

DIRECTORY OF  
BANNERTOWN  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
1970



ROUTE 2  
MT. AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA

## The Beatitudes

*Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.*

*Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:  
for they shall be filled.*

*Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.*

*Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children  
of God.*

*Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake: for  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and  
shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.*

*Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven:  
for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.*

A

WORD

FROM

THE

PASTOR

Dear Bannertown Baptist Church Family,

The Bible often speaks of the church community as the family or the household of God. It is not unfitting, therefore, that we should, in this our first attempt, get together our church family for the making of a "Family Album." We dedicate the publishing of this church directory to the strengthening of our fellowship and to the service of our Master.

This directory will help us all, especially new people, to link names with faces, to know each others children, and hopefully to draw us all closer together. From time to time as we look at the photographs in this book, may we be reminded of the needs of our church family members. May each one of them be dear to our hearts. This book will help us to know them and to know them is to love them. Yet the reverse is also true, really to love them is the only way truly to know them.

There is no fellowship on earth like that of the church. From all walks of life and backgrounds we come, but in Christ Jesus we become one. May our church always be a redeeming fellowship where we can unburden our hearts and know we are among those who love us and who believe in us. May we be strict on ourselves but understanding and charitable toward others, slow to anger, quick to forgive, unselfish in generosity, untiring in zeal, constant in prayer and concern.

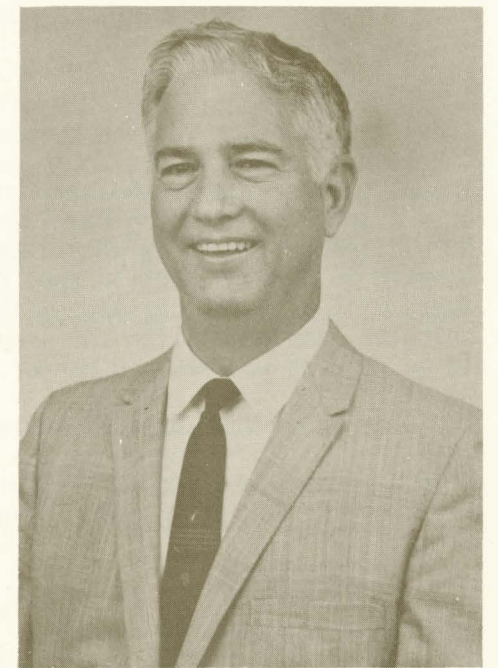
If you must speak a word about any one in this book, let it be a word of love and a prayer. Pray for your pastor, your church leaders, and your fellow church members. Then, let us join hearts and hands together for the work of our beloved Christ as we work through this church and we reach out into the community and unto the uttermost parts of the world in His way and through His love.

As we labor for the Master, maybe more pictures will be added to our album, and more importantly, maybe more names will be added to the Lamb's Book of Life.

With Christian Love,

*Gerald T. Smith*

Gerald T. Smith, Pastor



## OUR CHURCH HISTORY

On October 22, 1906, the citizens of Bannertown and vicinity met at Oak Grove School House for the purpose of seeing about building a church. The interest in having a church in our community was so strong that a considerable amount of money, approximately half of the cost of the building, was subscribed on the spot. A Building Committee consisting of James O. Belton, N. S. Caudle, W. H. Stephens, J. W. Simmons, and Clint Gray was later appointed. On a lot donated by James O. Belton they decided to build a white frame church 30 X 44 feet, with a 14-ft. ceiling, with "self-supporting roof, covered with good shingles, and good pitch the same, all to be good fine lumber, said building to be in good workmanship manner."

The Bannertown Baptist Church was organized Sunday, December 16, 1906, with Rev. C. C. Arrington as the first pastor. If not charter members, some of our members who are still living that were in the church near its beginning are James R. Caudle, George Inman, Silvana Myers, Lucinda Edwards, and Pearlie Barker.

With quarter-time preaching, the church met at first in the Oak Grove School House on fourth Sundays. Their church building was completed in 1907, the nucleus of the very church in which we now worship. By 1910 the church was all paid for and in that same year they put out twelve silver leaf maples as shade trees. Years later the side wings and four rooms were added along with a heating system. Then in 1951 four more Sunday school rooms were added to the back of the church. In 1956 the church was bricked, the choir loft changed, and the vestibule added. The rest rooms were added to the basement in 1957, and a second furnace in 1962. The church was air-conditioned and a baptistry was installed in 1968.

In 1949 the church purchased a home next to the church for a parsonage. Considerable remodeling was done on this home in 1966, the building now being used for the pastor's study, library, nursery, and Sunday school rooms. In 1969 a wooded lot was purchased on Massey Road at a nominal figure from Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Glass, and a lovely, new parsonage was built.

The church has had for its pastors the following brethren: C. C. Arrington (1906-1909), Sam F. Morton (1910-1916), A. L. McClendon (1916), Preacher Haynes, Lee Burris, Sam F. Morton (second time), Edward Thornburg, W. Edgar Burrus (1947-1949), Joe Crews (1950-1966), Cort R. Flint (1967-1969), and Gerald T. Smith, the present pastor (1969- ). On January 1, 1950, the church called its first fulltime pastor, Rev. Joe Crews, who served the longest pastorate (17 years) to date.

Since its founding the church has been aligned with the Surry Baptist Association, the North Carolina Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

It is impossible in this brief sketch to describe and name all the efforts and achievements that have brought our church to this noble hour. But as each in the past has sought to serve Christ through talents, time, and possessions, let us with equal zeal move onward toward the destiny our Lord has reserved for those found faithful.

## OUR CHURCH STAFF

Our Secretary



Mrs. Gerald T. Smith (Wanda) was an extra bonus that came with our calling her husband as our pastor in April of 1969. The Smiths have three daughters: Sandy of the home, and Ruthie, who attends Oklahoma Baptist University, and Marsha, who is in Athens, Greece, with her airforce husband, and working on her master's degree.

Our Custodian



Porter Coe, who has been custodian since 1966, has the distinction of also being the present chairman of our board of deacons. His wife, Lorene, has been our VBS Principal the past two years. The Coes have two children: Vicki of the home, and Terry (married), who attends Surry Community College.

Our Music Director



Mrs. Howard P. Mills (Grace) has been our music director since January 1969. Her extra bonus to us is her husband Howard. The Mills have two children, Mrs. Delores Lenza of Miami Shores, Florida, and Ausiva Mills of Ft. Worth, Texas.

Our Organist



Miss Bess Jane Rule became our chief organist this year, after having served as one of our church musicians for some time. She is the lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rule.

# GENERAL CHURCH OFFICERS

Chairman of Ushers . . . . . Mr. Ralph Harris  
 Sunday School Superintendent . . . . . Mr. Claude Helton  
 W. M. U. Director . . . . . Mrs. Gerald T. Smith  
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 Librarian . . . . . Mrs. Earl Myers  
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                                          Guy Caudle              Lacy Sawyers  
                                          Earl Myers

## DEACONS AND YEAR TERM EXPIRES

| <u>1970</u>                                  | <u>1971</u>                                 | <u>1972</u>                                 |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Jack Flinchum<br>Claude Helton<br>Earl Myers | Tom Irvin<br>Charles Pardue<br>Doyle Perdue | Frank Childress<br>Porter Coe<br>Fred Goins |

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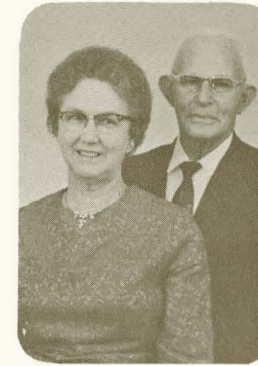
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| Russell Caudle<br>Herbert Cooke<br>Gilbert Flinchum | Alpha O. Simmons<br>Sam E. Willard |
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BANNERTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH PARSONAGE  
 Built in 1969



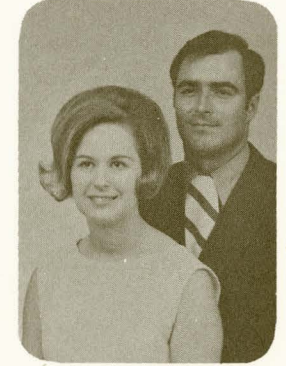
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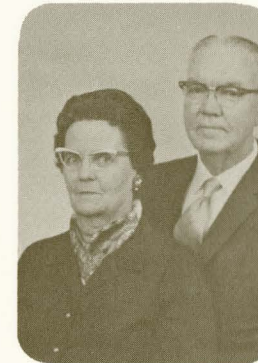
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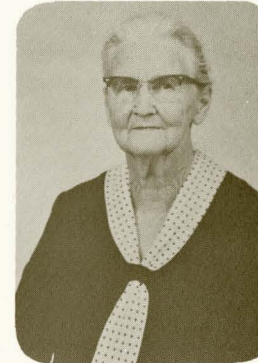
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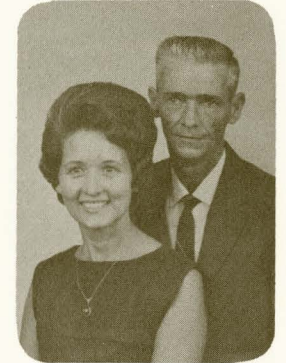
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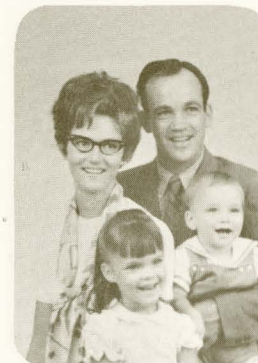
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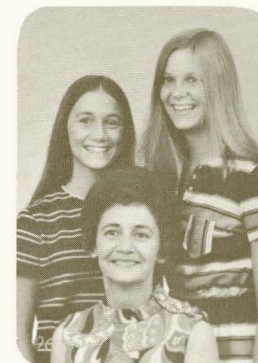
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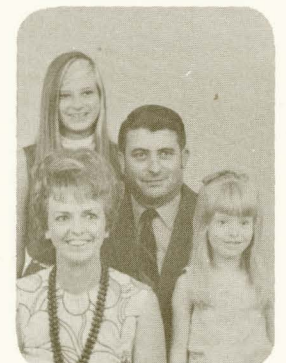
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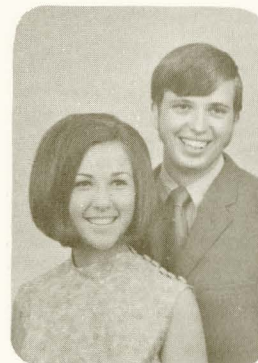
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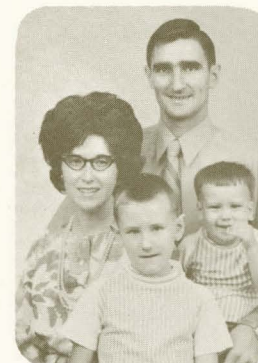
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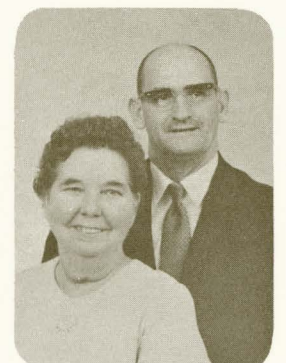
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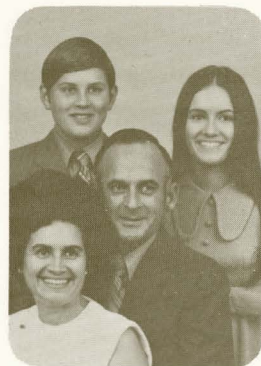
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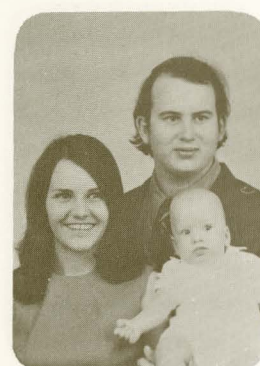
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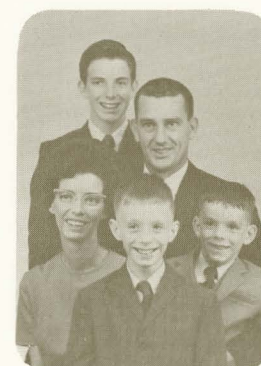
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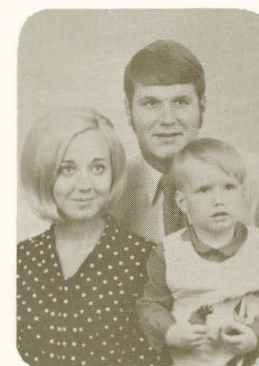
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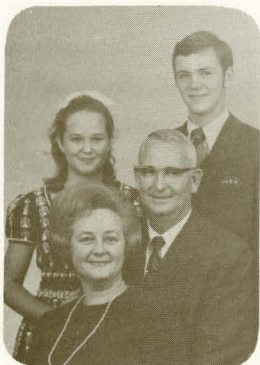
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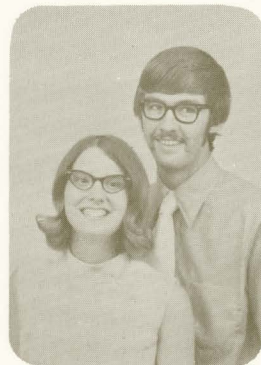
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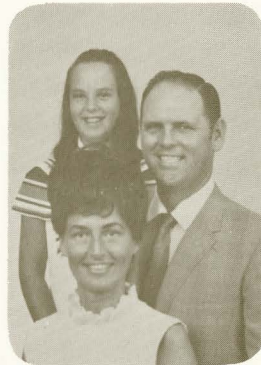
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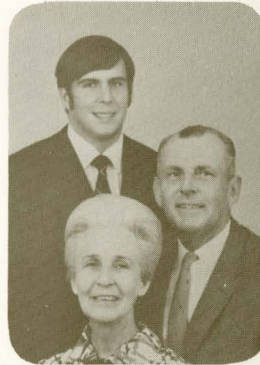
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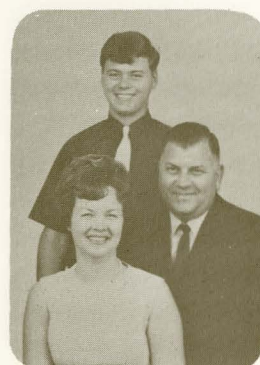
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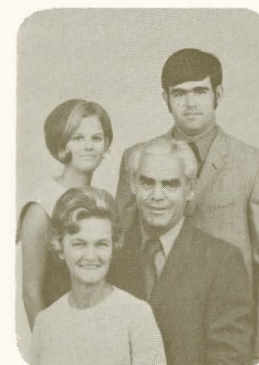
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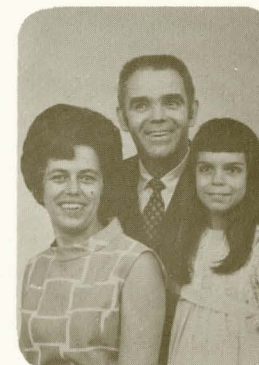
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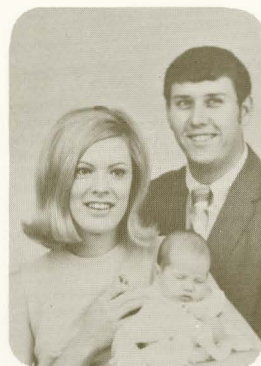
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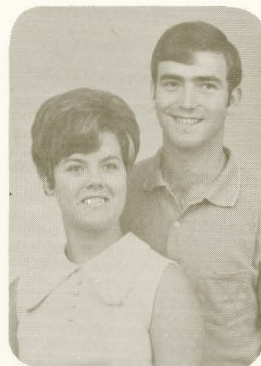
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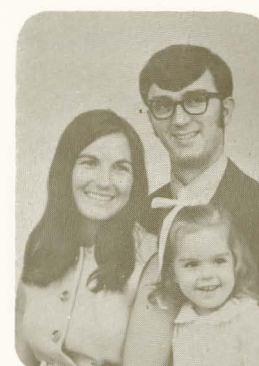
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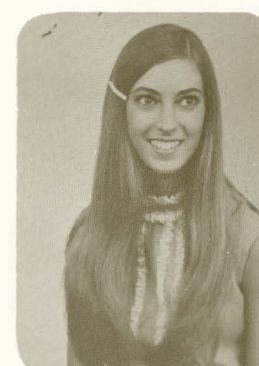
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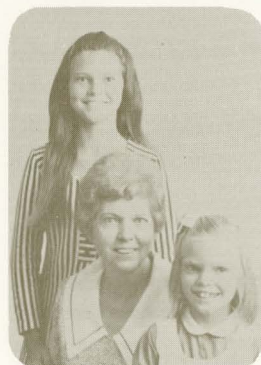
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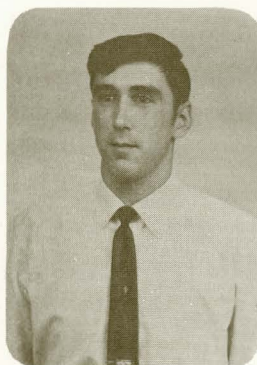
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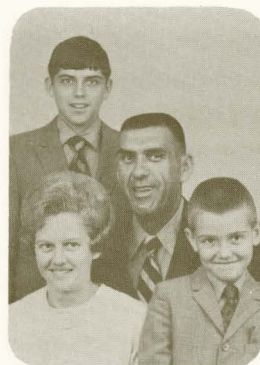
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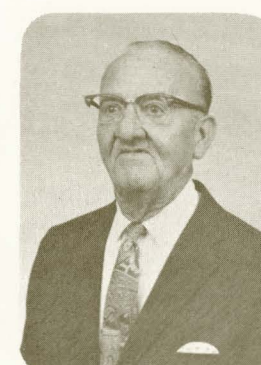
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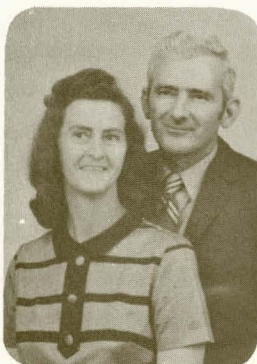
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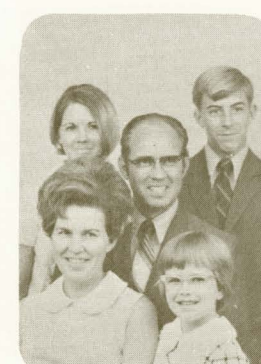
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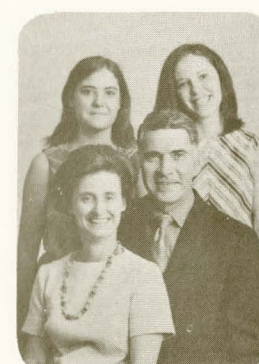
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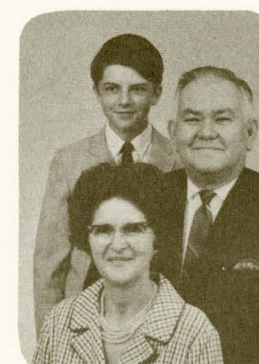
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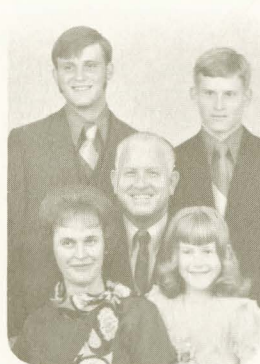
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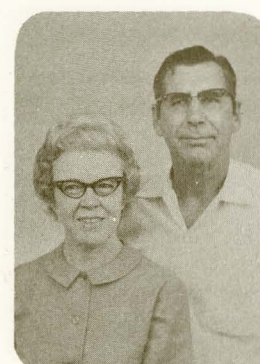
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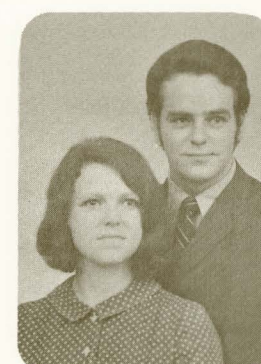
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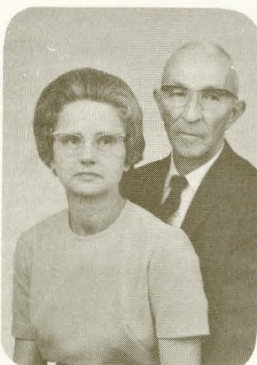
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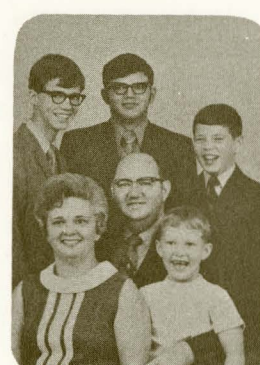
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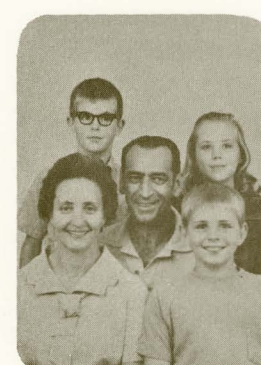
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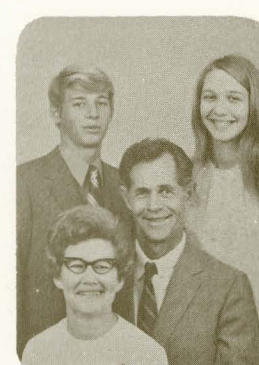
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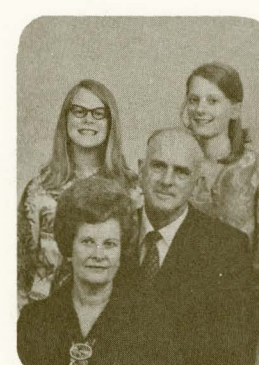
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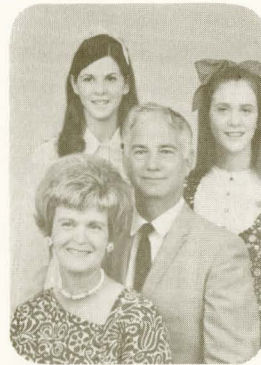
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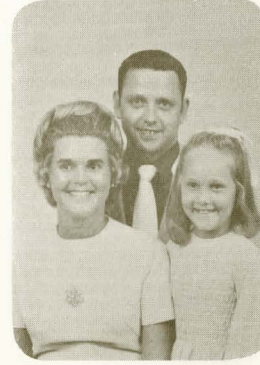
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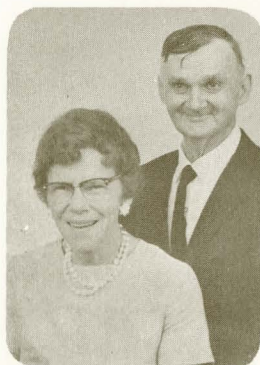
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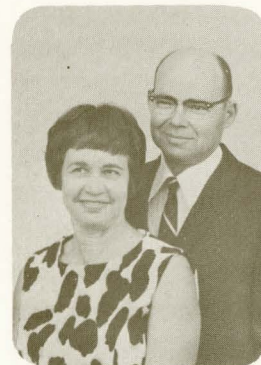
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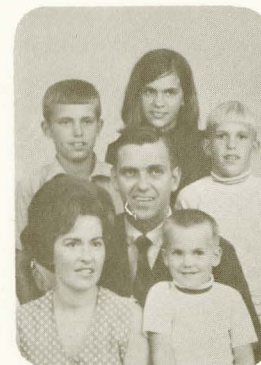
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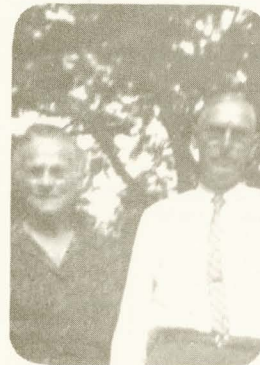
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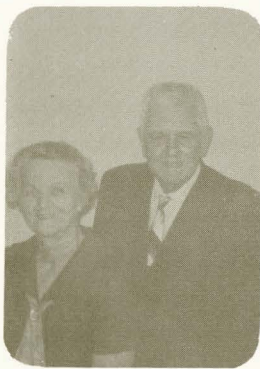
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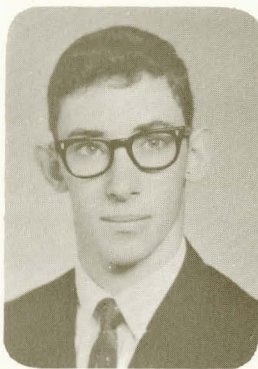
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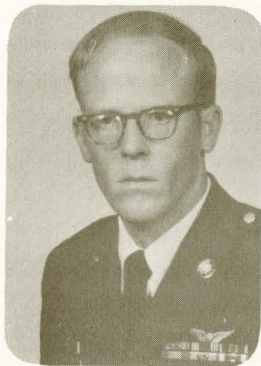
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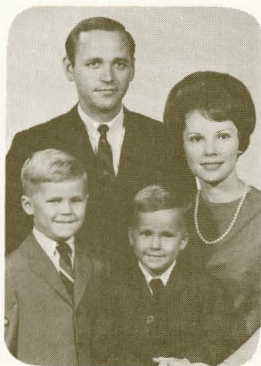
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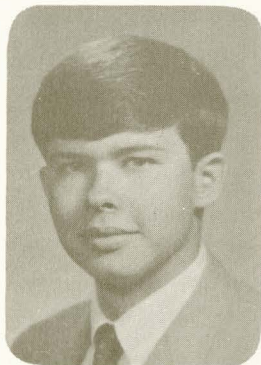
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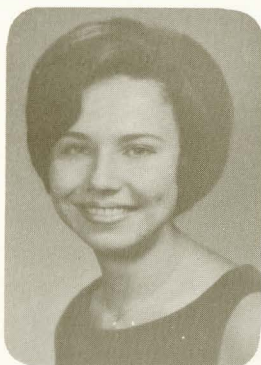
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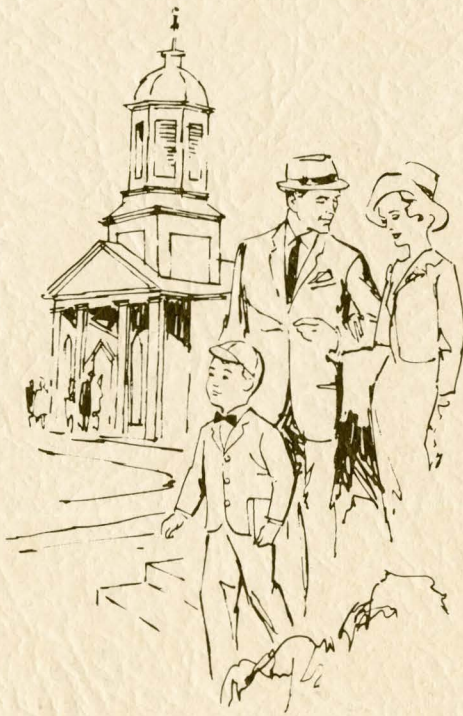
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