Lenten Cross Butterflies

2026

Butterflies in Honor of

"E"
By: Jennifer, Brandon, James, and Jim

All my sisters
By: Ann Spanagel

Folks that help out around the church
By: Jennifer Stephenson

Our check signers: Jewell Martin and Kathy Worrell
By: Jennifer Stephenson

My HSUMC Co-workers
By: Jennifer Stephenson

Our children, Jeremy, Justin, Sara, Susan, and Ed
By: Don Spengeman

Our grandkids; Preston, Cooper, Audrey, Emma, and Madeline
By: Don Spengeman

Our musicians and singers, Sunday School teachers, and church office staff (Jennifer and Melissa)
By: Pat & Sybil Newman

Ann Britt
By: Kent & Jennifer Stephenson

Denney Turner Collins and Jackson Collins
By: JoAnne & David Turner

Josh Turner & Amy Davis Turner
By: JoAnne & David Turner

Kinley Marie Cotton
By: her grandmother, Linda K. Thomas

Kristy & Darryl Cotton
By: Linda K. Thomas

Stacey & Joey Drake
By: Linda K. Thomas

The Draughn Family
By: Kent & Jennifer Stephenson

Butterflies in Honor of

The Godwin Family
By: Kent & Jennifer Stephenson

Witt, Rebecca, Henry and Scout
By: Kent & Jennifer Stephenson

Gretchen Hopkins
By: Stacy Dempsey

Joe Hutt, a special friend
By: the Ponder family

Linda Jenkins
By: Kent & Jennifer Stephenson

Anna Kulyk (and Tyoma) in Kyiv
By: Howie & Lynn

My counter—Margaret Lewis
By: Jennifer Stephenson

Jewell Martin
By: Todd Turner

Natalie, Tom, Tommy, and Westy Locke
By: Pat & Sybil Newman

Tyler, Meredith, Holland, and Townes Newman
By: Pat & Sybil Newman

Laney Marshall Phillips
By: the Ponder family

Hennie and Wells Pittman
By: Gran

Mike Pollard
By: Cathy Whitley

Dr. Mike Ponder
Cathy Whitley

The Ponder Family—very dear friends
By: Kent & Jennifer Stephenson

Gaynelle Riddick
By: Todd Turner

Gaynelle Riddick
By: Don Spengeman

Butterflies in Honor of

Gaynelle Riddick—a very dear Aunt
By: Kent & Jennifer Stephenson

Penny & Marie Smith
By: Kent & Jennifer Stephenson

The Stauffer family
By: Kent & Jennifer Stephenson

Hank & Paula Teague
By: Pat & Sybil Newman

Erin Turner
By: Kent & Jennifer Stephenson

Butterflies in Memory of

Berlin Brown and Dwight & Evelyn Cashwell—Sybil's parents
By: Pat & Sybil Newman

David Allen Arnold
By: Nancy DeBerry Arnold and Marshall DeBerry, Jr.

Faith Atkinson
By: Don Spengeman

Madeline Barnes
By: The Ponder Family

Minnie Blythe
By: Charles & Jewell Martin

Eunice Boone
By: Charles & Jewell Martin

Marie Brantley
By: Colette B. Hill

Dr. Mills Britt
By: Mike Ponder

Swann Broocke
By: the Ponder family

Buck & Rebecca Carter—my parents
By: Jennifer & Kent Stephenson

Jackson Corbett
By: Charles & Jewell Martin

Jackson Corbett
By: The Ponder Family

Jackson Corbett
By: Don Spengeman

Haisley Cotton
By: the Ponder family

Ruth DeHaven
By: the Ponder family

Luke Drewry
By: Kent & Jennifer Stephenson

Charlie Eitel
By: The Ponder family

William Charles Ellis
By: Marshall DeBerry, Jr. and Nancy DeBerry Arnold

Kristen Felts
By: Don Stephenson

Roscoe & June Fleming
By: The Ponder family

Roscoe & June Fleming
By: Kent & Jennifer Stephenson

Butterflies in Memory of

Jackson Fox
By: Kent & Jennifer Stephenson

Jimmy & Betty Grady
By: Scott, Jackie, and Samantha Wood

Lorenzo D. Hill, Sr.
By: Colette Hill

Mr. Irvin P. Jenkins, Jr.
By: Ray & Linda Maya

Ann Jervey
Love, the Ponder family

Ann Jervey
By: Don Spengeman

Ann Jervey
By: Kent & Jennifer Stephenson

Glenda Jervey
Love, the Ponder family

Glenda Jervey
By: Don Spengeman

Glenda Jervey
By: Kent & Jennifer Stephenson

Ainsley Elizabeth Locke, our granddaughter
By: Pat & Sybil Newman

Mr. Raymond E. Maya, Sr.
By: Ray & Linda Maya

Halcott & Evelyn Newman—Pat's parents
By: Pat & Sybil Newman

John Oliver
By: Kent & Jennifer Stephenson

Billy Phillips
By: Toni Phillips

Sweet angel, Jennifer Pollard
By: the Ponder family

Jennifer Pollard
By: Don Spengeman

Eley Owens Powell
By: The Ponder Family

Eley Owens Powell
By: Don Spengeman

Eley Owens Powell
By: Kent & Jennifer Stephenson

Lynn Rothwell
By: The Rothwell family

Emily Shanks
By: Don Spengeman

Butterflies in Memory of

Tracie Snell
By: Stacy Dempsey

Linda P. Soucek
By. Howie Soucek

Carter Stephenson
By: The Ponder Family

Carter Stephenson
By: Don Spengeman

Carter Stephenson—our precious angel
By: Kent & Jennifer Stephenson

Carter Stephenson, our friend
By: Stacy, Jake, and Tess

Tommy & Helen Stephenson—my parents
By: Kent & Jennifer Stephenson

Frances DeBerry Tindall
By: Marshall DeBerry, Jr. and Nancy DeBerry Arnold

Jessie White
By: the Ponder family

Margie Whitley
By: the Ponder family

Mr. & Mrs. Fred T. Worrell
By: Ray & Linda Maya

Jerry & Verna Wood
By: Scott, Jackie, and Samantha Wood

Walter Luther Young, Jr.
By: Stacy Dempsey

Jacques Akasa Umembudi has been our HSUMC sponsored global missionary for many years with the Wings of Caring Aviation Ministry in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in Africa. He and his wife had retired after many years of faithful service, but Jacques is continuing on in the aviation ministry until a replacement can be found. The funds for our donation of $2,250 per year for this program are raised through the Lenten Cross Butterflies and the Advent Tree of Stars. The following is a brief description of what this program accomplishes to help the people of this country who are in many cases isolated and cut off from each other and the services and supplies they need to survive. Thank you for your continued support.

The Democratic Republic of Congo, 3 times the size of Texas, has less than a thousand miles of paved road, so transportation is a very serious problem. Therefore, the UMC in the Congo has been using airplanes to spread the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ since 1960.

The Wings of Caring Aviation Ministry provides transportation to church leaders, doctors, missionaries and critically ill patients. The mission plane also serves as the local post office, transporting mail from one mission station to another. It allows doctors to visit clinics in the interior more easily. Many lives have been saved physically and spiritually because of the plane's service.

Part of the funds raised through the Lenten Cross of Butterflies also go to help fund projects for our Mission of the Month projects such as Heart Havens, the Genevieve Shelter, hygiene kits for UMCOR and many more.

Thanks again for your help with the Lenten Cross of Butterflies.