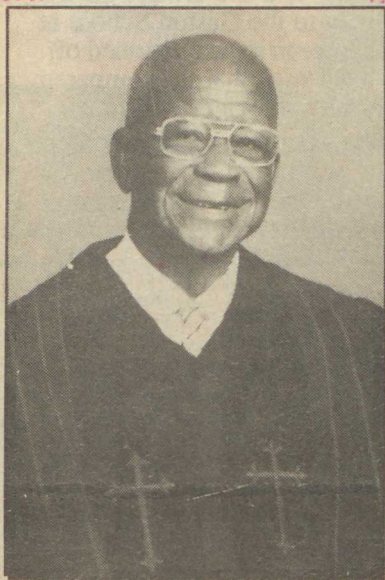


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REV. JOHN STATON

Staton dies

WELDON — Rev. John Staton of Weldon, who served churches in Halifax and Northampton counties for 65 years, died Feb. 15 at Halifax Memorial Hospital in Roanoke Rapids.

Rev. Staton, 90, retired from Hart's Chapel Baptist Church in Edgecombe County and East End Baptist Church in Rocky Mount.

He was born in Halifax County on July 15, 1898, the son of John and Rendy Staton.

Survivors include his wife, Sallie Whitehead Staton of the home; three sons, William Harold of Washington, D.C., John Arnold of Red Springs and Arnies Junious of Silver Spring, Md.; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Rev. E. C. Watson and Rev. Nelson Johnson will conduct services at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Enfield at 1 p.m. Thursday, with burial following in the church cemetery.

The family will receive from 6-7:30 p.m. tomorrow at Twilight Baptist Church in Weldon.

J.L. Williams & Son Funeral Home in Enfield is handling arrangements.

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