

# **Obituary: Christa Elisabeth Kunkel Smith**

July 24, 2025

Christa Elisabeth Kunkel Smith, professor emeritus at Wayland Baptist University, died July 16. She was 92.

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# **Obituary: Robert Leslie Richardson**

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Robert Leslie Richardson, a Texas Baptist minister, died May 9. He was 90.

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# **Obituary: Aubrey Howell**

July 24, 2025

Aubrey Howell of Lubbock, longtime Baptist pastor, died June 29. He was 92.

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# **Bill Moyers had deep and abiding Texas Baptist ties**

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Bill Moyers, a renowned broadcast journalist with strong Texas Baptist roots, died June 26 in New York, N.Y. He was 91.

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## **Obituary: Tommy Culwell**

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Tommy Culwell, Texas Baptist pastor and chaplain, died June 15. He was 74.

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## **Obituary: Larry Johnson**

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Larry Johnson, former missionary to Peru and Mexico, died April 28. He was 90.

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## **Obituary: Ebbie Cullen Smith**

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Ebbie Cullen Smith, Christian ethicist and Baptist missionary, died June 2. He was 93.

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## **Abuse survivor and former Lifeway VP Jennifer Lyell died**

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Jennifer Lyell, an editor and author whose promising career in Christian publishing was derailed when she accused a former Southern Baptist leader of abuse, died June 7. She was 47.

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## **Walter Brueggemann, influential biblical scholar, dies**

# at 92

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Walter Brueggemann, one of the most widely respected Bible scholars of the past century, died June 5 at his home in Michigan. He was 92.

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## Obituary: Armando Virgen

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Armando G. Virgen of Waco, a Texas Baptist pastor affectionately known as “Brother V”, died June 1. He was 99.

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## Obituary: Sheryl Denise Shaw

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Sheryl Denise Shaw, longtime minister to children and their families, died May 12. She was 59.

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# Obituary: Pamela Eileen Payne

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Pamela Eileen Payne of San Antonio, longtime educator, died May 15. She was 75.