

**Rev. David Forester 1994**

**ANADARKO, Okla.** - The Rev. David Forester, 61, died Tuesday, April 5, at his home.

A native of Fort Worth, Texas, he was raised in Drexel. He was the son of the late Fred and Ellen Forester. A member of the First Baptist Church in Anadarko, he was the husband of the late Billye Ruth Prestridge Forester.

He received a bachelor degree in theology from Baylor University and a master of divinity from Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

He was a pastor in Oklahoma in the 1960s and 1970s and served as director of missions for the Caddo Baptist Association. He was a member of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma board of directors and served on several of its committees.

**SURVIVORS:** wife, Mae Forester; daughters, Rachel Anne Forester of Carrollton, Texas, Cynthia Elizabeth Rice of Oklahoma City, Okla.; sons, Mark David Forester of Carrollton, Scott Daniel Forester of Midwest City, Okla.; stepsons, Mike Tichenor of Richardson, Texas, David Tichenor of Moore, Okla.; brothers, Stanley Forester of Old Fort, Jim Forester of Asheville, Harry Forester of Shreveport, La., Johnathan Forester of Pineville, La.; 4 grandchildren.

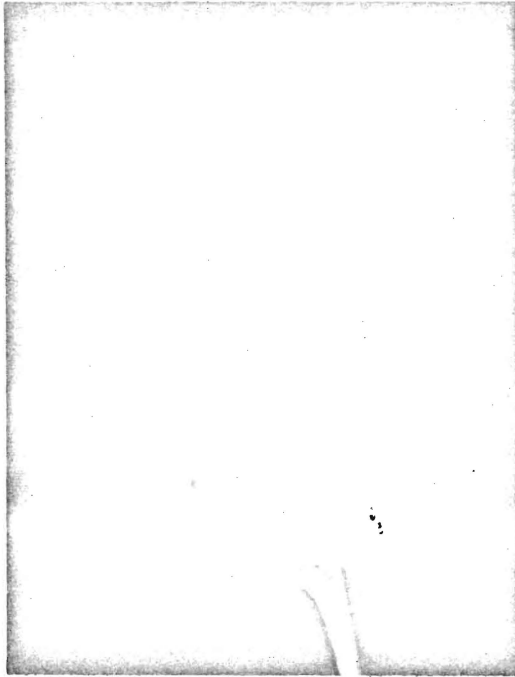
**SERVICES:** 3 p.m. Friday, Anadarko High School Auditorium.

**BURIAL:** Memory Lane Cemetery, Anadarko.

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Bessemer City, N.C. First Baptist Church

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five years, 1897 - 1972



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**REV. DAVID FORESTER**

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Biographical Sketch:  
Birth: August 21, 1932  
Place: Fort Worth, Texas.  
Son of Fred and Ellen Forester.

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and Union Seminary, New York, N.Y.  
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ative Committee of General Board.

Schools: Drexel High School, Drexel, N. C.  
Baylor University, Waco, Texas, - B. A. Degree.  
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary - B. D. Degree  
and most of work done on Master Religious Education Degree.

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Date of License and Place: August 19, 1951, First Baptist Church, Bessemer City, N. C.

vid, Age 16.

Date and Place of Ordination: September 23, 1956, Forney Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

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names is to overlook someone who  
hat I discovered God's Love in Jesus  
eleven year old. This was during the  
need and desire was stirred by the

Churches Served: First Baptist Church, Cramerton, N. C., Summers of 1952, 1953,  
1954 Youth Music Director.  
Woodbury Baptist Church, Hill County, Texas. School terms of  
1951, 1952, 1953 Music Director and Associate Pastor (small  
country church).  
Forney Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas 1954 - 1959 Asso-  
ciate Pastor.  
First Baptist Church, Allen, Oklahoma - 1959-1968 Pastor.  
First Baptist Church, Cyril, Oklahoma since 1969 Pastor.

ment to enter the ministry of God so  
most helpful and understanding dur-

Bessemer City, and especially the church, is a very real part of me. I cherish my days  
there as a college student. God blessed me greatly. Glad to know of your plans for a his-  
tory.

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Andarko, Okla. - Rev. David Forester, 61, died April 5, 1994, at home.

He was a native of Andarko, son of the late Fred and Ellen Forester, and husband of the late Billye Ruth Prestridge. He was raised in Drexel and Bessemer City, where his father, the Rev. Fred Forester, served as pastor of First Baptist Church. He received a bachelor's degree from Baylor University in 1954 and a Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. While in seminary, he was minister of youth and music at Forney Avenue Baptist Church. His first pastorate was at the First Baptist Church, Allen, Oklahoma. He served as pastor at First Baptist Church, Cyril, Oklahoma from 1968 to 1976.

He served as Director of Missions for the Caddo Baptist Association from April 15, 1976 until his death. He had been a member of the state board of directors of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, and chairman of the Child Care committee and Baptist Student Union Committee. He had also served on the religious education committee, public relations committee, budget committee and executive committee at the state level. He served a number of terms as moderator of the Caddo Baptist Association. He had also served the association over the years as Sunday school director, Royal Ambassador leader, clerk and vice-moderator. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Andarko.

Survivors include his wife. Mae Forester; two daughters, Rachel Anne Forester of Carrollton, Texas and Cynthia Elizabeth Rice of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two sons, Mark David Forester of Carrollton, Texas and Scott Daniel Forester of Midwest City, Okla.; two step-sons, Mike Tichenor of Richardson, Texas and David Tichenor of Moore, Okla.; four grandchildren; four brothers, Stanley Forester of Old Fort, Jim Forester of Asheville, Harry Forester of Shreveport, La. and Jonathan Forester of Pineville, La.

The funeral was conducted in Andarko on April 8 and burial was in a local cemetery.

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