MOORESBORO — The Rev. L. E. Sailors, 86, of Rt. 2, Mooresboro, died at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Cleveland Memorial Hospital following an extended illness.

A native of Jackson County, Ga., he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Walker Sailors and was married to the late Alice Cruce Sailors.

He was a retired Baptist minister and a member of Goode's Grove Baptist Church. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Pink Swink and Mrs. Harvey A. Wright, both of Fallston and Mrs. Lola Mae Hawkins of the home; three sons, Ernest Sailors of Rt. 2, Mooresboro, the Rev. C. D. Sailors of Rt. 1, Mooresboro and Robert Sailors of Casar; seven half-sisters, Mrs. Ellis Bryant of Rt. 1, Mooresboro, Mrs. Voyd Hamrick of Georgia, Mrs. Sam Masters of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Hatcher Humphries and Mrs. Bill Hamrick, both of Shelby, Mrs. Hoyte Mode of Bostic and Mrs. Bill Webb of Polkville; one half-brother, Joe Sailors of Charlotte; 35 grandchildren; 60 great grandchildren; and five great great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 3 p.m. at Goode's Grove Baptist Church by the Rev. Ralph Banning, the Rev. Broadus Melton and the Rev. Sherman Ross. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

The body was to be taken to the home at 3 p.m. today at McKinney-Landreth Funeral Home of Cliffside.