



## Obituary

**Born:** Saturday, February 18, 1933

**Died:** Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Mr. James Allen “Jimmy” Davis, Sr., age 86, of Mershon, GA passed away Wednesday afternoon (6/19/19) at the Hospice Satilla Hospice House in Waycross following an extended illness.

Born February 18, 1933 in Blackshear, he was a son of the late Allen Marion Davis and Marguritte Bell Aspinwall Davis. His father, Allen Davis, was a veteran of World War I in the First Artillery Corp.

Jimmy was a descendant of pioneer families of Pierce County, GA, Elijah and Barbary (Dickson) Aspinwall and William James and Lula (Thornton) Davis. Jimmy was a collateral descendant of President James Monroe’s Aspinwall mother-in-law and President Franklin Roosevelt’s Aspinwall grandmother. He is a descendant of ancestors who were in the First Families of Georgia and ancestors who fought in the American Revolution, War of 1912, Indian War, Civil War, World War I, and World War II.

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## Service Summary

### Visitation

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Tue Jun 25, 2019

### Blackshear Presbyterian Church

432 Main Street  
Blackshear, GA 31516

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### Memorial Service

2:00 PM Tue Jun 25, 2019

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Jimmy has the oldest membership in the Blackshear Presbyterian Church. He joined the church by Profession of Faith on April 5, 1942. His parents and sisters were members also. He was active in the Men of the Church and served as a Trust Fund Trustee and a General Trustee. He was a great cook for Sunday lunch and Wednesday night supper with his fresh vegetables from his garden.

He graduated from Blackshear High School in 1953, where he was an outstanding letterman football and basketball player.

He was one of the first employees at ITT Rayonier in Jesup in 1954. He retired in management from Rayonier in 1994. He was the owner of the Davis-Aspinwall Farm that has been in the family for generations. The Davis-Aspinwall Farm is listed in the colonial development of the United States and Georgia.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Clovis Diane Moore Davis; his son, James Allen “Kip” Davis, Jr.; his sisters, Dorothy Lee Davis Coldsnow, Marian Aline Davis Flannery, and Clara Juanita Davis McKee.

Survivors include his 4 daughters, Diana “Dee Dee” Smart, Mershon, Gay Davis Bennett (husband Michael), Blackshear, Michelle “Shelley” Davis DeLoach (husband Stuart), Mershon, and Pamela Davis Hitchner, Mershon; 14 grandchildren, Marla Smart Meeks (Derrick), Mershon,

Jamie Smart (Kenyata), Waycross, Jay Buck Turner (Christine), Blackshear, Sarah Turner Carver (Jerry), Waycross, Dusty Bennett (Sara), Woodbine, Sunny DeLoach Dixon (Slade), Mershon, Chase DeLoach (Nicole), Patterson, Thomas Hitchner (Meagan), Blackshear, Davis Hitchner (Brittney), Mershon, Michelle Brewer (Mary), Decatur, Shannon Hitchner Walz (Kirk), Woodstock, Elizabeth Hitchner Wilson, Laurens, SC, Skipper Davis, Mershon, John Sikes, Waycross, Drew Davis, Blackshear, and Cortney Davis (Paul Presley), Blackshear; 31 great grandchildren; niece, Patricia McKee Colson, Valdosta; nephew, William "Buddy" Flannery (Faye), Fernandina Beach, FL; and several other relatives.

A memorial service will take place on Tuesday (6/25/19) at 2 p.m. at the Blackshear Presbyterian Church with Rev. Hampton Williams and Elder Sonny Bowen officiating. Private interment will be at the Blackshear City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the service on Tuesday.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Blackshear Presbyterian Church, 432 Main Street, Blackshear, Georgia 31516.

Sympathy may be expressed by signing online at [www.hartfh.com](http://www.hartfh.com).

Hart Funeral Home of Blackshear is in charge of arrangements.