



Obituary

Born: Wednesday, November 6, 1935

Died: Saturday, January 5, 2019

Mrs. Bessie Corene Parker Thrift, age 83, of Blackshear, died early Saturday morning (1/5/19) at the Kindred Hospital North Florida in Green Cove Springs, Florida following an extended illness.

Born November 6, 1935 in Inverness, Florida, she was a daughter of the late Leroy and Donie Mae Bryant Parker. She grew up in Ashburn, Georgia and moved to Pierce County in 1958 where she was a longtime housewife.

She was an active member of First Baptist Church in Blackshear and attended the Alathean Sunday School Class. She also taught Sunday School for many years, was a longtime volunteer in the nursery, assisted with GA's, and was a part of the Hands To Work Ministry, Seafarer's Ministry, and the JOY Group, among many other duties she enjoyed. Her Lord and her church were her life, and she participated in all the ministries and activities she possibly could attend. She could always be found on the church bus anytime it was in movement for an activity.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Otis Oran Thrift; and four brothers, Jimmy James Parker, Paul Parker, Kenneth Parker, and George Parker.

Survivors include 3 daughters, Anne Cardwell (husband Mark) of Waycross, Tonya Poole (T.J. Wise) of Waycross, and Kathy Giovagnorio (husband David) of Floral City, FL; 2 sons, Terry Marchman of Blackshear and Davey Thrift (wife Tara) of Port Richey, FL; 23 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild expected in August; her sister, Mary Souther of Blackshear; and several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

A funeral service will take place Wednesday (1/9/19) at 11 AM at First Baptist Church in Blackshear. Burial will follow in Ramah Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday evening (1/8/19) from 6-8 PM at the funeral home.

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

Hart Funeral Home of Blackshear is in charge of arrangements.

Service Summary

Visitation

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Tue Jan 08, 2019

Hart Funeral Home

210 Johnson Street
Blackshear, GA 31516

Funeral Service

11:00 AM Wed Jan 09, 2019

First Baptist Church

670 Main Street
Blackshear, GA 31516