Rev. Daniel Faircloth of North Wilkesboro dies Tuesday at home

The Rev. Daniel Junior Faircloth, 68, of Windy Ridge Road, North Wilkesboro, died on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at his home.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, 11 a.m., at the Mount Zion Baptist Church with the Rev. Kent Wood and the Rev. Larry Sluder officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

The Rev. Faircloth was born June 11, 1928, in Horry County, S.C., to Rhonnie Faircloth Durden. He served 22 years in the Navy during World War II, and the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. The Rev. Faircloth retired, chief radio man, from the Navy, and then managed Columbus Motor Company in Whiteville for several years and worked at Powell Auto Parts in Whiteville. He was pastor of Our Lord's Chapel in Chadbourn for many years before retiring due to health reasons. He moved to North Wilkesboro four years ago and was a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Mulberry.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Frances Margaret Tripp Faircloth; four daughters, Dr. Elizabeth Ann of Lemon Grove, Calif., Debora Galyardt of Centralia, Wash., Mary Benton, R.N., of North Wilkesboro, and Catherine Byrd of Chadbourn; five sons, John Faircloth and Michael Faircloth, both of San Diego, Calif.; Patrick Faircloth of Chadbourn, Lt. Cmdr. Joseph Faircloth of Hampton, Va., and Damien Faircloth of Asheboro; his mother, of Chadbourn; two sisters, Larrine Nealey of Chadbourn, and Mary Candy McKinsey of Laurel Hill; two brothers, Bill Durden of Chadbourn, and Jack Durden of Council; 23 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family will be at Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home from 6 until 8 tonight.

Flowers will be accepted, or memorials may be made to Hospice of Wilkes, P. O. Box 609, North Wilkesboro, N.C. 28659; or to Mount Zion Baptist Church, 3135 Mountain Valley Church Road, North Wilkesboro, N.C. 28659.