

Roote, Thomas S., Jr. (1934-2015) graduated from Mercer University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as director of missions of the New Orleans Baptist Association before joining the faculty of Baptist Bible Institute in Graceville in 1963. He later served as director of missions in Columbus, Georgia, and then the Jacksonville and Northeast Associations in 1971. He and his wife, Martha Lorraine Stoudenmire Roote had two children. *Visit our website floridabaptisthistory.org*

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Pinellas Baptist Association gets new director of missions

Dr. **Thomas Stafford Roote Jr.**, executive director of the Birmingham (Ala.) Baptist Association, has accepted an appointment, effective Feb. 1, as director of missions of the Pinellas Baptist Association. Roote will succeed Rev. **J. Leon Boyd**, who left several months ago for an administrative position with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta. A native of Tennessee, Roote is a graduate of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and earned his master's and doctorate degrees in education at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served previously as associate superintendent of missions for the New Orleans Baptist Association; as head of the department of religious education at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla.; and as superintendent of missions for the Columbus, Ga., and Jacksonville associations. He has been with the Birmingham association since 1974.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
1971

Name - Thomas (Tom) Stafford Roote, Jr.

Born - December 18, 1934

Birthplace - Covington, Tennessee

Parents - Rev. and Mrs. T. S. Roote, formerly Associational Missionary, Colquitt County Baptist Association, Moultrie, Georgia, presently serving in Pioneer Missions at Wallingford, Pa.

Family - Married 8/27/60

Wife - Martha Lorraine

Parents - Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Stoudenmier
Assistant Administrator, Southern Baptist Hospital,
New Orleans, Louisiana

Children - James (Jimmy) Thomas - 7/12/61

Patricia (Patti) Denise - 11/2/62

Education - Moultrie High School 1953
Moultrie, Georgia

Mercer University 1957
Macon, Georgia

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary 1959
Master of Religious Education (MRE)

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary 1967
Doctor of Education (Ed.D)

Wife - Graduate of Louisiana State University, New Orleans Division 1966

Denominational Experience - Student church experience as Minister of Education, Music, and Youth in Georgia and Louisiana

Lakeview Baptist Church, Minister of Education and Music, New Orleans Baptist Association Superintendent of Missions, New Orleans Baptist Association Louisiana

✓ Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida, Head of Department of Religious Education 1963-69. While at the Institute, served as Interim education, youth and music director for surrounding churches and as Interim Associational Missionary for the Chipola Baptist Association, Marianna, Fla.

Served as Superintendent of Missions, Columbus Baptist Association 1969-1970

Presently serving as Superintendent of Missions of the Jacksonville Baptist Association since January 1, 1971. Living at 2415 Kellow Circle, Jacksonville, Fla., 32216. Telephone 725-7207. Office, Room 404, 1230 Hendricks Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32207. Telephone 396-2351.

Tom Stafford Roote Edit Profile

Church organization executive

Tom Stafford Roote, American Church organization executive. Active Mayor's Task Force Against Drugs, New Orleans, 1989; volunteer United Way, New Orleans, 1988-1989. Member Rotary.

Background

Roote, Tom Stafford was born on December 18, 1934 in Covington, Tennessee, United States. Son of Tom Stafford Senior and Mary Olga (Price) Roote.

Education

Bachelor, Mercer U., 1957; Master of Religious Education, New Orleans Baptist Seminary, 1959; Doctor of Education, New Orleans Baptist Seminary, 1967.

Career

Director education, New Orleans Baptist Association, 1960-1963; professor, Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida, 1963-1969; director association mission, Columbus (Georgia) Baptist Association, 1969-1970; executive director, Jacksonville (Florida) Baptist Association, 1970-1974; executive director, Birmingham (Alabama) Baptist Association, 1974-1984; executive director, Suncoast Baptist Association, Clearwater, Florida, 1984-1987; executive director, Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches, since 1987; professor church administration, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, since 1991. Member urban training cooperative Southern Baptist Convention, 1975-1980. President National Conference Dirs. of Mission, 1978.

Membership

Active Mayor's Task Force Against Drugs, New Orleans, 1989. Volunteer United Way, New Orleans, 1988-1989. Member Rotary.

Connections

Married Martha Lorraine Stoudenmier, August 27, 1960. Children: James Thomas, Patricia Denise RooteLowe.

Father:

Tom Stafford Senior Roote

Mother:

Mary Olga (Price) Roote

Spouse:

Martha Lorraine Stoudenmier

child:

James Thomas Roote

child:

Patricia Denise RooteLowe Roote

Thomas Stafford Roote, Jr., of Canton, died July 10. He was 90. Roote earned degrees from Mercer University and New Orleans Seminary. He would serve as a professor at Florida Baptist Theological College and New Orleans Seminary; director of missions in Columbus as well as Jacksonville, FL, Birmingham, AL, and Pinellas County, FL; executive director of New Orleans Federation of Churches, and as interim pastor of Baptist Village Church, Petah Tikva, Israel, Rome Baptist Church in Rome, Italy, International Baptist Church in Sofia, Bulgaria, and Zion Baptist Church in Mirfield, England.

He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; children James Roote and Pattie Roote Lowe; four grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter in addition to a brother, David, and sisters Susan Gay and Molly Lanham.