

A Good Word for Zona Broome
Graveside Service
March 12, 2008

Only 84 names are listed of the persons who originally organized Park Road Baptist Church, and who were members as of December 10, 1950. Bill and Zona Broome's names are on that elite list. Bill's parents, Jim and Irene, are also on that list, and Bill's father served on the search committee that called Charlie Milford as the first pastor. Bill and Zona have been faithful to this church since its birth.

I went back and read the eulogy that I did for Bill almost 5 years ago. Sixty years those two had together – raising a family together. As far as I can tell, Bill was the spark and the energy in their life while Zona was the quiet, faithful center. In our time as pastors at Park Road, Zona was not able to attend church. But she had faithful friends that kept in touch with her. We had many good visits together before her move. Her aches and pains prohibited her from sitting on those hard pews for any length of time, but I know the other reason she was often unable to attend. She spent much of her time cooking for the family. Nothing pleased Zona and Bill more than when their house was full of family enjoying Zona's way with food. Bill did love to brag on her and on all of you while Zona would sit quietly and smile and nod.

I think when Bill died, combined with the death of her daughter – something no parent should ever have to endure – I think life took its time slipping away from Zona. But today, life has returned to her full and free. No aches and no pains. A clear mind. A reunion of the saints. All living together in the Forever Presence of God. That is our Blessed Hope this day. May it be so.