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My father

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To: sjohnston@tueforumclt.org

Dear Friends:

Thank you to so many of you who supported my family and me over the last 18 months as my father underwent treatment for pancreatic cancer. My father passed away on Saturday.

While my parents lived out-of-state, many of you had the opportunity to meet my mom and dad on their visits to North Carolina. Most recently, dad was my escort at the inaugural ball in January of 2013 -- a special day in multiple ways since the celebration fell on his 73rd birthday. I appreciate all the hospitality and warmth my parents have received every time they were in North Carolina.

I have often mentioned that my interest in public service stemmed from my father's service as a minister, as well as my mother's work as a teacher. My father set an example of responsibility, integrity and leading a life of purpose. I am very fortunate to have had him as a father and endeavor to carry on his good work.

A short obituary is below.

Janet

Rev. Wilburn James (Jim) Cowell passed away on November 15, 2014 in Ft. Collins, CO.

Rev. Cowell was born January 11, 1940 in Memphis, TN. He grew up in Memphis and attended Emory University in Atlanta, GA for both his undergraduate degree and Master of Divinity degree.

He served as pastor of United Methodist churches in Memphis, TN; Clinton, KY; Paris, TN; Salt Lake City, UT; Colorado Springs, CO and Ft. Collins, CO. He also served as the National Director of Congregational Development for the United Methodist Church in Nashville, TN. He started a number of new churches including Sunrise United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs, Mountain View United Methodist in Woodland Park, CO and Wellington United Methodist Fellowship in Wellington, CO.

Rev. Cowell married Norma Jean Bratton in Memphis, TN in December of 1961. They had three children, Andrew James, Norma Lynn and Janet Raye. The entire family gathered in Disney World in 2011 to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Jim and Norma. He is survived by his wife of 52 years; his son, James Andrew Cowell (Kathy); daughter Lynn Pedersen (Nils-Erik); daughter Janet Cowell; and three grandsons, Anthony Cowell, Nicolas Pedersen and Ian Pedersen.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, November 20 at First United Methodist Church in Ft. Collins, CO. Interment will be in Memphis, TN. In lieu of flowers, charitable donations may be made to First United Methodist Church Ft. Collins, 1005 Stover Street,

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