



Obituary

Born: Friday, February 17, 1933

Died: Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Mr. James Alex Campbell, Sr., age 86, of Waycross (formerly of Blackshear), passed away Wednesday night (4/3/19) at Baptist Village Retirement Communities in Waycross following an extended illness.

Born February 17, 1933 in Amherst County, Virginia, he was a son of the late Eldridge Shelton and Ora Gladys Wheeler Campbell. He grew up in Virginia and then joined the United States Army, serving in the Korean War. He and his wife moved around to several states before music and friends led them to the Waycross and Blackshear area more than 40 years ago. He was a retired painter and wallpaper installer and was of the Church of God of Prophecy faith.

Service Summary

No services to be held

Location: - *Not available* -

Having grown up in the Blue Ridge Mountain area, he was a talented musician and could play anything with strings. In his early days, he had performed with such stars as Conway Twitty and Mel Tillis.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Ronald L. Ratcliffe; 3 sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mary Alice Rayner, Thelma Edwards (husband James), and Phyllis Irene Horne (husband Sherman); and his brother and sister-in-law, Paul Junior Campbell (wife Arlene).

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Janice Campbell of Waycross; 3 children, Rebecca Herrin (husband Billy Ray) of Waycross, James Alex "Jimmy" Campbell, Jr. (wife Jerita) of Waresboro, and Debra Thornton (husband Darren) of Mershon; 7 grandchildren, Selena Sweatt (husband Chris) of South Riding, VA, Jennifer Nolen (husband Jamie) of Blackshear, Jesse Herrin (wife Ellita) of Waycross, Stacy Harris (husband Jason) of Blackshear, Ashley Bush (husband Travis) of Atlanta, Barbi Jan Michtak (husband Frank) of Waresboro, and Bobby Campbell of Waycross; several great grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Freda Ellen Ratcliffe of Pearisburg, VA; 2 brothers-in-law, Bill Rayner of Hopewell, VA and Fred Steven Ratcliffe of Pearisburg, VA; his beloved cat, Baby; and several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Memorialization will be by cremation.

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

Hart Funeral Home of Blackshear in in charge of arrangements.