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Rev. Ledford

Rev. Claude Monroe Ledford, 87, of 1166 Belle Dowdle Rd., died Saturday, Oct. 29, in a Franklin nursing home.

He was a native of Macon County, and the son of the late Miller and Lula Stanfield Ledford. He worked as a carpenter. He was a retired Baptist minister and had pastored churches in Macon and Rabun counties for more than 60 years. He was a member of Prentiss Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Effie Byrd Ledford of the home; six daughters, Glenda Evans, Kay Guy and Faye McCall, all of Franklin; Kathy Henson of Wallahalla, S.C., Debbie Dicero of Juniper, Fla., and Carol Eisner of Scottsdale, Ariz.; three sons, Wilbur Ledford of Danielsville, Ga., and Gilmer Ledford and Davis Ledford, both of Franklin; three sisters, Lillian Cowart, Alva Carpenter and Queen Shope, all of Franklin; 17 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one son, Talmadge Ledford; two sisters, Edna McConnell and Vernie Sanders; and two brothers, Lake Ledford and Elsworth Ledford.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Oct. 30, at 3 p.m., in the chapel of Bryant Funeral Home

with Rev. Tommy Holden and Rev. Forman Bradley officiating. Burial was in Prentiss Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Prentiss Baptist Church, Belle Dowdle Road, Franklin.

DEDICATION

Rev. Claude Monroe Ledford



Claude Monroe Ledford was born and raised in Macon County and called to preach in 1935 at the age of 28. His first service was at Gillespie Chapel. He was pastor at the following churches: Pleasant Hill, Black Mountain, Prentiss, Rose Creek, North Clayton, Calvary, Scaly Mountain, West Franklin, Coweeta and West Union (the former Black Mountain), where he gave property to build the church. During this time he worked at CC Camps as a carpenter and in road construction. The highlight of his life was to visit the Holy Land in 1971.

He is married to Effie Byrd Ledford. They have nine (9) children, seventeen (17) grand- children, thirteen (13) great grand-children, and one (1) great, great grand-child.

In 1946, he joined Prentiss Baptist Church. For the last several years he has been able to attend regularly, always willing to do what he could to carry on the Lord's work. He has been a spiritual inspiration to many people. For the last 53 years Rev. Ledford has given his time, talent and gifts lovingly and joyfully for the Lord. He will always be remembered for "living what he preached."