

# Obituary: LaVern Plett

November 24, 2025

**LaVern Plett**, minister of education and denominational worker, died Nov. 11 in Dallas. He was 89. He was born to Jacob and Elizabeth Plett in Cimarron, Kan., on March 7, 1936. He graduated from Baylor University in 1959, having earned his Bachelor of Arts degree and developed a lifelong devotion and enthusiasm for the Baylor Bears. After he graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth and was ordained to the gospel ministry, he served as minister of education at churches in Florida, Tennessee, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arizona, Hong Kong and Texas. He went on to serve on the Sunday School Division staff at the Baptist General Convention of Texas. He was a longtime Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church in Richardson. He was preceded in death by his brother, Eugene Plett of Los Angeles, Calif., and his sister, Sharon Bell of Carrollton. He is survived by his wife, Myra Plett of Dallas; son Greg Plett and his wife, Kimberly of Broken Arrow, Okla.; daughter, Melissa Hancock and her husband, Clayton of Ovilla; the mother of their two children, Julie Plett of Red Oak; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. His blended family includes two children through marriage, John Beasley and Jennifer Beasley Skinner; and six grandchildren. A celebration of life service, followed by a reception, will be held at 2 p.m. on Jan. 6, 2026, at First Baptist Church of Richardson. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Dallas Chapter, 5000 Quorum Dr., Suite 530, Dallas, TX 75254.