



Obituary

Born: Thursday, October 3, 1940

Died: Thursday, July 4, 2019

Mr. Daniel Lawton Bennett, Sr., age 78, of Blackshear, passed away Thursday evening (7/4/19) at the Baptist Village Retirement Communities in Waycross following an extended illness.

Born October 3, 1940 in Coffee, GA, he was a son of the late James Newell and Minnie Oletha Raulerson Bennett. He lived most of his life in Pierce County and was a 1958 graduate of Patterson High School. He attended the University of Georgia and graduated with a degree in Business. He returned to Blackshear where he taught at the Blackshear High School for a few years before opening his hardware store, Bennett's Hardware. He operated the store for 47 years, before retiring in 2018. The store was well known in southeast Georgia as many local families went there to fill any hardware or lawn and garden needs. He worked six days a week and most holidays, and was only a call away if you ever needed something after hours.

He was a longtime member of First Baptist Church in Blackshear where he was a Deacon, served many years on the Baptismal committee, was a longtime member of the MISFITS Sunday School Class, and had driven the van for the Van Ministry for several years, picking up many children to come to church and for the Spanish Mission Ministry.

He had served a two year term as a Blackshear City Councilman from 1977-1979, served on the Pierce County Industrial Development Authority, and was a founding member of the Blackshear Jaycees in 1975. He had also served with the Army Reserves.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, Jeanette Dill Bennett; and a brother, Nelson Bennett.

Survivors include his children, Dan Bennett, Jr. (wife Kristi) of Blackshear and Darby Benfield (husband Greg) of Mershon; 5 grandchildren, Daniel, Matthew, and Luke Bennett, all of Blackshear, and Mary and Greg Benfield, both of Mershon; his sister, Linda Spence (husband Don) of Mershon, his brother, Eddie Bennett (wife Diane) of Mershon, his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Virgil Lee Bennett of Alma, Tommy and Sandra Dill of Blackshear; and Robert and Betty Jean Hurst of Mountain Rest, SC; and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

A graveside funeral service will take place Saturday evening (7/6/19) at 7:30 PM at Ramah Cemetery.

Service Summary

Visitation

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Sat Jul 06, 2019

Hart Funeral Home

210 Johnson Street
Blackshear, GA 31516

Graveside Service

7:30 PM Sat Jul 06, 2019

Ramah Cemetery

Ramah Church Road
Blackshear, GA 31516

The family will receive friends on Saturday from 4-6 PM at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made 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.