

Obituary: T. Farrar Patterson

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Travis Farrar Patterson, Baptist minister and former seminary professor, died Feb. 16 in Aledo. He was 91. Born in Columbus, Ga., to Sarah Carolyn Culbreath and George Travis “Pat” Patterson, he grew up in Memphis, Tenn., the oldest of seven children. He married Helen Edwina Schovajsa of Amherst in 1959 when they were both graduate seminary students. Farrar held degrees from Southeastern Bible College, Baylor University, Dallas Theological Seminary, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Texas Christian University. He was pastor of churches in Weatherford and in Columbus, and he taught at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary from 1969 to 1985. He spent a sabbatical year in 1984 as a visiting scholar at the University of Cambridge in England studying the life and works of John Wesley in preparation for writing and publishing his own book, *Do-it-Yourself Bible Study*. He also served his community as a town councilman. He is survived by daughter S. Paige Patterson Clarke and her husband James Clarke; daughter H. Shea Patterson Young and her husband Patrick Young; and by four grandsons, Austin, Laurence, Edward and Arthur.