

Brief Bio—Hershall Wesley Spradley II

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Pre-DTS

Born September 14, 1945, Fort Worth, TX
Graduated from Burleson High School 1963
Graduated from UT Arlington 1967
Married Donnie Ward McReynolds 1967

Family

Donnie and I were together 18,001 days, just shy of 47 years married and a few months short of 50 years including the days before we married. I have decided that from this end of life the days before marriage can be lumped in with the days we were married.

The Lord Jesus chose, quite unexpectedly for us, to take her Home on May 10, 2014.

Donnie and I have three children—Leslie, Jon, and Daniel, all married—to Monte, Maxine, and Laura respectively, and these children of ours, by the grace of our Lord Jesus, have given us eight grandchildren, ranging in age from 19 to 9.

Education

MA in English literature with an emphasis in creative writing, UTSA, 1995.

Publications

Two short stories

“Playing Solitaire.” Short story in *Concho River Review* 11 (Spring 1997): 23-31.

“The Search.” Short story in *Cactus Alley* 14 (1994): 28-36.

A number of short articles in *Chera Fellowship* beginning in the spring 2015 issue up to the fall 2019 issue. You recognize *chera* as the Greek word for “widow.”

At least one article I remember in the March/April 2016 issue of *Grace in Focus*.

I have completed a commentary on the Gospel of John. My students at UBI have used it. I hope perhaps to have it published.

When I retired from UTSA in spring 2011, Donnie said I had to have a retirement career. So, as she and I talked, we settled on pursuing my interest in photography. I focused on landscape and wildlife photography. We went to art shows in the central Texas area and I have sold a number of my photographs. I have a website you might enjoy – www.hwsphotoart.com.

Work

I was the first full-time youth pastor for Blue Ridge Bible Church, Raytown, MO – 1972-1974.

I was the first full-time pastor for Grace Bible Church, Del City, OK – 1974-1978.

My first Sunday to preach, there were 32 people in the worship service and 4 of them were my family.

I was co-pastor and then pastor of Believers Bible Fellowship, Austin, TX – 1978-1989.

Taught at Texas Bible College, San Antonio, TX – 1989-1994

Taught at UTSA, San Antonio, TX – 1995-2011

Taught at San Antonio College also for a few years – 1998-2003

Ongoing Work

I have been teaching and continue to teach at Union Bible Institute in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. Donnie and I made four trips to UBI 2007, 2009, 2011, and 2013. I have made five trips on my own since 2015. Will go again Sept-Nov if the Lord heals our world of Covid.