

Obituary: William H. Gray Jr.

July 20, 2016

William H. Gray Jr., Baptist missionary and longtime director of Texas Baptist Partnership Missions, died July 17 in Fort Worth. He was 88. Gray was born Sept. 13, 1927, in Waco. He earned his undergraduate degree from Baylor University and his master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was pastor of Texas Baptist churches in Tomball and Willis, a Southern Baptist missionary to Mexico 23 years and founding director of the Partnership Missions program for the Baptist General Convention of Texas. In retirement, he remained active at North Fort Worth Baptist Church and served as president of the resident council for his living community until a recent illness. He was preceded in death by his wife, "Pinky," in 2009. He is survived by a son, Brad S. Gray of Nashville, Tenn; daughter, Anna H. Gray of San Antonio; grandson, Hunter M. Gray of Falls Church, Va., and one great-grandson. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Bill and Pinky Gray Baptist Student Ministries Missions Fund, Texas BSM, Attn.: Cindy Zoller, 7557 Rambler Rd., Suite 1200, Dallas, TX 75231.