

# **Obituary: Hal Reese Kirk**

May 18, 2025

Hal Reese Kirk, a deacon and Bible study leader, died May 9 in Plano. He was 86.

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# **Constance “Connie” Gayle Billinger Davis**

May 18, 2025

Constance “Connie” Gayle Billinger Davis of Abilene, teacher and social worker, died May 8. She was 70.

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# **Musician Squire Parsons moves on to ‘Sweet Beulah Land’**

May 18, 2025

Squire Parsons Jr., longtime Southern Gospel singer-songwriter, died May 5. He was 77.

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## **Obituary: Freddy Mason**

May 18, 2025

Freddy Mason of Carthage, who served the same rural Panola County church as pastor more than five and a half decades, died May 5. He was 79.

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## **Obituary: Melvin William Clinton Jr.**

May 18, 2025

Melvin William Clinton Jr. of Turkey, longtime Texas Baptist pastor, died April 11 in Silverton. He was 88.

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## **Obituary: Marguerite Gaston Garrett**

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Marguerite Gaston Garrett, former member of the Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board, died April 8. She was 98.

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## **Obituary: F.B. Huey**

May 18, 2025

F.B. Huey Jr., longtime seminary professor and former missionary, died April 7. He was 100.

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## **Obituary: Bertha Dell Mieth**

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Bertha Dell Mieth, supporter of global evangelism and Wayland Baptist University, died April 9 in Fort Worth. She was 88.

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## **Obituary: Clifford Dane**

May 18, 2025

Clifford Dane, a Southern Baptist missionary emeritus who served in Belize and Brazil, died Jan. 7. He was 86.

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## **Obituary: Lurae ‘Looie’ Biffar**

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Lurae “Looie” Biffar, who served Texas Baptists and Woman’s Missionary Union of Texas more than a half-century as a graphic designer, died March 21 in Chico. She was 79.

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## **Obituary: T. Farrar Patterson**

May 18, 2025

Travis Farrar Patterson, Baptist minister and former seminary professor, died Feb. 16 in Aledo. He was 91.

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## **Church historian and columnist Martin Marty dead at 97**

May 18, 2025

Martin E. Marty, an eminent church historian, prolific chronicler and interpreter of religion and its role in public life, died at the age of 97 on Feb. 25 in a Minneapolis care facility where he spent his final years.