



William Gene Deakins

March 2, 1927 - May 15, 2018

REV. BILL DEAKINS

Reverend William Gene “Bill” Deakins, 91, of Cordele, GA formerly of Newnan, husband of Norma Jean Sherrer Turton passed away on May 15, 2018 in his sleep.

Born in Chattanooga, TN, March 2, 1927 at his grandmother’s house, he was the son of the late Clarence and Lora Smith Deakins. Bill graduated from Central High School in 1945. After serving in the Naval Airforce for 2 years at the end of World War II, he later returned to school to graduate from Brenton Parker Junior College and Mercer University to begin his life in the ministry.

Bill served as an ordained Southern Baptist minister for 50 years including several churches. He also served as the director of missions for the West Georgia conference for the Georgia Baptist convention. Bill enjoyed playing golf and all kinds of sports and cheering for the GA Bulldogs.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his first wife, Betty Sue Deakins.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three daughters Angie (Danny) Helmly, Cindy (Sonny) Thomaston, and Wanda (Buck) Lee; grandchildren Trent Lee,

Travis Lee, Shelly Helmly, David Thomaston, Brandon Thomaston, Shannon Phillips, Carmen Phillips and Johnathon Phillips; and a host of other family and friends.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 11:00 AM at Macedonia Baptist Church in Newnan with Dr. John Riley and Reverend Matthew Myers officiating. Burial will follow in Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends Saturday from 10:00 AM until the service hour at the church. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.mckoon.com

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Macedonia Baptist Church, 1504 Macedonia RD. Newnan, GA 30263 or to Cordele First United Methodist Church, 302 East 12th Avenue, Cordele 31015. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.mckoon.com

The family wishes to thank McKoon Funeral home in Cordele and Rainey Funeral Home and Reflections Hospice in Cordele.

McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Macedonia Baptist Church
1504 Macedonia Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Service

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Tribute Wall

SH

“ Sue Eudy Hastings lit a candle in memory of William Gene Deakins



Sue Eudy Hastings - May 31, 2018 at 08:55 PM

SF

“ What a lot of memories we shared with the Deakins Family while Bro Bill served as our pastor at Wrens. You were remembered in prayer as word came of Rev Deakins passing. Hoping all the fam is doing well. Know he will be missed.

Sandra Prescott Foster - May 31, 2018 at 08:28 PM

DD

“ Share a memory of William Gene Deakins or send condolences to the family. With deepest sympathy



Diane Dye - May 22, 2018 at 09:22 PM

MC

“ Bro. Bill was a good and Godly man. He taught me a lot about God's Word and about serving God. He will be truly missed. Rest in peace Bro Bill.

Mike Cruce - May 17, 2018 at 06:32 PM

MA

“ Maurice & Paden Avera lit a candle in memory of William Gene Deakins



Maurice & Paden Avera - May 17, 2018 at 05:47 PM

MA

A wonderful person loved by many.

Maurice - May 17, 2018 at 05:49 PM

GF

“ Gregory Turton & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Gene Deakins.



Gregory Turton & Family - May 17, 2018 at 01:53 PM

PH

“ Bill was a lovely, kind and gentle man that was just a joy to be around. We have lost a good one but we know he wrapped in the arms of our Lord. Our prayer for you, Miss Norma, is that God will comfort you when you need it most in the coming days and weeks.

Peggy and Joe Holloway

Peggy Holloway - May 17, 2018 at 12:05 PM

LC

Breaks my heart about Bro. Bill. He was by far one of my favorite ever pastors. I will forever be grateful to him for all he did for my family and me. Rest In Peace, Bill, you have earned your wings!

Lynn Campbell - May 17, 2018 at 06:06 PM



I am sorry for your loss

judith hatcher - May 18, 2018 at 02:13 PM