



Obituary

Born: Monday, May 12, 1913

Died: Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Mrs. Florice Strickland Deen, age 105, of Mershon, died Tuesday afternoon (11/6/18) at her residence following an extended illness.

Born May 12, 1913 in Mershon, she was a daughter of the late John Evan and Louvonia "Lula" Aldridge Strickland.

She graduated from Blackshear High School in 1930 and attended the Bessie Thrift College in Forsyth. She graduated from Georgia Southern University where she obtained her bachelor's degree in Education. She was a teacher for over 30 years, including schools in Glynn County, Ware County, Atkinson County, and Jeff Davis County, but spent most of her career in Pierce County at Patterson High School, retiring in 1974.

Service Summary

Visitation

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Thu Nov 08, 2018

Hart Funeral Home

210 Johnson Street
Blackshear, GA 31516

Funeral Service

3:00 PM Fri Nov 09, 2018

Mershon Baptist Church

1771 Mershon Road
Mershon, GA 31551

She was a longtime, faithful member of Mershon Baptist Church where she taught the Adult Sunday School Class for many years, was the former church secretary, and had served as the Sunday School Director. She was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), serving as a former president, and was a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC).

At the time of her passing, she was the oldest known living person in Pierce County.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Ronald Herbert Deen, Sr.; and her two brothers and sister-in-law, Evan Parnell Strickland and J.E. (Waunell) Strickland, Jr.

Survivors include her two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald H. Deen, Jr. (wife Ester) of Blackshear and Evan P. Deen (wife Melba) of Mershon; 5 grandchildren, Ron Deen (wife Heidi) of Alma, Joe Deen of Blackshear, Anna Norris (husband Donny) of Patterson, Ellen Thornton (husband Josh) of Mershon, and Susan Barber (husband Joe) of Mershon; 6 great grandchildren, Jarrod Deen and Katilyn Deen, both of Alma, Coleman Lee and Mary Grace Norris, both of Patterson, and Lilli Thornton and Lee Thornton, both of Mershon; 2 nieces, Diann Strickland of Mershon and Debra Giddens of Millwood; a nephew, John Earl Strickland, Jr. of Mershon; and several great nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

A funeral service will take place Friday afternoon (11/9/18) at 3 PM at Mershon Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Blackshear City Cemetery.

Mrs. Deen will lie in state at the church one hour prior to the

service on Friday.

The family will receive friends on Thursday evening (11/8/18) from 6-9 PM at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mershon Baptist Church, Building Fund, 1771 Mershon Road, Mershon, GA 31551 or to Hospice Satilla, 808 Evergreen Way, Waycross, GA 31501.

Sympathy may be expressed by signing online at www.hartfh.com.

Hart Funeral Home of Blackshear is in charge of arrangements.