

VETERAN'S TRIBUTE

Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church is one hundred years old. People have freely worshipped God here during that period. They have come to worship services, Sunday Schools, prayer meetings, Bible Schools, missionary services, picnics, youth rallies, quarterly meetings, Sunday School conventions, special singings, business meetings, and state associations. They came on their own accord and free will. They have not had to ask permission from any government entity or bureaucrat. They have not had to meet in secret or hide while worshipping God. They have not had to worry about being tortured or dragged from their homes. They have come because of their desire to worship, because they were physically able, and to set an example for others. They still come today.

Yet, while Copper Mines Church Members came freely, their ability to come was bought at a great price. It began through the sacrifices made by those that first came to America for religious freedom. Followed over one hundred years later by the patriots that started the War of Independence. It continues through today. While Copper Mines Church Members have been worshipping freely, other members have sacrificed greatly to perpetuate that freedom. Copper Mines Members have served in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Viet Nam War, in conflicts, and during peacetime. They have served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and the National Guard. They have given their time, their health, their freedom, and one gave his life such that Copper Mines Church Members, as well as all Americans, could live and worship freely. They counted it a privilege and an honor to serve, and did it freely.

One cannot help but think of Christ and His sacrifice when thinking of the Veterans of Copper Mines Church. He laid down his life such that all could be saved. He counted it a privilege, an honor, and did it freely. The church veterans were also Christ-like with their service. How can the rest of us follow them? How can we be more like them? How can we be more Christ-like? When we honor Him, we honor them.

Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church is proud of its Veterans, and honored to recognize all that have served their country through the years.

John 3:15 No greater love hath no man than to lay down his life for his friends.

VETERANS OF COPPER MINES FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Name	Theatre	War	Branch	Rank	Service Dates/Comments
Broadfoot, Darmon L.	Unknown	WWII	Navy	Gunner's Mate 3rd Class	Ship- USS New Mexico
Broadfoot, John T.	Unknown	WWI	Army	Corporal	07/26/17 – 08/05/19
Brown, Noby Grover	Unknown	WWI	Militia	Unknown	Unknown
Francis, Charles	Stateside	Stateside	National Guard	Sergeant E5	01/59 – 07/65
Graham, Bob	Stateside	Stateside	National Guard	Specialist E4	1963-1969
Graham, Lindell	Stateside	Stateside	National Guard	Staff Sergeant	1955-1963
Henson, Darrell James	Korea	Occupation	Army	Corporal	6/56 - 9/58
Hovis, Carl Buddy	Unknown	Stateside	Army	Private	1956-1958
Hovis, Clifford	Germany	Vietnam	Army	Corporal	1971-1972
Hovis, David Sr.	Unknown	Stateside	Army	Specialist 1	1956-1958
Hovis, Grover Cleveland	Germany	WWI	Army	Unknown	05/13/18 – 06/28/19
Hovis, Harry	France	Korea	Army	Corporal	12/52-12/54
Hovis, Howard	Stateside	Unknown	Army	Unknown	Unknown
Hovis, James Chelsey	Germany	WWI	Army	Unknown	5/28/18 – 06/07/19
Hovis, Lindell Randolph	European	WW II	Army	Tech 4 th Grade	10/02/42-10/24/45
Hovis, Lisa	Germany	Peacetime	Air Force	Specialist	1998-2003
Hovis, Milton L.	European	WW II	Army	Corporal	01/04/44-11/30/45, Prisoner of War
Hovis, Walter	Unknown	Guam	Air Force	Unknown	Unknown
Hovis, Willard E.	European	WW II	Army	Staff Sergeant	07/10/42-03/26/45, Killed in Action
Limbaugh, Larry	Crete	Vietnam	Air Force	Staff Sergeant	05/64-05/68
Limbaugh, Ray	Pacific	WW II	Army	Corporal	12/09/44-03/22/46

Name	Theatre	War	Branch	Rank	Service Dates/Comments
Matthews, Oliver Dempsey	European	WW II	Army	Private 1 st Class	01/20/42-02/07/46
McMillian, Charles Herbert	Korea	Korean	Army	Corporal	02/27/51-07/17/56
Rehkop, Cecil	Asiatic Pacific	WW II	Army	Staff Sergeant	04/03/42-11/21/45
Rehkop, Clifford "Dag"	Texas	Vietnam	Air Force	Sergeant	1965 - 1968
Rehkop, Dale "Jack"	Japan	Peacetime	Air Force	Airman 1 st Class	7/26/55-7/25/59
Rehkop, Elza Moloyle	European	WW II	Army	Private	01/20/43-02/22/46
Rehkop, Leonard "Penn"	Vietnam	Vietnam	Army	Specialist 4	03/11/71 – 04/18/72
Rehkop, Ron	State Side	Peacetime	Air Force	Airman 1 st Class	6/86-2/90
Sikes, Vernon	Germany/European	Occupation	Army	Sergeant	08/56-08/58
Thomas, Carl	Alaska	Unknown	Army	Unknown	Unknown
Thomas, Don	Unknown	Unknown	National Guard	Unknown	Unknown
Thomas, Earl	France	Occupation	Army	Sergeant	1952-1955
Thomas, Marvin	Korea	Korean	Army	Unknown	1952-1955
Tull, Ashley (Yount)	Stateside	Peacetime	Air National Guard	Senior Airman	09/02 - Present
Underwood, Carol James	Unknown	Unknown	Navy	Unknown	Unknown
Underwood, Harold Eugene	Korea	Korean	Army	Unknown	Unknown
Underwood, Leeman E.	European	WWII	Army	Corporal	02/27/43 – 11/04/45
Yount, Alan	Iraq	Iraq	Air Force	Senior Airman	06/02 - Present
Yount, Brad	Stateside	Peacetime	Air Force/ Army and Air National Guard	Tech Sergeant	05/76 – 05/80, 09/80 – 10/81, 10/81 – 12/00

WEDDINGS AT COPPER MINES



Groom - William Vernon Sikes
Son of Ira and Katie Sikes

Bride - Thelma Lee Graham
Daughter of Earl and Marie Graham

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:
March 17, 1956
Officiated by: Rev. Glenn Rehkop

Groom - Carl Howell
Son of Melvin and Jane Howell

Bride - Clara June "Midge" Rehkop
Daughter of Clifford and Glenda Rehkop

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:
February 1, 1958
Officiated by: Rev. Glenn Rehkop





Groom - Charles Levi Francis

Son of David and Esther Francis

Bride - Evelyn Mae Underwood

Daughter of Medford and Bessie Underwood

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:

February 27, 1960

Officiated by: Rev. Glenn Rehkop

Groom - Darrell James Henson

Son of Normal and Elma Henson

Bride - Mary Lou Graham

Daughter of Earl and Marie Graham

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:

September 2, 1961

Officiated by: Rev. Willard Darnell





Groom - Robert Earl Graham, Jr.
Son of Earl and Marie Graham

Bride - Belinda Joan Tesreau
Daughter of Woodrow and Betty Tesreau

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:
July 8, 1966
Officiated by: Rev. Willard Darnell

Groom - Donald Lee Tinnin
Son of Harris and Juanita Tinnin

Bride - Hilda LuEtta Rehkop
Daughter of Denver and Juanita Rehkop

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:
March 16, 1968
Officiated by: Rev. Glenn Rehkop





Groom - Clifford Leon "Dag" Rehkop
Son of Clifford and Glenda Rehkop

Bride - Virginia Kay Hovis
Daughter of Harmon and Norma Hovis

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:
May 1, 1970
Officiated by: Rev. S.A. Hand

Groom - Donnie Lee Smith
Son of Bill and Gladys Smith

Bride - Karen Gay Matthews
Daughter of O.D. and Stella Matthews

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:
September 5, 1970
Officiated by: Rev. O.D. Matthews





Groom - Rodger Dee Matthews
Son of O.D. and Stella Matthews

Bride - Nancy Emmaline Francis
Daughter of David and Esther Francis

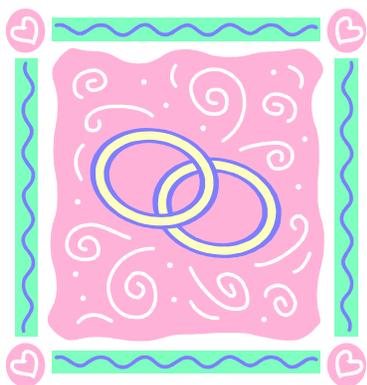
Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:
March 3, 1973
Officiated by: Rev. O.D. Matthews

Groom - Leonard Henry "Penn" Rehkop
Son of Clifford and Glenda Rehkop

Bride - Dixie Lee Matthews
Daughter of O.D. and Stella Matthews

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:
July 27, 1973
Officiated by: Rev. O.D. Matthews





Groom - Lavon Edward "Bud" McClellan, Jr.
Son of Lavon and Mary McClellan

Bride - Carol Ann Hovis
Daughter of Carl and Mildred Hovis

**Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:
May 23, 1975
Officiated by: Rev. O.D. Matthews**

Groom - Charles Keith Harter
Son of J.D. and Loretta Harter

Bride - Sue Ellyn Pirtle
Daughter of Floyd and Lela Pirtle

**Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:
May 14, 1976
Officiated by: Rev. O.D. Matthews**





Groom - Stanley Neal Pirtle

Son of Floyd and Lela Pirtle

Bride - Nancy Elaine

Ferguson

Daughter of Bill and Lola Ferguson

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:

October 16, 1976

Officiated by: Rev. O.D. Matthews

Groom - Melvin Kenneth Hamblin

Son of Edgar and Bernice Hamblin

Bride - Nelda Lee Ferguson

Daughter of Bill and Lola Ferguson

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:

January 7, 1977

Officiated by: Rev. O.D. Matthews





Groom - Steven Ray Pirtle

Son of Floyd and Lela Pirtle

Bride - Charlotte Marie

Wells

Daughter of Richard and Lovey Wells

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:

May 6, 1977

Officiated by: Rev. O. D. Matthews

Groom - Dennis Gay Tinnin

Son of Billy and Maleta Tinnin

Bride - Charlene Sue "Shorty" Rehkop

Daughter of Clifford and Glenda Rehkop

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:

May 20, 1978

Officiated by: Rev. O.D. Matthews





Groom - Johnny Dean Davis

Son of Sam and Alta Davis

Bride - Beverly Linda

Bequette
Almeida Bequette

Daughter of Lue and

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:

August 12, 1978

Officiated by: Rev. O.D. Matthews

Groom - Larry Wayne Pense

Son of Clifford and Esther Pense

Bride - Patricia Sue Rehkop

Daughter of Leonard and Mary Rehkop

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:

May 12, 1979

Officiated by: Rev. Glenn Rehkop





Groom - Robert Lynn Huffman
Son of Jerry and Shirley Huffman

Bride - Sharon Kay Ferguson
Daughter of Bill and Lola Ferguson

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:
November 17, 1979
Officiated by: Rev. Homer L. Smith

Groom - William James Matthews
Son of Buster and Josephine Matthews

Bride - Barbara June Royer
Daughter of Shirley and Gracie Royer

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:
August 9, 1980
Officiated by: Rev. Wesley J. Rider





Groom - Charles Bradford Yount
Son of Woodrow and Georgia Yount

Bride - Peggy Sue Huffman
Daughter of Jerry and Shirley Huffman

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:
September 20, 1980
Officiated by: Rev. Wesley J. Rider

Groom - David Lee Hovis, Jr.
Son of David and Carol Hovis

Bride - Sally Jean Pirtle
Daughter of Floyd and Lela Pirtle

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:
July 23, 1982
Officiated by: Rev. Raymond Michael





Groom - John Edward Clark, Jr.
Son of John and JoAnn Clark

Bride - Paula Kay Rehkop
Daughter of Leonard and Mary Rehkop

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:
February 12, 1983
Officiated by: Rev. Glenn Rehkop

Groom - Shelby Lee Pirtle
Son of Floyd and Lela Pirtle

Bride - Kimberly Jean Doine
Daughter of Maurice and Betty Doine

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:
June 4, 1983
Officiated by: Rev. Raymond Michael





Groom - Paul Leslie Provow
Son of Paul and Ruthie Provow

Bride - Eileen Ruth Ferguson
Daughter of Bill and Lola Ferguson

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:
November 5, 1983
Officiated by: Rev. Raymond Michael

Groom - Ricky Dean Rehkop
Son of Clifford and Glenda Rehkop

Bride - Kimberly Kay Williams
Daughter of Harold and Kathy Williams

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:
February 11, 1984
Officiated by: Rev. Raymond Michael





Groom - Robert Arthur Clark

Son of John and Jo Ann Clark

Bride - Melissa Fay Rehkop

Daughter of Leonard and Mary Rehkop

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:

October 13, 1984

Officiated by: Rev. Glenn Rehkop

Groom - Shane Joseph Dobbelare

Son of Gary and Carol Dobbelare

Bride - Judith Lee Francis

Daughter of Charles and Evelyn Francis

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:

August 15, 1987

Officiated by: Rev. Charles M. Lotz





Groom - Eric James Henson
Son of Jim and Mary Henson

Bride - Melissa Gail Stephens
Daughter of Tony and Judy Stephens

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:
June 24, 1989
Officiated by: Rev. Charles M. Lotz

Groom - Mark Anthony Stamp
Son of Lane and Pauline Stamp

Bride - Rebecca Lynn Francis
Daughter of Charles and Evelyn Francis

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:
June 24, 1995
Officiated by: Rev. Mark Turrell





Groom - Joseph Edward Pogue
Son of Bob and Sue Pogue

Bride - Sharon Kay Huffman
Daughter of Bill and Lola Ferguson

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:
January 8, 1999
Officiated by: Rev. Mark Turrell

Groom - Michael Brian Pirtle
Son of Stanley and Nancy Pirtle

Bride - Rachel Amanda Turrell
Daughter of Mark and Mona Turrell

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:
September 11, 1999
Officiated by: Rev. Mark Turrell





Groom - Jeremy Scott Pirtle
Son of Steve and Charlotte Pirtle

Bride - Sarah Marie Dalton
Daughter of Ronnie and Diane Dalton

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:
April 17, 2004
Officiated by: Rev. Faron Thebeau

Groom - Fred Terrance Renshaw, II
Son of Fred and Carolyn Renshaw

Bride - Marla Jeannette Gray
Daughter of Dale and Evelyn Gray

Joined in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony:
May 12, 2006
Officiated by: Rev. Darin Alvis

