

# Obituary: Eleanor Davis

October 15, 2025

Eleanor Frances White Davis, a missions advocate, musician and former officer of Woman's Missionary Union of Texas, died Oct. 8 in Granbury. She was 92.

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# Obituary: Charles 'Chuck' Davis

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Charles "Chuck" William Davis Jr., chair of the board of trustees at Hardin-Simmons University, died Oct. 1 in McKinney. He was 67.

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# Missions leader Herb Pedersen dies at age 83

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Herbert Lee "Herb" Pedersen, longtime Texas Baptist pastor and missions leader, died Sept. 15. He was 83.

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## **Obituary: Harold Bell Wood**

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Harold Bell Wood Jr., longtime volunteer with the Texas Baptist Men cabinetmakers, died Sept. 8. He was 92.

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## **Church-starting leader JV Thomas dead at age 94**

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James Virgil “JV” Thomas Jr., who led Texas Baptists’ church-starting initiatives to new heights, died Aug. 27 in Colleyville. He was 94.

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## **Obituary: Charles “Chuck” Dooley**

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Charles “Chuck” Richard Dooley, a Texas Baptist pastor and leader in church starting, died Aug. 30. He was 91.

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## **Obituary: Henry Stovall**

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Henry Stovall, longtime Baptist pastor, died June 11 in Bryan. He was 77.

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## **Baptist missions leader Keith Parks dies at 97**

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R. Keith Parks, international missions leader of both the Southern Baptist Convention and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, died Aug. 26. He was 97.

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## **Focus on the Family founder James Dobson dies at 89**

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James C. Dobson, a psychologist who advocated a “family values” brand of conservative Christian morality on his popular radio shows and in his

bestselling books, died Aug. 21. He was 89.

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## **Obituary: Kay Patterson Abney**

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Kay Peterson Abney, retired teacher and pastor's wife, died Aug. 14. She was 77.

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## **Obituary: Roberta Stripling**

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Marion Roberta Donnell Stripling, former schoolteacher and partner in ministry, died Aug. 9 in Waco. She was 87.

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## **Obituary: Donald Schmeltekopf**

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Donald D. Schmeltekopf of Waco, provost emeritus at Baylor University, died July 30. He was 85.