

Obituary: Nona Ruth Mosley

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Nona Ruth Mosley, minister's wife and longtime children's choir leader, died Dec. 12. She was 85. She was born to Leonard and Theo Little in Billings, Okla., on April 16, 1938. After her family moved to Abilene, she made her profession of faith in Jesus at age 9 and was baptized at First Baptist Church by Pastor James Sullivan, father of her childhood best friend, MaryBeth. She attended Hardin-Simmons University, where she met her future husband Tom. They married Sept. 2, 1960. During her husband's more than 50 years of service as a minister of music at multiple churches—including Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, Westbury Baptist Church in Houston, First Baptist Church in Abilene, Tallowood Baptist Church in Houston and First Baptist Church in Houston—she led second-grade choirs and was the “best alto” in every church choir. They also served together on music mission trips in Great Britain, Europe, South America and Central America. Later, she served alongside her husband when he became founding pastor of a church in South Carolina and as campus pastor at Howard Payne University and Houston Baptist University. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Tom; their twin children, Marcus and Melinda; and five grandchildren. A memorial service is scheduled at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 20 at Tallowood Baptist Church in Houston.

