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Snowden, Ransom Grady, Jr. (1935-2007) was born in Virginia the son of Ransom Grady, Sr. and Jessie Marie Lee Snowden. He graduated from Stetson University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Snowden served as pastor of Parklane Baptist Church, Jacksonville and Blake Memorial Baptist Church (the same congregation where his father served). He also served as administrator of Wesley Manor Retirement Village, Jacksonville. Snowden was married to Ann Wilkins Snowden in 1957 and they had three children. At the time of his death, he was married to Barbara Rinaldi Snowden.



This, That and the Other

New Pastor and Additions At Merritt Island Church



First Church, Merritt Island has had 143 additions since Adrian P. Rogers became pastor in August.

Rogers went to Merritt Island from Parkview Church, Ft. Pierce. During his six-year ministry there, the church had 1,338 additions (652 by baptism), increased its budget from \$15,000 to \$90,000 per year, and gifts to missions totaled \$54,000 with the church giving 22 per cent of its budget to missions through the Cooperative Program.

A native of West Palm Beach, Rogers is a graduate of Sieton University and New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife, Joyce, have four children: Steve, Gayle, David and Janice.

Tampa Luncheon Scheduled For Southern Seminary



Alumnus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will have a luncheon during the Florida Baptist State Convention on November 11 at 12:00 noon in the

Floridan Hotel, Tampa.

Faculty representative meeting with the group will be Prof. Inman Johnson, alumni secretary-emeritus and professor of speech.

Ralph Keene, pastor of Idlewild Church, Tampa, is president of Southern Seminary Alumni in Florida.

Ministers Wives Luncheon

The annual Ministers Wives Luncheon will be held during the Florida Baptist State Convention at the Hyde Park Methodist Church, Tampa on Tuesday, November 10 at 12:30 p.m. W. Karl Steele, chalk artist, will be featured at the meeting, according to Mrs. Malcolm Knight, president.

All reservations must be received by 6:30 p.m. Monday, November 9. Send advance reservations to Mrs. J. Titus Aldridge, 3903 Granada, Tampa, Fla.

Revival Report

First Church, Edgewater, Evangelist Pastor Ronald Ryan, Singsler Curtis French, 18 professions of faith, 12 by letter.

November 8 will be Homecoming day at Elder Springs Church, Sanford, where B. Hamilton Griffin is pastor. Everyone is invited.

Bay Ceia Church, Tampa Calls Causey as Pastor

Bay Ceia Church, Tampa has called David E. Causey as pastor.

A graduate of Howard College and Southern Seminary, Causey comes to Florida from Broadmoor Church, Bessemer, Ala., where he led in completing new buildings, including a \$75,000 sanctuary, during his year there.

Mr. and Mrs. Causey have three boys, ages 9, 7 and 20 months.

Ollie G. Matthews has been interim pastor at Bay Ceia Church.

The 94th annual meeting of Weeks Baptist Association met October 15 and 16 at College Park Church, Orlando. G. H. Cole, Jr., host pastor.

Four new churches were admitted to the Association, bringing the total number of churches to 56 with over 29,000 members. There were 1,422 baptisms reported by the churches for last year, and 2,383 other additions.

The Association now has a chaplain visiting the hospitals, working among the migrants and a Camp Joy program.

Moderator James S. Haskins was re-elected for another year, Alvin G. Hause was elected vice moderator, and Bob McAllister was re-elected clerk.

Park Lane Church, Jacksonville observed its ninth anniversary on October 18. R. Grady Snowden, Jr. is pastor.

Among the guests at the special services were: M. L. Chapman, first pastor when Park Lane was a mission; Carl Howell, pastor of the sponsoring church; C. M. Coalson, former field secretary who was instrumental in the church's beginning; and Orrin Stites, who is now field secretary in the Jacksonville area.

The church had 11 additions (six for baptism) on this day.

The ladies of Wilton Manors Church, Fort Lauderdale plan to "stamp the preacher right out of the country" by sending Pastor Calvin Booth to the Holy Land with trading stamps.

A committee, headed by Mrs. Gene Murphy, is in the process of collecting 750 stamp books for the four-week tour.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester R. DeBusk of Brooksville and Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Denham of Lockhart are among the students from 17 states who are attending Clear Creek Baptist School, a Kentucky Baptist Convention theological school in Pineville, Ky.

Dr. W. E. Denham, formerly pastor of First Church, Miami, is a Bible professor at the school.

New Orleans Seminary Alumni to Meet in Tampa

Florida alumni of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will meet November 11, during the State Convention in Tampa, according to Florida Alumni President H. Fred Williams, Winter Garden.

The meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. at the Morrison Cafeteria.

Representing the seminary will be Professor of Church History, William A. Mueller. Items of business will include the election of new officers and a report on progress of contributions for the proposed Leavell Chair of Evangelism.

Baptist Bible Institute Alumni Plan Breakfast

Alumni of Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville will meet at Morrison's (downtown) Cafeteria, Tampa on Wednesday, November 11, for a breakfast session beginning at 7:30 a.m. This will be during the Florida Baptist State Convention, where the Institute Choir will sing.

At the breakfast President James E. Southerland will discuss progress being made at the school, and Gus Johnson will show the plan for more student housing.

September marked the third anniversary of L. J. Coker as pastor of Dixieland Church, Lakeland.

During these three years, the

Dominey Becomes Pastor of Oakcrest Church, Pensacola



During the first month Reneau B. Dominey has been pastor of Oakcrest Church, Pensacola, the church has had 22 additions and there has been an in-

crease of more than 50 in Sunday school attendance.

Dominey resigned from Greensboro Church, Greensboro, after a seven-year pastorate. Under his leadership the church had 54 additions for baptism, increased gifts to missions through the Cooperative Program from \$800 to \$2,700 annually, dedicated a new sanctuary in 1959, and purchased additional property.

A native of Clayton, Ala., Dominey is a graduate of Howard College and New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Dominey is the former Jean Marie Patterson, daughter of President E. N. Patterson of Grand Canyon (Baptist) College, Phoenix, Arizona. The Domineys have four boys: Gerald Reneau, Raymond Nelson, John Mark and David Patterson.

church has had about 100 additions, attained the Standard in Sunday school, and had a Standard Vacation Bible School the last two years. The church and pastorialism have been painted, a heating system installed in the education building, and considerable indebtedness paid.

Lake Ola Chapel, Mt. Dora Becomes New Church



Lake Ola Baptist Chapel, a mission of First Church, Mt. Dora, was constituted into a church on October 4.

Officers elected by the newly-organized church are, from left: Vance Brock, assistant treasurer; Arch Hodges, deacon; Tommy Parker, pastor; and Mrs. Lottie Koecker, clerk. Charles Stout, not pictured, is treasurer.

The organizing council was composed of ministers and deacons from neighboring churches in Lake County Association.

Participating in the program were: David Coffield, pastor of the sponsoring church; Hugh Hawkins, pastor of Bay Street Church, Eustis; Robert Geer, pas-

tor of First Church, Eustis; K. Fay Deshay, pastor of First Church, Tavares; Alfred Miller, pastor of First Church, Umatilla; Tommy Parker, chapel pastor; J. O. Townsend, chairman of the Missions Committee; and Sue Bond, clerk of Mt. Dora Church.

The new church took an offering for world missions through the Cooperative Program.

rev. Mr. Stewart said.

**Minister's
Father to Preach
At Park Lane**

Rev. R. Grady Snowden Sr., administrator of the De-Land Convalescent Center in that city, will preach each Sunday in July at the Park Lane Baptist Church.

The minister of the church, Rev. R. Grady Snowden Jr., his son, will be at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., to participate in a continuing education program.

The elder minister served

for more than 13 years as the pastor of the Arlington Baptist Church here, and he recently finished a 14-month interim ministry at the Northside Baptist Church in De-Land.

New Pastor to Take Over Park Lane Baptist Pulpit

Rev. R. Grady Snowden Jr. will conduct his first service as pastor of the Park Lane Baptist Church, 1480 Lake Shore Blvd., tomorrow.

He comes from the Port Royal (Ky.) Baptist Church, where he has been pastor for 2½ years. He is a graduate of Stetson University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

A native of Jacksonville, the **Rev. Mr. Snowden** is the son of **Rev. R. Grady Snowden**, pastor of Arlington Baptist Church. He is married to the former Ann Wilkins of Jacksonville and the couple has two children.

Dr. C. M. Coalson, retired minister, has served as interim pastor for the past six months.



Ann Wilkins Is Bride Of R. G. Snowden Jr.



Mrs. R. G. Snowden, Jr.
... former Miss Wilkins

In a ceremony performed by the bridegroom's father, Miss Ann Kierulff Wilkins, daughter of Mrs. Walter Eugene Wilkins Jr. and the late Dr. Wilkins, was married to R. Grady Snowden Jr., son of the Rev. R. Grady Snowden.

The Rev. Snowden was assisted by the Rev. John A. McLeod at the 4 p.m. ceremony in Lake Shore Baptist Church yesterday.

The bride, given in marriage by John A. McLeod, a close friend of the bride's family, wore a white gown of embroidered organdy with a portrait neckline outlined with double rows of embroidered organdy. The voluminous scalloped skirt ended in a chapel train, and she carried a white orchid with a cascade of lilies-of-the-valley on a lace-covered Bible.

Matron of honor was sister of the bride, Mrs. Gene Tranoy, and bridesmaid was Miss Barbara Carter. They wore waltz-length dresses of mint green silk organza with lace bodies featuring bateau necklines.

Best man was Randall Langston of Miami, and ushers were Fred Land, Donald Wood Bobbitt, Snowden, Page Williams and Larry Boyette.

Following a reception at Lake Shore Woman's Club, Mr. and Mrs. Snowden left for a wedding trip to Louisville, Ky., where they will reside.

Mrs. Snowden was graduated from Robert E. Lee High, from Mars Hill Junior College in North Carolina, and from Stetson University.

Mr. Snowden was graduated from Landon High and from Stetson University. He will enter Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.



Jo Ann Howsman

Howsman-Hudson

MIAMI, Aug. 18 — Mrs. and Mr. A. E. Soderberg announce the engagement of their daughter Miss Jo Ann Howsman, to John Stephen Hudson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hudson of Alford.

The wedding will be solemnized in the First Methodist Church, Gainesville, Sept. 15 at 4:30 p.m.

The bride-elect attended the University of Florida, where she was president of Delta Gamma, a member of Phi Chi Theta, and president of Panhellenic council. Her fiancé is a senior at the University of Florida, is a member of Florida Blue Key and Hall of Fame, and is past president of both Phi Delta Theta social fraternity and interfraternity council.

POLO CLOSURE BELT

New belts resembling a polo player's double strapped belt, feature double or triple straps each with a separate buckle, or even two straps running through a single, giant buckle.

Roslyn L. Leibowitz Says Vows with Paul Weinst In Jewish Center

Miss Roslyn Leigh Leibowitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leibowitz of Ocala, was married to Paul Harold Weinstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Weinstein of Washington, D. C., last evening at 6:30 in Jacksonville Jewish Center.

Rabbi Sanders A. Tofield, assisted by Cantor Abraham Morton, officiated.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose a full-length gown of silk bombazine trimmed with Chantilly lace. The dress featured a portrait neckline and voluminous skirt with a wide band of Chantilly lace ending in a chapel train.

Her veil of illusion was attached to a cloche of point-de-Lyon lace, and she carried a cascade bouquet of sweetheart roses and lilies-of-the-valley centered with a white orchid.

Matron of honor was Mrs. B. B. Bushwick of Chevy Chase, Md., sister of the bride, and maid of honor was Miss Adrienne Gibbs of Live Oak, cousin of the bride. Bridesmaids were Miss Sally Kraus of Harrisburg, Pa.; Nancy Bloom of Miami Beach; Miss Barbara Supperstein of Colorado Springs, Col., and Sara Craig, Anne Sturgis, and Elizabeth MacKay of Ocala.

The attendants wore ballerina-length dresses of emerald green silk organdy with square necklines. They carried cascades of pink champagne roses and wore bandeaux of green velvet leaves and pink roses.

Best man was Warren Komins of Baltimore, Md., and ushers were Larry Levitan of Washington, D. C.; Henry Leibowitz of Ocala, Dr. B. Bushwick of Chevy Chase, Md.; James Cacheris, Leonard Weinstein of

Washington, D. C.; man of Baltimore Robert Broudy of N Junior usher was witz.

Following a seated dance in the auditorium center, Mr. and Mi left for a wedding, ami Beach and N will reside in Wash

Mrs. Weinstein w from Ocala scho tended Duke. Un member of Alpha sorority, she will study of elementa at George Washing sity.

Mr. Weinstein w from Washington a versity, with a B. commerce. He is n George Washington law school. He is a Zeta Beta Tau soci

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SPECIAL

FREE

CAREER TALK

prompt parade for the homecoming Americans.

R. Grady Snowden Named To HRS Advisory Council

R. Grady Snowden Jr., administrator of Wesley Manor Retirement Village, was elected this week as chairman of the Governor's Advisory Council for the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, District IV.

Snowden was first appointed to the council by Gov. Reuben Askew and has since been reappointed by Gov. Graham.

The council was formed by the state legislature to provide input into the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services and its management and programming by citizens in the community to aid in coordinating services with needs in the community.

District IV includes Volusia, St. Johns, Baker, Duval and Nassau counties. Meetings are held monthly in various parts of the district with representatives of the HRS, usually including the district administrator.



Rev r. grady snowden jr

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Snowden, Baptist church pastor, dies at 72

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The Rev. Ransom Grady Snowden, pastor of First Baptist Church in DeLand, died Friday after suffering a stroke while on vacation in Rome, Italy. He was 72.

Snowden became a strong voice in the Stetson University and church communities in West Vol-

usia, his friends say. **Snowden** studied religion at Stetson and graduated from there in 1956. He continued the family's strong ties with the university.

After graduating from Stetson, **Snowden** attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, according to Stetson University Web site. He later served as pastor at

Park Lane Baptist Church in Jacksonville.

Snowden moved to Lake Helen in 1999 to serve as pastor at Blake Memorial Baptist Church, the same congregation where his father had served.

In addition to his wife, Barbara, survivors include: two sons, Gray **Snowden**, Virginia, and Cort Ri-

naldi, Florida; three daughters, Beth Burney, Amy Mather and Ami Shank, all of Georgia; a brother, Robert **Snowden**, and a sister, Patricia Lane, both of Florida; eight grandchildren and 12 nieces and nephews. Memorial services are pending.

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SNOWDEN

Ransom Grady Snowden Jr.

Birth

16 May 1935
Virginia, USA

Death

16 Nov 2007 (aged 72)

Burial

DeLand Memorial Gardens
DeLand, Volusia County, Florida, USA

Family Members

Parents

Rev Ransom Grady Snowden Sr

1904–1999
Jessie Marie Lee Snowden

1903–1986

Siblings

Patricia Snowden Lane

1932–2023
Dr Robert T Snowden

1944–2017

Ann Wilkins Lorge Obituary

Ann Wilkins Large, 86, passed away peacefully at her home in Brevard Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022, after a courageous six-month battle with lymphoma.

She was a deep lover of hearth and home, family, animals (especially cats), and every season in the mountains of western North Carolina. Her passing on a beautiful snowy day, surrounded by her three children and two cats in the soft glow of the fireplace, thus provided a fitting ending to a beautiful life.

Born in 1935 in Nashville, Tennessee, while her father was in medical school at Vanderbilt, Ann Kierulff Wilkins spent her early years in Nashville and Alexandria, Va., where her father, a pediatrician and public health officer in the navy, was stationed during World War II. One of the highlights of her childhood was a lengthy road trip the family took out west in the early 40s which sparked a lifelong love of all things cowboy. After the war the family settled in Jacksonville, Fla., where she attended Robert E. Lee High School, class of '53. She then attended Mars Hill College, where her grandmother and both parents had taught in the 20s and 30s. she received her AA degree at Mars Hill, and then transferred to Stetson University in Deland, Fla., where she met her future husband, and graduated with a BA in history in 1957.

Shortly after graduating from Stetson, she married Ransom Grady Snowden Jr., and the couple moved to Louisville, Ky., where her husband attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. While in Kentucky, her first two children, Beth and Gray (Grady III), were born. In 1962 the young family moved back to Jacksonville, FL, where her husband was the pastor of Park Lane Baptist Church for 13 years. While there, the couple's third child, Amy, was born. During those years Ann was active in the PTA and substituted at Hyde Park Elementary School. She also taught a popular and well-attended women's Sunday school class at Park Lane where she was known for facilitating open discussion and encouraging fresh, open-minded ways of thinking.

Following a divorce in 1974, she lived on her own for several years, working at Ivey's department store at Roosevelt Mall and teaching at Orange Park Middle School where she met Master Chief Walter C. Lorge, USN, through a fellow teacher. They were married in 1978 and lived in Jacksonville for 10 years before returning to her beloved western North Carolina in 1988.

While living in Hendersonville, she substituted in Henderson County Schools and her husband was a regular volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. Following her husband's death in 1994, she continued to live in Hendersonville, traveling often to Atlanta to visit grandchildren, and providing a home in the mountains where they could visit her ("Gram"). The family gathered at Cascade Lake Campground every Labor Day weekend and also celebrated Thanksgiving and Christmas annually in Hendersonville.

In 2001, she reconnected with her high school sweetheart, Leo Temples, and the couple enjoyed 13 years of traveling and camping together until his death in 2014.

In 2016, her eldest daughter and her husband moved to Brevard, and in 2018 she bought a house in the same block where she lived out the remainder of her days. Her three years in Connestee Falls were some of her happiest, where her children and now-grown grandchildren would gather for raucous ping-pong games in the garage, hike to the waterfalls, kayak in the lakes, and, perhaps most memorably, laugh and laugh and laugh.

She made many friends through the Connestee Chorale, where she was known as their "number one fan," and formed close friendships with her neighbors. She attended "Sound of Music" parties with one set of neighbors who greeted her at the door wearing blue satin sashes and served schnitzel with noodles for dinner. She walked three miles a day, seven days a week, with another neighbor who, once she became ill, called her every day, and came to her house to play the guitar and sing with her regularly. Favorite songs they sang included "Salty Dog," "Today" and "Back Home Again" (John Denver), "Edelweiss," and the hymn "Brightly Beams Our Father's Mercy." She marveled that she had waited 82 years to meet her best friend.

A talented seamstress, an avid reader of history and biography, and a lover of words with a quick wit, she always looked for the small miracles in life and she found them everywhere. She was a teacher, first and foremost, and her example taught us all how to listen and affirm and appreciate the tiniest of joys in any given moment. Those of us lucky enough to be touched by her tenderness and kindness became better human beings. We carry her always in our hearts and will miss her beyond measure.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Walter Eugene Wilkins and Katherine Gibbs Wilkins, both of Mars Hill, and her sister, Lady Gene Ennals (David), of London.

She is survived by her daughter, Beth (Bruce) Burney, of Brevard; her son, Dr. Gray (Ruth) Snowden, of Richmond, Va.; and her daughter Amy (Jeff) Mather, of Atlanta, Ga.; her beloved grandchildren, Will Burney, of Brevard, Sam Burney, of Atlanta, Sophie Fisher, of Chicago, Ill., Lucas Snowden, student at Virginia Tech, Katherine Mather, student at Georgia State University, and Grace Mather, student at Furman University.