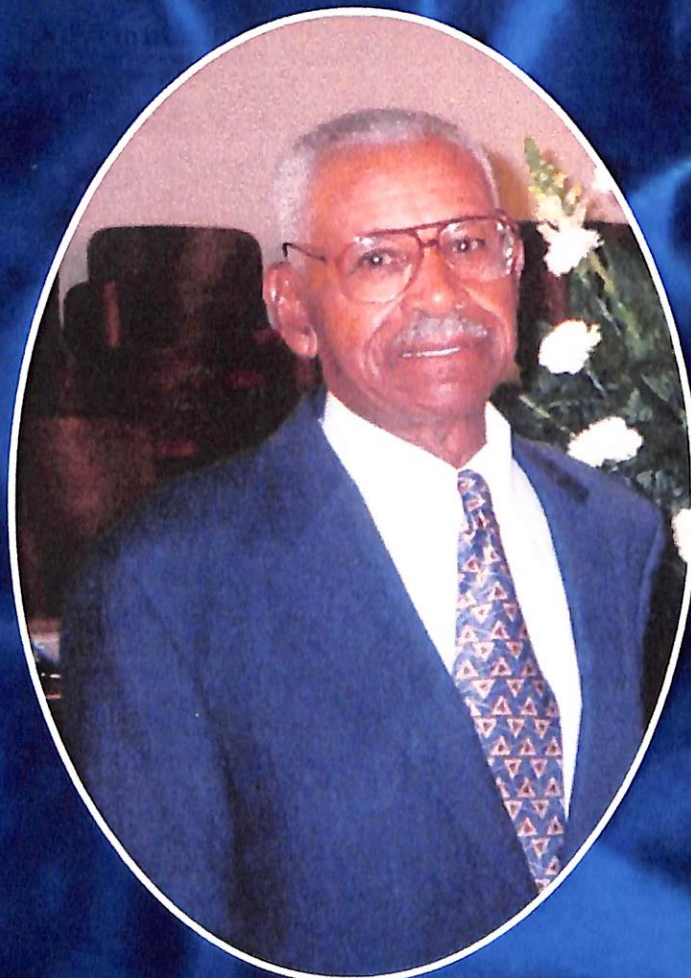


Celebration of Life for Joe Columbus Rischer

Sunrise
April 25, 1914

Sunset
November 9, 2009



~ Celebratory Services ~

Saturday, November 14, 2009
One Hour Before Noon

From the Sanctuary of
First United Methodist Church
201 N. Mount St.
Fairfield, Texas

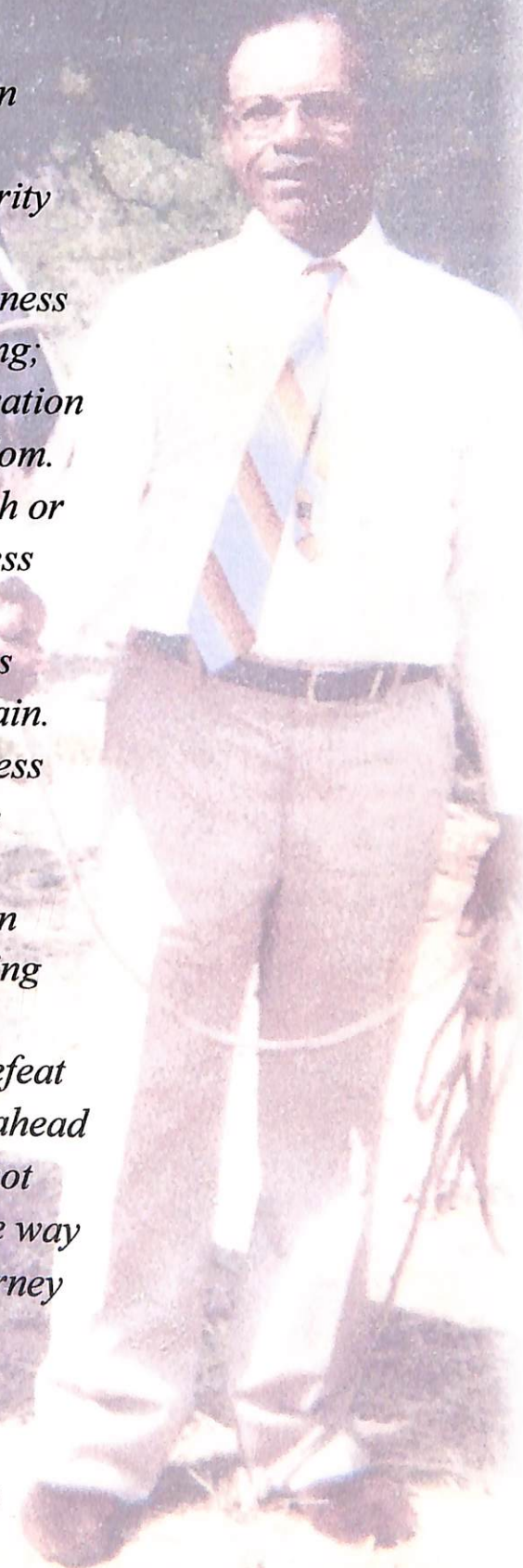
Reverend Paul Kethley, Host Pastor
First United Methodist Church

Reverend Elnora Nunnally, Officiating
Jones Chapel United Methodist Church

Reverend Walter R. McDonald, Celebrant
Baker Chapel African Methodist Church

Birth Is A Beginning

*Birth is a beginning
and death a destination
And life is a journey:
From childhood to maturity
and youth to age;
From innocence to awareness
and ignorance to knowing;
From foolishness to desecration
and then perhaps to wisdom.
From weakness to strength or
from strength to weakness
and often back again;
From health to sickness
and we pray to health again.
From offense to forgiveness
from loneliness to love
from joy to gratitude
from pain to compassion
from grief to understanding
from fear to faith.
From defeat to defeat to defeat
until looking backwards or ahead
We see that victory lies not
at some high point along the way
but in having made the journey
step by step
a sacred pilgrimage.
Birth is a beginning
and death a destination
And life is a journey;
A sacred journey to life everlasting*



Psalm 1

*Blessed is the man that walketh not in the
counsel of the ungodly, nor
standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth
in the seat of the scornful.*

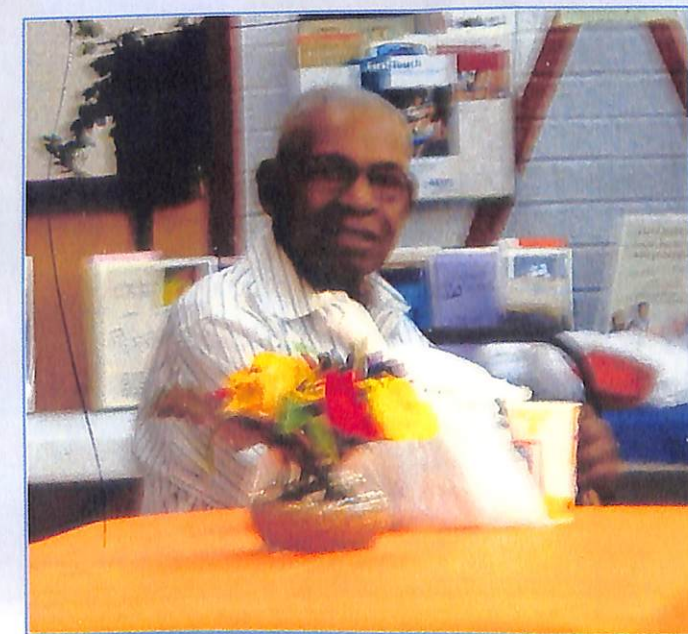
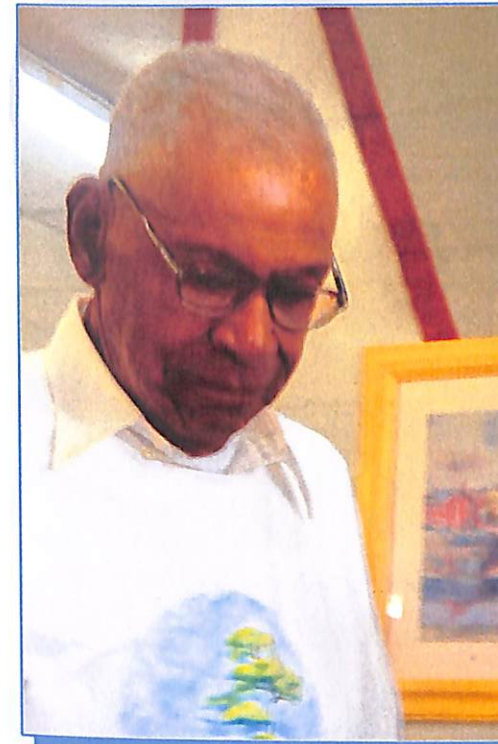
*But his delight is in the law of the LORD;
and in his law doth he meditate day and night.*

*And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,
that bringeth forth it's fruit in his season, his leaf
also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*

The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

*Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.*

*For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous:
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.*



Brief Biographical Sketch
of
Joe Columbus Rischer

Joe Columbus Rischer was born the fifth of nine children of Joe Rischer and Minerva Hunter Rischer on April 25, 1914.

His grandfather was Anthony Rischer, businessman and pioneer of Stewards Mills, Texas and the Rhode Island Community.

Though Columbus Rischer did not have a formal education, he was a businessman in his own right, he was known for being a thriving farmer and owner of swine and livestock. He had an education that comes by living a long industrious life. Columbus was a hard worker from an early age. After his father passed, he took on the role of being the man of the house. He helped his mother and other siblings to survive in hard and tough times. Columbus never stopped educating himself. He used every opportunity to stay informed of world news and current events. He even attended night school in his later adulthood.

His early years and young adult he was a member of Hillary Chapel A.M.E. in Tea Color, Texas. Columbus Rischer later was a faithful member of Rhode Island United Methodist Church of over fifty years where the cornerstone bears his name. He later joined Jones Chapel United Methodist Church.

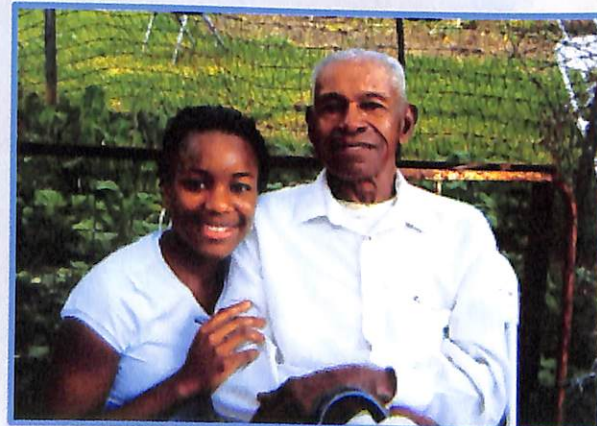
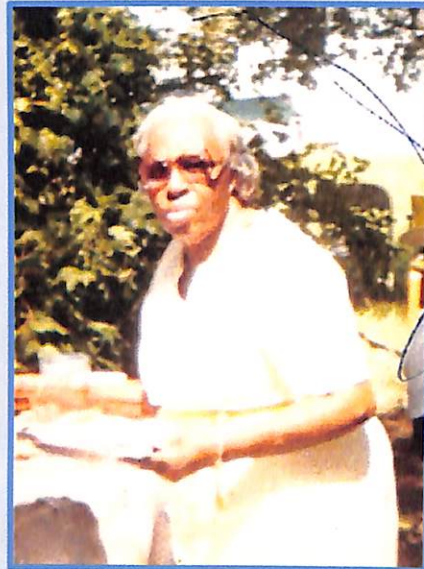
Mr. Rischer loved fishing and hunting. He was an advert hunter of squirrel and deer. His favorite catch of fish was Tehuacana Creek catfish and bass. he loved a good baseball game. Columbus Rischer loved to watch things grow. His garden was his pride and joy.

It was on a "cotton pick" where he met his bride Katie Mae Smith Rischer; they fell in love and married December 18, 1938. Their love for each other was shown through the birth of 14 children. Katie preceded him in death December 27, 1981. Also preceding him in death were three children: Mary Eliza Rischer, Roger B. Rischer and Horace Earl Rischer. Brothers Eunice Rischer; Loyd Rischer(Ruby), Herman Rischer(Grace) Melvin Rischer(Ethel). Sisters Mizella Packer (Daniel); Virlie (Rayford) Gafney; Leola Hamilton, Grandchildren Carlton Rischer; Justin McDonald, Great Grandchild Alexandria Brown.

Joe Columbus Richer leaves to mourn, his children: Bobby F. Rischer (Bobbie), Betty J. Jones (Billy), Mervie Jo Chandler (Oscar), Vernice M. Foster, Carlton R. Rischer, Vera L. Miner, George O. Rischer, Jimmy d. Rischer, Columbus Rischer Jr., Katie M. Rischer, Carol A. McDonald (Walter, Helen W. Rischer. His sister Mary Richardson, Twenty-three grandchildren, Twenty-seven, great-grand and six great-great grandchildren, along with a host of nieces, nephews great and grand.

Order of Service

Prelude	Organist / Pianist
Processional	"Battle Hymn of the Republic" Ministers, Pallbearers, Family & Friends
Hymn of Praise	"How Great Thy Art" Jones Chapel United Methodist Church Choir
Invocation	Reverend Estelle McIlveen
Comfort from Scriptures Old Testament (Psalm 8:1-9) New Testament (Romans 8:35-39)	Reverend A. L. Thibodeaux Reverend Sheila Rischer Mack
Song of Comfort	Sister Monica Washington
Resolutions	Church & Others
Song of Praise	Jones Chapel United Methodist Church Choir
Remarks	
Song of Praise	Bobby Cooper and The New Life Singers Fairfield Missionary Baptist Church
Expressions	Mr. Wilbur T. (Bill) Titus Carol Rischer McDonald
Reading of Obituary / Slide Show	
Song of Celebration	Bobby Cooper and The New Life Singers Fairfield Missionary Baptist Church
Celebratory Message	Reverend Walter R. McDonald Baker Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church Fort Worth, Texas
Recessional	Ministers, Pallbearers, Flower Bearers, Casket, Family & Friends



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*We Will Always
Love You*

Thank you for the love you gave each one of us;
We will cherish all the love you gave us.
We will never forget you.
We Love You!



Precious Memories



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of

The Late Joe Columbus Rischer

Would like to express their sincere gratitude for the many cards, words of encouragement, flowers and other deeds of kindness you have expressed to them during their time of grief.

"The Lord bless thee and keep thee; The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." ...is our prayer.

The Christian Committal

Benedictory Prayer

and Interment



ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Joseph Rischer

Wilson Gafney

Elester Zimmerman

James Zimmerman

Herman Rischer Jr.

Willie Clyde Gafney

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Minion Bonner Jr.

Joe Winston Rischer

Gerry McIlveen

T.J. Gatson

Elawerence Gabriel

James (Boo) Perkins

Booker T. Richard

Tony Brackens

Arne Henderson

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INTERMENT

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Streetman, Texas

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