

William Hooper Haygood, Sr.
Obituary

W. Hooper Haygood Sr. was born on the 9th of August 1927, in Houston, Texas to Sidney Coy and Maggie Williams Haygood. He died on the 29th of July 2026, after serving more than 65 years as a United Methodist Minister in the Texas Annual Conference.

Hooper is survived by two children, Sherra Haygood Babcock and her husband Jim of Falls Church, VA and Chautauqua, NY, and Bill Haygood and his wife Angela of Tomball, TX, along with 14 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, a great-great grandson, and numerous nieces, nephews and other friends and family. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 71 years, Beth Haygood and one cherished daughter, Glenda Haygood Dennison. Also preceding in death are his parents, his brother Sidney Haygood and sister Dorothy Dubberly.

Hooper graduated from Stephen F Austin High School, Houston; Lon Morris College (AA), Sam Houston State University (BS) and SMU Perkins School of Theology (MTh). He received an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree in 1976 from Wiley College.

Dr. Haygood served churches throughout East Texas and the Houston area. Among those appointments were West University UMC, First UMC Beaumont, Westbury UMC and two terms as District Superintendent (Houston South and Nacogdoches). He also served on the Conference Program Staff, on most Boards and Committees of the Conference and beyond the bounds of the Conference, including the General Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns. After his formal retirement, he served as an interim pastor at two Houston area churches and as the Director of Developing Connectional Ministry, assisting new ministers preparing for ordination.

He was a longtime Trustee of Lon Morris College, from which both he and Beth received Distinguished Alumni awards in 1977. He was a delegate to the United Methodist General and Jurisdictional Conferences in 1972, 1976, 1980 and 1984.

A memorial service is to be conducted at two o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, the 21st of August, in the sanctuary of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3741 Westheimer Road in Houston. Immediately following, all are invited to greet the family during a reception in the fellowship hall.

In lieu of customary remembrances, memorial contributions in his memory may be directed to the St. Luke's UMC Foundation by accessing the link under 'Donations' below or may be directed to the charity of one's choice.

Celebrating the Life
of
William Hooper Haygood, Sr.
August 9, 1927 - July 29, 2026



August 21, 2026
2 p.m.

Sanctuary
St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Houston, Texas

Order of Service

Prelude Marvin Gaspard

*Entry of Family

Word of Grace Rev. Ryan Trushenski

Affirmation of Faith Psalm 23 Congregation

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.

*Hymn
234 (vs 1 & 3) O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES

Readings from Holy Scripture
John 14:1-4 Rev. Ryan Trushenski
Isaiah 6:1-8

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Ryan Trushenski

The Lord's Prayer Congregation
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.

*Hymn
451 Be Thou My Vision SLANE

Remembrances Courtney Babcock
Jenni Woodward

Word of Faith Rev. Bill Taylor

*Prayer of Commendation Rev. Bill Taylor
O God, all that you have given us is yours.
As first you gave Hooper to us,
so now we give him back to you.
Receive Hooper into the arms of your mercy.
Raise him up with all of your people.
Receive us also, and raise us into a new life.
And to you, with your church on earth and in heaven,
we offer honor and glory now and for ever. Amen.

*Hymn
711 (1, 2 & 4) For All The Saints SINE NOMINE

*Benediction Rev. Ryan Trushenski

*Postlude Marvin Gaspard

*Those who are able may stand.

Please silence your cell phone.

*You are invited to greet the family at a reception
in the Fellowship Hall after the service.*