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ROCKWELL — The Rev. William Alfred Absher, 87, retired Baptist minister, died June 2, 1994, at home after a long illness. Funeral is 11 a.m. Saturday at Whitley's Funeral Home in Kannapolis. Visitation is 7 to 9 tonight.
Survivors are his wife, Bessie; sons, Alton Absher of Wilson, Herman Absher of Ocean Isle Beach, James Absher of Garland, Tex.; brothers, Troy Absher, Ervin Absher, Howard Absher, Grant Absher, Junior Absher, all of Kannapolis, Muncie Absher of Wilkesboro; sisters, Mrs. Rebecca Thompson of Concord, Mrs. Leanner Foster of Forest City, Mrs. Reba Ellege of Wilkesboro, Mrs. Emma Marshall.

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Rev. William Absher

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was also the former pastor of Chestnut Grove Baptist Church in the Mertie community.

The Rev. Absher was an active member of the Sunrise Freewill Baptist Church in Kannapolis. A resident of the Kannapolis area since 1930, he was formerly employed by Cannon Mills Company at Plants One and Four in Kannapolis.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Bessie Teague Absher, are three sons, Alton Absher of Wilson, the Rev. Herman Absher of Ocean Isle Beach, and James Absher, Howard Absher, Grant Absher, and Junior Absher, all of Kannapolis, and the Rev. Muncie Absher of Wilkesboro; four sisters, Rebecca Thompson of Concord, Emma Marshall of Kannapolis, Mrs. Leanner Foster of Forest City, and Reba Elledge of Wilkesboro; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Rowan County, P.O. Box 1603, Salisbury, N.C. 28144.

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Rev. William Absher

Native Of Wilkes, Dies In Rockwell

The Rev. William Alfred Absher, 87, of Old Beatty Ford Road, Rockwell, died Thursday morning, June 2, at his home after being seriously ill for five weeks.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at Whitley's Funeral Home Chapel in Kannapolis, conducted by the Rev. Raymond Ross, the Rev. Leonard Lindsey and the Rev. Sam Wilson. Burial was in the Carolina

Memorial Park in Kannapolis.

A native of Wilkes County, the Rev. Absher was born March 8, 1907 to the Rev. Arthur Franklin Absher and Mary Jane Miller Absher. A Baptist minister, he pastored churches in Kannapolis, Concord, Lexington, China Grove and High Point for 47 years before retiring in 1984. He

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