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Former Burke Pastor Dies In Florida

Rev. A. J. Wacaster, 87, Tampa, Fla. died Saturday at 8 a.m. in the Veterans Hospital in Bay Pines, Fla. A retired Baptist minister, he had been in ill health for several years.

During his ministry he served Mull's Chapel Baptist Church as well as several others in Burke County. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War.

He was the father of Mrs. Melissa Grill of Highway 64-70 between Morganton and Valdese. She is a teacher at Glen Alpine and prior to that taught for many years in Valdese Schools.

Rev. Mr. Wacaster was born in Lincoln County May 8, 1878, the son of Dr. George and Sarah Waycaster. He was twice married.

He had lived in Tampa since 1952.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the Valdese Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bill Cline officiating. Burial will be in the Chapman Cemetery near the George Hildebrand School and just over the Catawba County line.

Members of American Legion Post 234, Valdese, will conduct a military service.

The body will remain at the funeral home where the family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 8:30 o'clock.