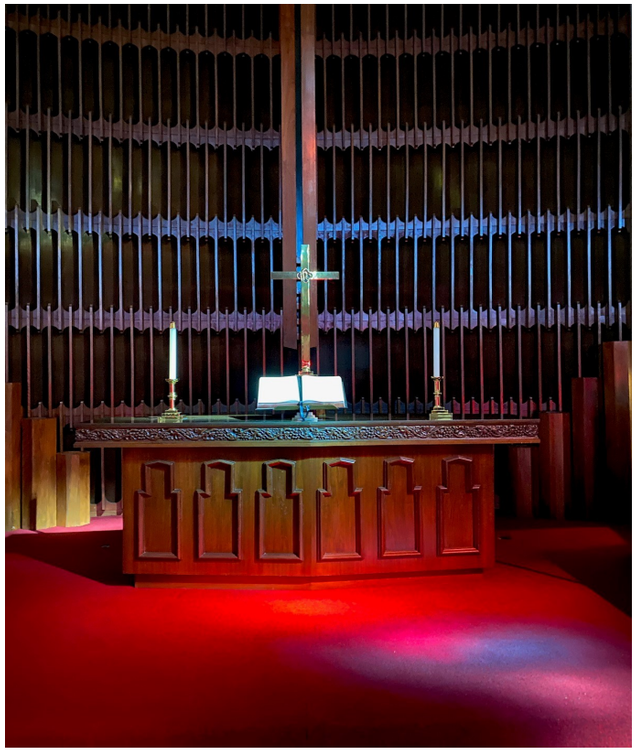

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# in Celebration of the Life
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# Friench Simpson Tarkington, Jr.
## September 2, 1932 — November 9, 2020

## A Service of Witness to the Resurrection in Celebration of the Life of Friench Simpson Tarkington, Jr.

**First Presbyterian Church**
**Victoria, Texas**

Two o'clock p.m. Friday, November 13, 2020

*For everyone's safety,*
*worshipers are reminded to wear masks and*
*maintain social distancing at all times.*

**PRELUDE** "The Holy City" *Stephen Adams, 1958*

**OPENING SENTENCES**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** (*silently singing*): "A Might Fortress Is Our God" *See Insert*

**PRAYER**

**PSALM 23 (*unison*)**

**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**
**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:**
**he leadeth me beside the still waters.**
**He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths**
**of righteousness for his name's sake.**
**Yea, though I walk through the valley**
**of the shadow of death,**
**I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;**
**thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**
**Thou preparest a table before me**
**in the presence of mine enemies:**
**thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**
**Surely goodness and mercy**
**shall follow me all the days of my life: and**
**I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

The Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READINGS** Isaiah 40:6-8; Psalm 121

**VOCAL ANTHEM** **"**On Eagle's Wings" *Michael Joncas / Douglas E. Wagner, 1979*
*Linda Patterson*

**NEW TESTAMENT READINGS** John 3:16-17; Revelation 21:1-4

**SERMON** Rev. James DeMent

**PIANO ANTHEM** "To God Be the Glory" *Fanny Crosby, 1875 / William Howard Doane, 1875*
*C. F. Schneider*

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)**

**CLOSING HYMN** (*silently singing*): "Blessed Assurance" *See Insert*

**COMMENDATION**

**BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

**Private Interment**:
Memorial Park Cemetery
2201 N. Main Street
Victoria, Texas 77901

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**Clergy:** Rev. James DeMent
**Music:** Linda Paterson
C.F. Schneider
Robert Wyatt

**Pallbearers:**
Donald Anderson
Bob Bailey
John Guillot
Doug Ankenman
Michael Cabrera
Bobby McCan

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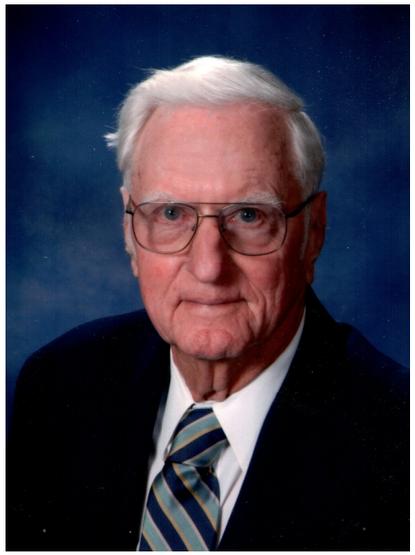
*The Tarkington Family invite you to view pictures*
*and other joyful memories of Friench's life at*
*www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/victoria-tx/friench-tarkington-9897660*

*In lieu of flowers,*
*the Tarkington Family asks you please to consider a memorial gift to the*
*First Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Texas*
*2408 North Navarro Street, Victoria, Texas 77901*
*www.fpcofvictoria.com*



Friench Simpson Tarkington Jr, child of the Covenant, passed away on Monday, November 9, 2020, in Victoria, Texas at home with his loving wife, Martha Tarkington. He was born September 2, 1932 to Friench and Willy Virginia Tarkington in Victoria.

Friench and Martha began their history together in the second grade at Brownson School. He finished high school at Schreiner in Kerrville, Texas, and she graduated from Patti Welder High School. While Martha finished her associate degree in Virginia, Friench became a Longhorn attending the University of Texas. During their junior year, they found themselves back together at the University of Texas. They were married in March 1952.

Both Martha and Friench rejoiced when Friench retired in 1994 and they could devote more time to their hobby of growing grapes along with making wine and jelly. Since then, their "little hobby" became 400 plants. They even partnered with the University of Arkansas and Texas A&M to bring an Arkansas hybrid into Texas Super Star status. When they were asked to name the vine, they selected *Victoria Red* in honor of their hometown.

Friench loved his church, First Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Texas, where he served as a Ruling Elder. He frequently volunteered for work projects and mission outreach. Many times he could be found helping to keep the church facilities in good repair, as well as preparing food for the homeless at Christ's Kitchen. Because he had a sharp mind for finances, he was asked to serve on several Presbyterian foundation boards over the years.

Friench is survived by his wife of 68 years, Martha Tarkington; daughter, Ginny Itz (John Guillot); two grandchildren, Michael (Bianca) Cabrera and Taylor (David) Holland along with four great-grandchildren, Cassidy Cabrera, Michael Cabrera, Jr., Cesar Samaniego, and Hayden Holland. He is preceded in death by a daughter, Willy Martha Tarkington.