



First Presbyterian Church Waco, TX



Celebration of Life and Faith
Delores Horne
August 22, 2025

Miss L. Delores Horne, 95, passed away peacefully August 6, 2025, at Ascension Providence Hospital in Waco, TX.

Delores was born in Waxahachie, TX, on December 27, 1929. She grew up on a farm and attended a two-room school in Moffatt, TX, through the 9th grade, later graduating from high school in Midlothian, TX. She attended Temple Junior College and the University of Houston before earning her Bachelor of Christian Education in 1956 from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, VA.

After serving as Director of Education at various Presbyterian churches in Texas, Delores was called to serve as a Christian education missionary in Brazil. She answered that call and served from 1966 to 1984. Upon returning to the United States, her ministry shifted to the care and spiritual enrichment of older adults. In 1985, she returned to the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond to update her studies, focusing on ministry with older adults. She went on to receive a Master of Science in Gerontology from Baylor University in 1988.

From 1987 through 2000, she served as Coordinator of Older Adults and Director of Older Adult Ministry at First Presbyterian Church in Waco, TX. She remained an active member and devoted volunteer of the church until her passing.

Delores was preceded in death by her father, L.E. Horne; mother, Blanche Horne; and brothers, Farrell K. Horne and Warren Kenneth Horne.

Affectionately known as "Aunt Sissy," Delores is survived by her sister, Daisy Ann Sohns, and husband, Walter Sohns, Jr.; nephews Richard L. Sohns and wife, Susan B. Sohns, and David A. Sohns and wife, Carolyn Sohns; great-nephew Richard L. Sohns, Jr.; great-nieces Elizabeth A. Teas, Lana E. Blackman, and Jennifer L. Sohns. She also dearly loved her great-great-nephews, who brought her much joy.

Delores had a servant's soul, with God as her guiding light, and she studied His word daily. In addition to being a certified Director of Christian Education, she was an ordained Elder in the Presbyterian Church. She found fulfillment in volunteering, especially within the hospice community, which she found deeply enriching. A lifelong learner, Delores loved reading all types of literature and took great delight in selecting thoughtful, often intellectually challenging Christmas gifts for her family.

She made Waco, TX, her home from 1987, leaving behind a legacy of compassion, education, and faith.

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The Gift of Life Bestowed
Entered Gift of Life Released

December 27, 1929
August 6, 2025

Prelude

Becky Ward, organ

+ Opening Litany

Psalm 121

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come. My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Many: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

One: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

Many: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

One: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. Let us with loving remembrance, worship God.

+ Hymn #12

Immortal Invisible God Only Wise

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Unison Prayer of Praise

God of Beauty and Grace, we are so grateful for the energy that you infuse into our lives. What a privilege it is to walk, talk, work and play. Each day is a humbling experience of challenges. Each day is a rich experience of joy and triumph. We are grateful for each day and moment in which we can live with loving integrity. We pause with gratitude for the time that we have spent with your daughter, Delores. We are so grateful for all who loved her and for the way they contributed to her best life. We pause to stretch our heart and mind contemplating her life and legacy. May we live offering you beauty and grace from our own life circumstances. Be with us now and always, O Great Redeemer. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

+ Hymn #450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

+ Gospel Scripture Reading: Matthew 15:21-28

Eulogy		Leslie King, D. Min
Solo	<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i>	Vocalist, Austin Ingalls
Postlude	<i>For All the Saints</i>	Becky Ward, organ

Please process to the courtyard for Committal Service

Committal Service

Words of Interment and Rest

Closing Prayer & Recitation of Psalm 23 (KJV)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Lords Prayer

Vocalist, Austin Ingalls

Benediction



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Sunday Services 8:30 AM (Weekly Communion) and 10:30 AM (Morning Worship)
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