

Obituary: Ken Coffee

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Kenneth A. Coffee, longtime Texas Baptist pastor, associational director of missions and denominational leader, died April 28 in San Antonio. He was 87. He was born July 10, 1934, in West Hempstead, N.Y., but he spent most of his life and all 67 years of his ministry in Texas. He earned his undergraduate degree from what is now Wayland Baptist University. He also studied at the Institute for American Church Growth and the Institute of Church Conciliation, as well as receiving training and certification in intentional interim ministry, mediation and arbitration. He served several Texas Baptist churches, including Harlandale Baptist Church in San Antonio as pastor. He was executive director of San Antonio Baptist Association after previously serving the association as director of education and promotion and as associate director of missions. Coffee worked on the Baptist General Convention of Texas staff as coordinator of area and associational missions and as associate director of the State Missions Commission. In 2018, Texas Baptists presented him their Legacy Award. First Baptist Church in San Antonio recognized him as a life deacon, and he taught a Sunday morning Bible class at the church 20 years. He served on the board of directors of the Baptist Credit Union. He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha L. Coffee, and his two older sisters, Mary "Tweety" Buzzard and Shirley Brown. He is survived by daughter Risa Kacir and her husband Chad; son Blake Coffee and his wife Kappie; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a younger sister, Evelyn Richardson.

