

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family acknowledges with thanks and appreciation each kind expression of love and sympathy extended during this hour of sorrow.

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Fairfield, Texas

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THE BRIDGE BUILDER

*An old man, going a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim —
That sullen stream had no fears for him;
But he turned, when he reached the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.*

*“Old Man,” said a fellow pilgrim near,
“You are wasting strength in building here.
Your journey will end with the ending day;
You never again must pass this way.
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
Why build you the bridge at the eventide?”*

*The builder lifted his old grey head.
“Good friend, in the path I have come,”
he said,*

*“There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building the
bridge for him.”*

— Will Allen Dromgoole

*A Service of
Praise and Thanksgiving
for the life
- of -*

Rev. Roscoe Conklin Mayes



- SERVICES -

Monday, May 31, 1999

10:00 O'clock A.M.

Jones Chapel United Methodist Church

360 Church Street ~ Fairfield, Texas

REV. DARREL HOUSTON, *Officiating*
REV. JIM ROSS, *Eulogist*
District Superintendent of the
Palestine District

A Beautiful Life

REVEREND ROSCOE CONKLIN MAYES was born February 17, 1935 in Lodi, Texas to the parentage of Rev. A. M. Mayes and Valree C. Mayes. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Gloria Mayes Davis; five brothers, Fred Douglas Morris, A. Michael Mayes, Hubert Mayes, Wilbert Mayes and Paul Lawrence Mayes.

His early education was in Mineola, Texas. He completed his high school work at Dogan High School, Fairfield, Texas. He had additional training at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University and St. Paul Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri.

He was in the U.S. Army for three years and served his overseas duty in Korea.

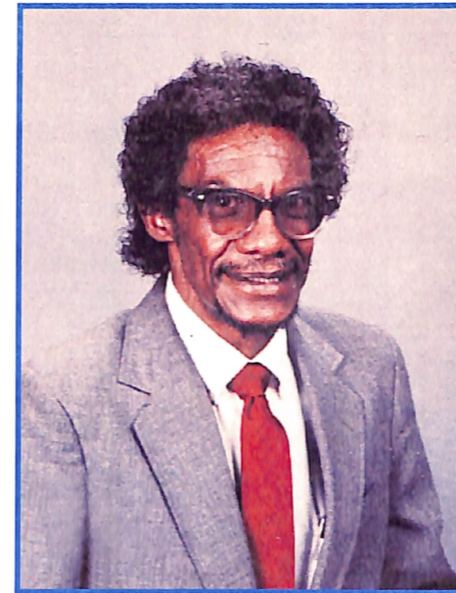
Growing up, "Ras", as he was affectionately called, mimicked his father in the pulpit. He always had an audience of siblings, friends and/or neighbors. Preaching was a part of him and he preached off and on throughout his life.

He followed in his father's footsteps as a carpenter by trade and a pastor by vocation. Rev. Mayes accepted the ministerial appointment of the United Methodist Church in 1988 to pastor the Lovelady Circuit: Alexander Chapel, Anderson Chapel, Pleasant Hill and White Rock United Methodist Churches.

Rev. Roscoe C. Mayes departed this life May 28, 1999, leaving to cherish his memory, a loving step-mother, Mrs. Hazel G. Mayes of Fairfield, Texas; sister, Claudia Mayes Gooden of Dallas, Texas; brothers, Harvell G. Mayes and Roy A. Mayes of Dallas, Texas and The Rev. Dr. Jesse E. Mayes of Bowie, Maryland; a beloved cousin, Mrs. Evelyn Waddleton of Quitman, Texas; nine nieces, four nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

"Death Opens the Door To Life Evermore"

We live a short while on earth below,
Reluctant to die for we do not know
Just what "dark death" is all about
And so we view it with fear and doubt
Not certain of what is around the bend
We look on death as the final end



To all that made us a mortal being
And yet there lies just beyond our seeing
A beautiful life so full and complete
That we should leave with hurrying feet
To walk with God by sacred streams
Amid beauty and peace beyond our dreams —
For all who believe in the RISEN LORD
Have been assured of this reward
And death for them is just "graduation"
To a higher realm of wide elevation —
For life on earth is a transient affair,
Just a few brief years in which to prepare
For a life that is free from pain and tears
Where time is not counted by hours or years —
For death is only the method God chose
To colonize heaven with the souls of those
Who by their apprenticeship on earth
Proved worthy to dwell in the land of new birth —
So death is not sad . . . it's a time for elation,
A joyous transition . . . the soul's emigration
Into a place where the soul's SAFE and FREE
To live with God through ETERNITY!

SUNRISE
February 17, 1935
SUNSET
May 28, 1999

. . . having a desire to depart,
and to be with Christ;
which is far better.
— Philippians 1:23

Valedictory Services

THE PROCESSIONAL

THE FINAL TRIBUTE (Parting View)

THE HYMN - "Blessed Assurance" No. 369

SCRIPTURES:

OLD TESTAMENT Rev. Dr. Donald R. Waddleton

NEW TESTAMENT Rev. Dr. Donald R. Waddleton

Pastor, Jones Memorial United Methodist Church, Houston, TX

PRAYER Rev. Roger Hunter

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN - "It Is Well With My Soul" No. 377

VALEDICTORY EXPRESSIONS:

Lovelady Circuit, Lovelady, Texas

Jones Chapel United Methodist Church

Family Rev. Dr. Jesse E. Mayes

HYMN - "A Charge to Keep I Have" No. 413

THE EULOGY Rev. Jim Ross
District Superintendent Palestine District

RECESSIONAL "When We All Get To Heaven"