



Woodrow & Leanna Coleman

Woodrow was born on March 30, 1952, in Brookhaven, MS to Woodrow, Sr. and Odessa Coleman. He grew up in the small town of Brookhaven with one older brother, three older sisters and two younger sisters. He was reared in the Methodist church.

Woodrow completed his elementary and secondary education in Brookhaven. He entered Mississippi State University in the fall of 1970. After two semesters and the summer in college, he began a co-operative assignment (semester working followed by a semester in school) with the Tennessee Valley Authority in Muscle Shoals, AL.

Leanna was born on September 27, 1951, in Cherokee, AL to Leroy and Margaret Malone. She grew up in the small town of Cherokee with one older brother, two older sisters, two younger brothers and two younger sisters. They were reared in the Methodist church until she was about eleven. She became a member of the church of Christ in 1962.

She completed her elementary and secondary education in Cherokee. She received an associate degree in the clerical field from Muscle Shoals Technical Institute in 1971. She began working at the Tennessee Valley Authority credit union in January 1972.

Woodrow and Leanna met in January 1972. Woodrow went back to college from his co-op work assignment. They were engaged in September and married on December 21, 1972. Woodrow continued his college education and he received a petroleum engineering degree from Mississippi State University in May 1975. Leanna worked at the credit union until Woodrow graduated from college. Their first assignment with the Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO), an integrated oil and gas company, was in Lafayette, LA. Woodrow was baptized in Lafayette in June 1976. He worked for ARCO until a portion of the company, Vastar Resources, Inc., was set up as a public oil and gas company in June 1995. He continued with Vastar until it was purchased by BP in September 2000. Woodrow is still with BP. They have also lived in Midland, TX and this is their second tour in Houston.

They have two daughters who are both in their twenties. Shaina and Alaina live in an apartment in Katy. Both are faithful Christians and attend the Katy congregation.

They lived in Lafayette, LA for almost ten years before coming to the Katy congregation in late 1991. Woodrow has served as a deacon in Lafayette and at Katy. He began serving as an elder at Katy in May 1999. He is an active teacher in the adult education program. Leanna assists in the cradle roll class and she is an active participant in the Ladies' Bible Class.