



BYRON WOODWARD FRANKLIN (1921-2012)

Byron Franklin was born in San Antonio TX. He earned a degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1941 and a Bachelors in Architecture from MIT in 1949. He served in the Marines from 1942-1946 and again for a year in 1952. His early work experience came from three Cambridge MA firms: W. A. Bogner, Carl Koch, and R. W. Kennedy.



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Franklin, 90, died Wednesday, March 21, 2012. Arrangements will be announced by Paul Funeral Home of Belhaven.

In 1953, he started his own firm and designed many projects, including the Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church in New Bern NC, St. Andrews Methodist Church in Raleigh, and Christus Victor Lutheran Church in Research Triangle Park (photo above) both in 1969. By 1970, he had an office in North Hills Mall in Raleigh and worked there for several decades. At some point he moved to Washington NC and lived his final days in a retirement home in Bath NC.

His best known house was the Kelso Residence, built over a stream in New Bern NC. Photos by Charles Holden. Franklin's archive on TMH is [here](#). If you know of any additional houses that Franklin designed, please let us know.



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