

Linda Claire Fox

The Rev. Linda Claire Fox, 67, died on March 11, 2009, after a courageous two-year battle with cancer.

She was born on July 29, 1941, in Crossett, Ark., to John Benjamin Posey, Jr., and Virginia Guthrie Posey.

Rev. Fox was currently serving as an Associate Minister at Village United Methodist Church in Hot Springs Village.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Virginia Guthrie Posey; by a grandson, Andrew Ryan Fox; and a nephew, John Benjamin Posey IV.

Mrs. Fox is survived by her "best friend" and devoted husband of almost 46 years, Dr. James Nicolas Fox.

They have four fine sons: James Nicolas Fox, Jr., wife Pennye, and son James Jackson of Baton Rouge, La.; son Jon Guthrie Fox of Mobile, AL; son Robert Andrew Fox, wife Kristen, and children Nicolas Paul, Margaret Virginia, and Samuel Benjamin of Charlotte, N.C.; and son William Benjamin Fox of New Orleans, La.

In addition, Mrs. Fox is survived by her father, John Benjamin Posey, Jr., and his wife, Olivia Bingham Posey of Crossett, Ark.; by her brother Dr. John Benjamin Posey III and his wife Victoria of New Orleans, La.; by Jim Fox's brother, Dr. William Henry Fox, Jr., and his wife Carol of Atlanta, Ga.; and niece Michelle Posey Gonzales, her husband, Roomi and son Max of New Orleans, La.

Mrs. Fox leaves behind some dear cousins and many, many special friends from the years that she and Jim spent in Colorado, Florida, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

She was a 1963 graduate of Hendrix College with a major in speech and drama. At Hendrix, she was selected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, was a member of Cardinal Key, was selected all four years as a yearbook beauty, and won numerous awards for acting in drama productions.

After raising four sons, she returned to school and received a master's degree in Christian Education from Garrett Evangelical School of Theology in Evanston, 111. In 1997, Rev. Fox was ordained as a deacon in the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church.

She worked for many years at the University United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, La.; she held a position at the Louisiana Conference Office of the United Methodist Church; served as a coordinator with the Council on Ministries Team at the Arkansas Conference Office of the United Methodist Church; and served three years as an Associate Minister at Christ of the Hills United Methodist Church in

Hot Springs Village.

During the past three years, until her death, she served as an Associate Minister at Village UMC.

Rev. Fox loved life, loved her family, and loved her church work.

An avid "nature person," she loved her flower gardens and was delighted each time that she experienced a "nature sighting"- a deer, an unusual bird, or an expanse of wild flowers.

Throughout her life, especially during her bout with cancer which began in 2007, she exhibited her brave nature and her strong faith in God through her work and witness.

The sight of her preaching, while sitting in a wheel chair and wearing a sequined baseball cap to cover her hair loss from chemotherapy treatments, will be a lasting memory for many members of the congregation at Village UMC.

Her ability to face tremendous adversity with a positive attitude and a beaming smile was an extraordinary example for all who knew her. A "celebration" of Rev. Fox's life was held at Village United Methodist Church, 200 Camona Rd., in Hot Springs Village on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 1p.m.

As she approached her last days, she participated with Village UMC's other ministers in designing her own memorial service. Caruth Village Funeral Home is assisting in directing the service. To those who would consider sending flowers, Linda would say, "Please don't do that! If you must do something, please make a donation in my memory to Village United Methodist Church or to Hendrix College."