

***"The essential thing in 'heaven and earth' is that there should be a long obedience in the same direction; there results, and has always resulted in the long run, something which has made life worth living." -Friedrich Nietzsche***

Forest Wesley Walls was born on April 23, 1916 on a farm near Yale, OK. He died on Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 2012 in Shoreline at age 96. His friends called him Wesley or Wes. Formally, he was Dr. F. Wesley Walls. His parents were The Rev. E. Wilbur (know an E.W.) and Elsie Pearl Jackson Walls. The children were named Roy, Mable, Paul and Wesley. Two infants died at birth.

His family moved to Uncas, OK where his father E.W., was assigned his first pastorate. His father had two churches. One church was a county church named Maple Grove and the other was in the town of Uncas. Some possessions were moved to the pastorate via train. The family moved using a spring wagon pulled by their horse named Bessie.

While at the first pastorate, the influenza epidemic of 1918 broke out. His father ministered to those ill with influenza. He visited people in bed with influenza. If they died, he presided over their funeral services.

Wesley went to Nash school when he was old enough. He lost a chance to represent his class in a spelling because he came down with the measles.

The family moved to Covington, OK. Wesley received his first bicycle purchased by his parents for \$6. At that time, the news was full of the exploits of Bonny and Clyde and the Dillingers, all famous bank robbers.

The next move was to Kingfisher where his father met farmers who had gone to Central College in McPherson, KS. This is when his parents decided that they wanted their children to attend college.

They moved again to Ponca City, OK where Wesley went to Junior High School. Wesley's parents had a farm there. Here, the eldest son in the family, Roy, was killed in an automobile accident. This weighed heavily on his parents.

After three years at Ponca City, the family moved to a new pastorate at Ainsworthy, Nebraska. Three years later they moved to Lincoln, Nebraska. This was in the depths of the depression.

In 1934, Wesley began at Central College for his Freshman and Sophomore years. Then, he went to Greenville College in 1937 for his Junior and Senior years. His majors were History and Religion. Here he met Elizabeth Jane Pickering.

Elizabeth had returned to Honolulu, Hawaii, where her family lived. Her father was stationed at Fort DeRussy. Wesley and Elizabeth corresponded. Wesley proposed by letter and Elizabeth accepted. She traveled back to the Midwest to marry him just before World War II. They married on Oct. 17, 1937. (December was Pearl Harbor). Then, they had a pastorate at Cedar Falls, Iowa where Wesley was ordained.

In September, 1941, Wesley started his work at Seattle Pacific College (now University). In Dec. 1941, war was declared.

In 1942, Wesley volunteered for the Army as a Chaplain with the rank of Lieutenant. He served in the Pacific and Asian theatres from 1943-45.

From 1952-53, Wesley served as a Chaplain in the Korean Conflict. He was stationed at Fort Warden, WA and then was sent to Korea where he served on the front lines.

He obtained his doctorate in 1955 in Political Science. The entire family attended his graduation. Wesley taught Political Science at Seattle Pacific for 40 years. In 1965 he received a Fulbright grant to visit India with other educators. He was the first director of a School of Business at SPC.

Wesley retired 1980. He and his wife then visited many parts of the world including a number of trips to the Philippines and Japan.

In 2003, Wesley and Elizabeth sold their home on Queen Anne Hill and moved to Cristwood. His dear wife, Elizabeth, died in 2005 of a stroke.

Wesley and Elizabeth had four children. The eldest Forrest Wesley (Viola) died in 2009. The youngest, Sylvia Jeannette, died in 2008. The second child and second son is Burton (Ralene). The third child and first girl is Francine Elizabeth Walls.

Wesley is survived by the following:

Vi (Forrest) Walls and her children, Ryan Wesley Walls. Aaron (Renee) Walls. Aaron and Renee have two daughters, Riley and Keira.

Burton (Ralene) Walls and their children, Preston (Ashleigh) and Annie (Nick) Gartner. Preston and Ashleigh have one daughter, Meryl. Anne and Nick Gardner have two sons, Luke and Camden Parks.

Francine E. Walls and her son, Chris (Abby) Walls.

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