 years and 11 months. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Elizabeth Allen Burton; daughter Nancy Burton Biles; and brother Billy Gene Burton. He is survived by his children James Burton and wife Jan of Grand Junction, Colo., and Mary Ann Sanders of Cortez, Colo.; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

