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Hawaii Baptist Academy

Located in Nuuanu Valley on the island of Oahu, Hawaii Baptist Academy (HBA) is a Christ-centered, co-educational, college preparatory school for kindergarten through grade 12. Established in 1949 by missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention, the school is affiliated with the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention.

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President's Message



Dear HBA Ohana:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your loved ones! It has been a busy year, and already, we're halfway through another school year.

In October, I had the privilege of visiting some of our friends in Georgia and Oklahoma. I had a wonderful time reconnecting with many of you, and sharing our hopes and dreams for HBA's ministry. My next visit will be to the East Coast when our Wind Ensemble, HBA's premiere band, performs at a MAC (Mainland Advisory Council) gathering at First Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia, on March 23, 2018. The students will perform again at Carnegie Hall on March 28. I hope that you and your friends will be able to attend this wonderful event. For more information, please contact our development office.

During these last few years, we have been blessed to see our facilities grow. Under the direction of former President Richard "Dick" Bento, we saw the completion of a brand new middle school campus and our high school expansion project. All of these facilities are state-of-the-art, and have provided our students and teachers with the much needed tools for a competitive, college-preparatory education. Now we must address our school's growing need for financial aid.

Our economy has been slow to rebound, and the cost of living continues to rise. Our number one priority is to be able to provide an HBA education to anyone who qualifies, and that means growing our financial aid fund. I ask you to prayerfully consider how you can be a part of this effort. Since our school began in 1949, our mission has been to provide a college-preparatory education built on the love of Jesus Christ, which ultimately has the power to transform the world. Our families who receive financial aid recognize the value of a Christ-centered education. Without this extra support, many of them would not have the means to attend our school.

As an alumnus and former HBA parent, I empathize with these families. Yet I knew that my sacrifices were not in vain, because I knew that my children would experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ that I experienced as a student through the faculty and staff. To experience Christ's love first hand is invaluable. I am pleased to share with you some stories of gratitude from our families, and I hope they will inspire you to continue partnering with our ministry.

Finally, I invite all of our mainland friends to join us for MAC Week, February 20-23. Our guest devotional speaker is Dr. Steve Laufer, senior pastor at University Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. Please register on our website, at www.hba.net/MAC

Sincerely,



Ron Shiira '75
PRESIDENT



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On the front cover: The Gaison family.
Photo: Derrek Miyahara, Island Digital Imaging

Below: Nuuanu Stream. *Photo: Eric Tessmer/Flickr*

Since 1949, Hawaii Baptist Academy's mission has been to make an impactful difference in our world's future by providing a Christian college preparatory education, which has the power to transform lives. Many of our families are only able to attend our school thanks to generous donors who give to our financial aid fund. Below are some of our families who have greatly benefited from receiving financial aid. We hope their stories encourage you to invest in our students.

The Gaison Family

Before my husband and I started our family, it was always our dream for our children to attend HBA because we knew the school would provide the solid Christian and educational foundation that we wanted for our children. When we submitted our application for our son, Caleb, we didn't know how we were going to pay for the tuition. We just prayed over him and trusted that God would find a way for us to make this dream a reality. When we were notified that Caleb was selected to receive financial aid, we were overjoyed and deeply humbled.

Becoming a part of HBA's 'ohana has been such a blessing for our family. Although Caleb just started kindergarten, he has transitioned smoothly into a loving and Christ-centered environment. He is already memorizing scripture and he checked out a children's Bible that he chose on his second trip to the library! My husband and I feel at peace knowing that our son is at a safe Christian school. This would not have been possible without the financial aid award. We are so grateful and we can't wait to see Caleb's spiritual and educational growth over the next 13 years!

Chanelle Gaison, Medicaid Specialist at Okura & Associates



From left to right: Jacob Gaison, father; Caleb Gaison, kindergartner; and Chanelle Gaison, mother

The Abinales Family

Before my wife passed away from breast cancer, she told me to raise our daughter, Angela, as a religious person. My wife and I were non-religious, and so when I asked her why she made that request, she said she found religious people had a calmness in them that seemed to grow stronger as they go through the most trying of times. She wanted Angela to have that spiritual peace.

Angela has had a challenging life. She lived through two foster families in a very rural place in the Philippines. At age two, we adopted her and brought her to Japan. In 2010, we moved to Washington, D.C. Shortly after, my wife passed away, and we moved to Hawaii where I took a position at the University of Hawaii-Manoa.

Hawaii is now our home. Angela entered HBA in 8th grade. By the second week, I knew she had found her school. HBA has helped her attain some stability and, in a way, some peace in her young turbulent life. She loves the moral compass the faculty and staff have provided her in her daily school life. More importantly, HBA has done a lot in providing Angela the intellectual and spiritual foundations I promised my wife.

Patricio N. Abinales, Professor, Asian Studies Program, School of Pacific and Asian Studies, University of Hawaii-Manoa



Patricio Abinales, left, and Angela Abinales, right, 9th grader

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Second Quarter Begins with CEW and All-School Fellowship

THE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUSES led the way by hosting Christian Emphasis Week from October 23–27. The theme for CEW was “Wonder Why?” which is the same theme being used in the middle and high school’s weekly chapel messages.

“The question ‘why’ is significant to all people, particularly those following Jesus. It is our hope that answering questions like ‘Why church?’ and ‘Why Jesus?’ will help our students grow in their faith,” said Tony Traugher, Bible department chair.



Emily Kiaha, East Honolulu area director for Young Life, was the guest speaker at the middle and high school’s Christian Emphasis Week.

The students attended daily chapel services and workshops that featured faith issues or provided service opportunities. The guest speaker was Emily Kiaha, East Honolulu area director for Young Life. According to a survey, one student committed their life to Christ for the first time, and nine others made commitments. Sixty-nine students

indicated they are interested in joining a small group, and 12 students requested prayer from a faculty member.

On October 25, all three schools gathered at the elementary campus to worship God and fellowship together. The all-school fellowship is a tradition that began in 2014. The purpose of this event is to celebrate being one school and the love of Jesus.

The following week, the elementary campus hosted its CEW. The theme was “Wonder.”

“Building on our atmosphere of curiosity and inquisitiveness, CEW provided the time and space to look at wonder from physical, emotional, spiritual, and intellectual angles,” said Cindy Gaskins, Christian Ministries coordinator at the elementary school.

Tangible expressions of the love of Jesus happened throughout the week. Students were given shoeboxes to fill with small toys and hygiene products. All shoeboxes were donated to Operation Christmas Child. Students also donated 1,017 cans and packages of food items to the food pantry at Olivet Baptist Church. On the last day of CEW, the entire elementary school participated in eight service projects at organizations within walking distance of the school. This included making and delivering cards and artwork to patients at the Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific



Kyler Onaga, center, and Peyton Chung, right, deliver a greeting card to a patient at the Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific for their service project during Christian Emphasis Week. Photo courtesy of the Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific.

and Kuakini Hospital, playing bingo with seniors at Malulani Hale, and making cards shaped like turkeys for Meals On Wheels.

The guest speakers were Floyd and Michelle Joseph, student ministers at White’s Chapel United Methodist Church in South Lake, Texas. Twenty-seven students accepted Jesus Christ for the first time, and another 46 indicated questions about what it means to follow Jesus.



Floyd, left, and Michelle Joseph, right, were the guest speakers at the elementary school’s Christian Emphasis Week.



Students enjoy popsicles together at the all-school fellowship. Back row, left to right: ninth graders Matt Li, Len Silva, Mason Plunket, Celine Palenske, Arianna Raping, and Maci Ono. Center: James Kotowski, third grade. Front row: third graders Rylan Kim, Avery Keanini, Cammille Kaneshiro, and Katie Matsumoto.

Elementary teachers Kristin, left, and Dana Sato, right, as Figaro and Dr. Wunderbar at Christian Emphasis Week.



High School Band Room Gets Makeover



THE HIGH SCHOOL BAND ROOM got a complete makeover this summer. The classroom, which is located on the third floor of the B Building, had received minor upgrades over the years. Under the direction of Brad Shimizu, the band program has been steadily growing, requiring more space and better facilities.

The room was completely stripped down. New drywall and carpeting were installed. To help absorb sound, the ceiling was raised and acoustic panels and acoustic pyramids were installed along the walls and on the ceiling. New cabinets and four sets of lockers now house students' instruments, providing much needed storage space. Additionally, the backing of each locker is designed to absorb sound, similar to the sound tiles and pyramids.

The Wind Ensemble, HBA's premiere band, is traveling to New York City to

perform at Carnegie Hall in the New York "Sounds of Spring" International Music Festival on March 28, 2018. Their performance at the festival will be preceded by a concert at an East Coast Mainland Advisory Council (MAC) event at First Baptist Church Alexandria, Virginia, on March 23. Contact the Development Office if you're interested in attending either of these performances.



Jason Mokaan, 11th grader, stores his instrument in the new lockers in the renovated band room.

Your Legacy Gift

THE HOSPITAL ROOM was dark as I stood beside the bedside of a dying friend. During our chat he looked at me and smiled and said, "I am so happy I made plans to include Kingdom work in my estate plans." I have never forgotten this conversation and I have noted that our legacy is one of the few things that will outlive us! In my years of being with people in their "final season" it truly is amazing how we can continue our lives for the "cause of Christ" for generations to come even after we are gone.

I have included HBA in my own estate plans and established a scholarship, too. One of my proudest accomplishments in my life is making sure my life and legacy will continue. If you have any questions or if I can be of any help to you in discussing planned giving, please contact me at trwfriend@aol.com or (214) 599-0048, or contact the HBA office, (808) 533-7094.

The line from C.T. Studd's poem comes to mind,

"Only one life, twill soon be past.
Only what's done for Christ will last."

Robert Whitfield
HBA Donor Relations Officer

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The **HBA Legacy Society** includes those who have named HBA as a beneficiary in their estate plans through a bequest, trust, gift annuity, pooled income, life insurance policy, or retirement account. Only a statement of intent to leave a gift to HBA is required for membership. Members are invited to all school donor events. You may choose to remain anonymous in your giving, but participation in the Legacy Society may inspire others to also ensure that HBA will have the resources to continue providing a Christ-centered education for Hawaii's children and youth. Names of Legacy Society members will be listed in the 2018 Annual Giving Report.

HAWAII BAPTIST ACADEMY'S

Wind Ensemble East Coast Tour



For more information,
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Friday, March 23, 2018
MAC Gathering
First Baptist Church
Alexandria, Virginia

Wednesday, March 28, 2018
New York "Sounds of Spring"
International Music Festival
Carnegie Hall

Annual Giving Report

Fiscal Year July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017

Fiscal Year Giving Summary

Contributions totaling \$754,517 were received during the past fiscal year, July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017. Of this amount, 62% was designated for the Arts and Science Building and other high school campus improvements, 20% for endowment, and 18% for school programs and current scholarships. **MAHALO** for giving to HBA!

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The Tong Family, from left to right: Nathan, 10th grader; Vera, mother; Andrew, father; and Alissa, 6th grader.

The Tong Family

I came to Christ in Hong Kong and was called to full time ministry in Hawaii. In Hawaii, quality education comes with a price tag. Even though the education of our children was always important to us, it was unaffordable with our salary. When we were looking for a school for our son, Nathan, the first school we thought of was HBA, but we struggled to apply because we already knew we could not afford it. After we learned about the financial aid program, we decided to apply. We were overjoyed when we learned that Nathan was accepted to the school with the help of financial aid!

Both of our children now attend HBA. God continues to provide for them through HBA's financial aid program. I am especially grateful that the school has Christian Emphasis Week, which really draws my children to focus on God. I am excited to see my children practice prayer and worship in school. Lastly, we like HBA because it provides a well-rounded education for my children. Nathan has participated in Lego Robotics, Science Olympiad, Chinese language class, cross country, track and field, and most recently Photoshop class. As for Alissa, she has participated in Eagle Choir and the News Team. Now I can testify that serving the Lord does not mean that I have to sacrifice my children's education.

Andrew Tong, Senior Pastor at Hawaii Chinese Baptist Church

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Alumni Events



Several alumni attended the HBA Athletic Booster Club Golf Tournament on June 26 at Mid-Pacific Country Golf Club. **Left, L-R:** Matt Evans '00, Keinnen Kato '00, and Kellen Kaneshiro '00. **Center, L-R:** Reese Kato '13 and Andrew Shiira '05. **Right,** Kellen Asao '01.



The HBA Alumni Association hosted a volleyball tournament at HBA's Dan Liu Gymnasium on July 3. **Back Row (standing), from left to right:** Carole (Nakama) Masaki '95, BJ Hosaka '15, Matthew Kishaba '14, McClain Oishi '15, Dallas Wong '14, Brent Vargas '14, Bart Nakamoto '82, Michael Dang '14, Eric Arasato '82, Bryson Hirokawa '14, Brandon Hirokawa '16, Josh Thompson '07, Kyle Miyamoto '99, Randy Uyeunten '99, Kara Takata '99, Dane Canida '99, Andrea (Monden) Rhodes '99, Kym Yano '99, Kellie Hotema '99, Tehane Touli, and Luther Beck '04. **Middle row (kneeling), from left to right:** Jamie (Hidalgo) Soquena '82, Lynne (Sato) Yamamoto '82, Kim Yamamoto '15, Rachel Nakamoto '17, Alicia Griffin '15, Tiffany Thompson '12, Jordan Yasutomi '03, Toan Vuong, Charles Lee, Michele (Yamamoto) Moseley '90, Derek Snyder, Jennifer (Harada) Okino '89, and Jonathan Lee. **Front row (sitting), from left to right:** Amber Au '12, Dominique Hart '15, Rylie Wada '15, and Kaily Lum '15.

HBA's alumni office hosted a reunion in Seattle on July 8 at The Museum of Flight. **Back row, left to right:** David Kaneshiro '71, Dennis Sasaki '71, Toby Steele '98, Dennis Wong '71, John Connell '80, Bryson Chock '95, and Josh Murakami '91. **Front row, left to right:** Carole (Nakama) Masaki '95, Alison (Chock) Wai '85, Luke Kaneshiro '72, Sue (Kaneshiro) Anderson '65, Terumi Anderson '90, Sean Nakamura '95, Lorraine (Weismantal) Lee '94, Maria (Wong) Spingath '01, Donna (Vincent) Griffin '59, and BJ Higa '04.



Reunions

THE CLASS OF 1977 gathered for their 40th reunion on July 21 with a tour and dinner at HBA's high school campus. **Back row, left to right:** Kimo Kippen, Kathryn (Otto) Gilman, Kimary Marchese, Joel Lazo, Linda (Kuriyama) Watanabe, Stephan Finton, and Willy Jacinto. **Front row, left to right:** former faculty Tina Lazo, Pam Metthe and Maurine King, Patti (Murakami) Chung, Sherry (Hall) Francis, Ruth Nakamura, Julie (Anderson) Bronge, and Frank Mauz, former faculty.



CLASS OF 1977—The reunion continued on July 22 at the Pagoda Floating Restaurant. **Back row, left to right:** Stephan Finton, Kath (Otto) Gilman, Willy Jacinto, Patti (Murakami) Chung, Dan Omiya, Sherry (Hall) Francis, Kelli (Nishimura) Minatoya, Linda (Kuriyama) Watanabe, Craig Okazaki, Robin Yamaguchi, and Kimo Kippen. **Front row, left to right:** Kimary Marchese, Julie (Anderson) Bronge, Pam Metthe, Maurine King, Joel Lazo, Ruth Nakamura.



CLASS OF 1982 met in Las Vegas for their 35th Reunion over Labor Day Weekend. **From left to right:** Chandra Hara, Mako Hara, Michael Takaesu, Susan (Miyamoto) Utsugi, Jon Yamamoto, Kathy (Leong) Ramek, Eric Arasato, Lynne (Sato) Yamamoto, Tom Yamamoto, Joyce (Lazo) Mickelson, Pat Williams, Robin (Oka) Estrada, Christine Williams, and Pam Takahama.

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Gatherings

THE CLASS OF 1989 got together on October 5. **Front, L-R:** Reid Oshiro, Mia (Noguchi) Hasuike, Nikki (Murayama) Senter, Wendy (Kuniyuki) Kodama, Jennifer (Harada) Okino, Courtney (Glaza) Naso, Lisa (Sekioka) Shimokawa, Ross Umebayashi, and Lance Kikuchi. **Middle, L-R:** David Tokuda, Grant Yamashita, Garvin Tsuji, Kelvin Espiritu, and Mark Sora. **Back, L-R:** Robyne (Harada) Watanabe, Kyle Nishioka, Jennifer (Orrick) Gonzalez, Aaron Kumura, Gordon Ring, Brad Wong, David Takiguchi, Scott Shimokawa, and Ed Sora.

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Weddings



Ben and Melissa Anozie



Brittany and Sean Lum



Toby and Janta Steele



Emi and Kaleb-John Loo

Benjamin Anozie and **Melissa (Marshall) Anozie** '97 were married on March 16, 2016, at Haiku Gardens in Kaneohe, Hawaii. They reside in Southern California. Benjamin is an RN at the Community Hospital of San Bernardino, and Melissa is an assistant professor for the nursing department at California Baptist University.

Brittany Burkhalter '07 and 2nd Lt. Sean Lum were married at the Stonehouse Villa in Austin, Texas, on September 24, 2017. They were joined in celebration

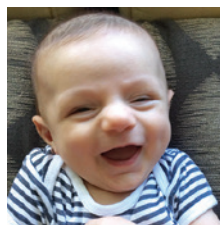
by HBA alumni Marisa Burkhalter '13, Lauren Kosasa '07, Ashley Sutherland '03, Max Sutherland '07, Kelci Komori '07, Janel Masatsugu '07, Kim Mow '07, Adrienne Kishimoto '07, Troy Tonini '07, and Erica Chun '07. Brittany works for MarnaMaria Spices & Herbs, and Sean is a pilot for the U.S. Air Force. They reside in Kailua.

Toby Steele '98 and Janta (Quigley) Steele were married on August 5, 2017, in Victoria, B.C. The couple met on EHarmony in April 2015 and quickly

realized how closely they fit together. They reside in the state of Washington. Toby is a software developer at Faithlife, and Janta is a lawyer for Hamilton Duncan.

Emi (Ching) Loo '10 and **Kaleb-John Loo** '10 were married on July 9, 2017, at the Hale Koa Hotel in Honolulu. Kaleb is a firmware engineer at Spirent Communications, and Emi is an office manager at Ala Moana Chiropractic. They reside in Honolulu.

Baby Eagles



Thomas Leonard Vorderbruegge, left, was born on April 18, 2017, to Dawson and Marina Vorderbruegge. He weighed 7 lbs. and 10 oz. and was 19 inches long. Thomas's father, Dawson, teaches high school English at HBA, and his grandmother, Amy Vorderbruegge, is HBA's elementary school principal.

Matylda-Mae Aiko Waihu'oli Mukai, center, was born on July 18, 2017, to Ross and Tariya Mukai. She weighed 7 lbs. and 4 oz. and was 20 3/4" long. Matylda's father, Ross, is the math department chair at HBA. Siblings: Ryder, 5, and Tyden, 2.

Abygale Ogechukwu Patricia Anozie, right, was born on August 2, 2017, to Benjamin and Melissa (Marshall) Anozie '97. She weighed 6 lbs. and 14 oz. and was 20 1/4" long. Abygale's aunty is Jennifer Marshall '90. She is a high school guidance and college counselor at HBA.

In Memory

Student

Evan Jonah Won, 14, died June 10, 2017, after completing 8th grade. He is survived by his parents, Ethan and Tisha Won, and brothers, Haven and Justin, HBA senior and 5th grader, respectively.

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Paul K. W. Au, 55, of the class of '79, died July 22 in Stanford, Calif. A graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Georgetown University Law Center, he was the Division Chief for the Industrial Safety and Workers' Compensation Division for the City and County of Honolulu. He is survived by his wife Camille, son Austin, daughter Shayna, mother Mildred, sisters Sharry (Tony) Frascarelli '67 and Wendy Andrews '69. He is predeceased by his father Allen.

Parent

Kathy Kiyuna, 54, of Aiea, Hawaii, a customer service associate for Federal Express, passed away on July 28 in Honolulu. She is survived by her husband Keith and daughter Kailey, HBA 7th grader.

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Rev. Mori Hiratani, right, at 2014 HBA Legacy Awards program, congratulated by Walt Agena of HBA Board.

MORIYOSHI HIRATANI, 89, of Waialua, died Sept. 24 in Honolulu. He was HBA Board chair, 1960–62 and 1972–74. In 1973, he was appointed to a special Committee of Three (with Allen Au and Stan Sagert) to oversee the school development project and financing of the new Pali campus. The Committee served for three decades during HBA's expansion.

Rev. Hiratani held the longest pastorate in Hawaii Baptist history, having served the First Baptist Church of Pearl City when it started as a mission in 1957 until his retirement in 2003. During his 46-year ministry, he led the church in starting new churches in Hawaii and in supporting mission work in Samoa, Fiji, and Southeast Asia. At the 2014 Inaugural Legacy Awards program, HBA honored Pastor Hiratani with the *Distinguished Service to God* award.

Rev. Hiratani is survived by his wife Lilian, son Jeffrey, daughter Lori Rough, and three grandchildren.

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Patricia Alford, 78, of Gastonia, N.C., died April 26. She was a retired teacher and member of Parkwood Baptist Church. She is survived by sons Chris and Bryan (Carla), nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Henry W. Davis, 96, of Canfield, Ohio, died June 17. He was an attorney and a life member of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church. He is survived by two sons, Dr. John (Judy) and Atty. James; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Catherine Skinner Plunkett, 93, and **Olin Plunkett**, 95, of Augusta, Georgia, died June 29 and July 9, respectively. They were lifelong members of Warren Baptist Church. A veteran of World War II, Olin operated Plunkett Heating and Air. Family members include son Mark (Marcia), daughters Jane (Dick) Shaw and Anne Winslow, five grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and one step-great grandchild.

Eloise Martin Duer, 94, of Tulsa, Okla., died July 5 in Tennessee, near family. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Tulsa. She is survived by two sons, Bruce (Lynda) Martin, and Brent (Kim) Martin; four granddaughters; and eleven great-grandchildren.

Curtis Askew, 95, died August 6 in Duck Hill, Miss. He and his first wife Mary Lee were missionaries in Japan for 25 years before moving to Hawaii where he pastored Japanese language churches for 20 years and where Mary Lee taught Bible and English at Hawaii Baptist Academy. They retired to Albuquerque in 1989. After Mary Lee's death, Curtis married Jewel Proctor. He is survived by his wife Jewel, daughter Melinda (Rick) Walsh, son Ken (Allison) Askew, and six grandsons. He was predeceased by his son Jerry.

Henry "Hank" Plume, 96, of Fort Worth, Texas, died Aug. 28. Following his service in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II when he became a POW, Hank worked for the FAA as a manager. He and his wife Kay were active at Broadway Baptist Church and were among the earliest members of the HBA MAC. Hank served as Texas MAC area chair and was HBA Vice President for Development, 1983–1985. Predeceased by his wife Kay, Hank is survived by his son Douglas (Judy); two daughters, Bonnie (David) Morris and Pamela (Bruce) Orga;

nine grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Gayle Sutherland, 70, of Frankfort, Ky., died Sept. 12. He was retired from the Kentucky Dept. of Transportation and was a member of the Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church. He is survived by two brothers, Donald (Rosanna) and Mark.

Norman Wright, 88, of Plainview, Texas, died Sept. 13. He was president of City National Bank and served three other banks in Plainview. Active at First Baptist Church and in numerous civic organizations, Norman was honored multiple times for his leadership and contributions to the community. He is survived by his wife Louise; three sons, Walter (Sharon), David (Ruth), and John (Kristi); daughter Susan (Ted) Jameson; ten grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Nina Eloise Spangler, 97, of Shelby, N.C., died Sept. 24. She was a member of First Baptist Church and served on the boards of several local organizations and Baptist colleges. She is survived by four daughters: Lynn, Jane (Steve) Poe, Jean, Penny (Marty) Lambert; and son, R. Patrick, Jr. (Kay); five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Peggy J. Ellsworth, 87, of Spearman, Texas, died Oct. 19. She was co-owner of Alton's Gulf and Ellsworth Wholesale, the Lyric Theater and the Holiday Drive-In Theater. She was a member of First Baptist, Spearman. She is survived by a son, Gary (Jan), and a daughter, Gayle (Archie) Smith; five grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

Joe Sloan, 87, died Nov. 18 in Corona, Calif. He was a retired oil producer in Tulsa, Okla., where he was a member of the First Baptist Church. He served as MAC chair, 1990–91. He is survived by his wife Dee; two sons, Joe Jr. (Claudia) and Glen (Alisa); five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is also expressed to the following HBA staff on the loss of loved ones:

Pat Murphy, elementary counselor, on the passing of her father, **William Worth Murphy**, 92, of Weatherford, Texas, on Aug. 2.

Pui Lin, senior accountant, on the passing of her brother **Chi Kwong "Danny" Lin**, 57, of Honolulu, on Aug. 13.



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