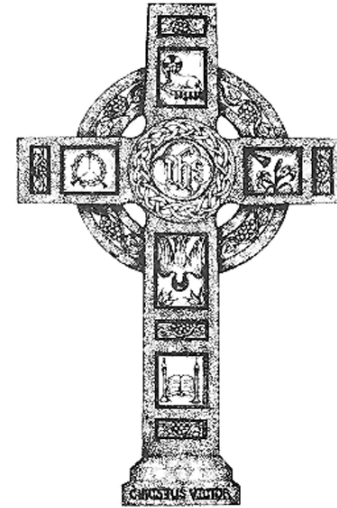


*Hal Morgan on his tractor.*



# ZION

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## RECOLLECTIONS

*A conversation with  
The Morgan Family*

*by Penny Shoup*

Faith  
Out of a pit  
Of trapping harm,  
We stumble every day;  
Safe from the winds  
Of the raging storm  
When Faith walks in our way.

*Martha Hill Morgan*

### ZION RECOLLECTIONS

During this bicentennial year, Zion Recollections has been created to share interesting stories about some of our church families. If you have a story you would like published, please contact Penny Shoup at 381-2896 or [bshoup@charter.net](mailto:bshoup@charter.net)

The families of Hal and Jack Morgan are still filling pews at Zion! Hal and Jack Morgan are representative of several

lines of the pioneer families. They are descendants of William Frierson and also James Armstrong that were among the first settlers from Kingstree. Hal and Jack were two of five brothers on the back of the mule pictured on the next page. Three of the five Morgan brothers were in WW2. Hal, an airplane navigator in the Marine Corp, served in the Pacific. Jack was in the Army Air Force. Abe, the youngest, died on his 1st mission over Munich, Germany. After the war in 1947, Hal and Jack joined together to start Morgan Bros Electric. Later they were joined by James "Red" Morgan. Brother Jerry was an official with Bell Telephone Co.

Hal and Jack's grandmother, Amelia, was the only daughter of James Armstrong Frierson. She married James Roland Lanius. They were married at Zion church and resided at the J.A.F. farm on Old Zion Road. James Lanius designed the original choir loft when the organ was purchased, and also built the magnificent pulpit that is still in use today.



*Left - James Lanius*

*Below - Mary Dudley Frierson, Amelia Frierson Lanius, Mary, Elizabeth (Hal's mother), Sarah*



*Below - The boys on a mule  
lr: Jack P., James H. "Red", Hal,  
Abe L., Jerry Morgan*



*Hal and Audrey Morgan*

Hal and Audrey met after the War ended. Audrey, who lived in San Angelo, Texas was visiting her sister who lived next door to Hal's family. Hal married Audrey on Easter 1950. They adopted a son, William Richard "Rick" who died at the age of 14 yrs. Rick, although handicapped physically, was a very gifted child in many ways. At the age of 5 he started playing organ by ear.

Hal and Audrey have both invested a large portion of their lives supporting Zion church and working on the cemetery. They are instrumental in Zion having a bicentennial celebration, and have also volunteered countless hours on the Zion museum.



*Jack Morgan, WWII*

Jack married Martha Hill in 1953. They had three children Robert Hill, Andrea Lynn, and Jack Jr. Bobby and his wife Elizabeth are still active members of Zion church. Bobby has been the treasurer since 2001. Bobby and Elizabeth's children and grandchildren frequent Zion Church. Their daughter Wendy has three boys, and reached out to bring the world to Zion through the adoption of an infant Chinese girl.

Martha Hill Morgan still faithfully attends Zion church, mothering the congregation by spreading love and joy to each one she meets. She has the nickname "Merry Martha" which fits perfectly. She writes poetry, paints, does ceramics and reaches out to the youth of the church through her talents.

*Martha Morgan  
Elizabeth and Bob Morgan*



*The Bob Morgan Family*