



January 10, 2007

Jerrel Seymour Harper

Jerrel Seymour Harper, 71, of Ocilla, died Monday, Jan. 1, 2007 at his residence.

Harper was born Jan. 9, 1935 in Irwin County to the late Sarah Edna Seymour and Ludy Guy Harper. He was a 1953 graduate of Irwin County High School and attended Berry College. Harper retired after more than 21 years of service in the United States Navy, serving during the Korean and Vietnam Wars and attaining the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer.

After retiring from the military, Jerrel operated his family farm in Irwin County. He moved back to Irwin County in 1991 from Baxley, where he co-owned and operated Douglas & Harper Manufacturing. Jerrel was a member and Deacon of Henderson Chapel of Primitive Baptist Church and led Bible study and was a member of the Exchange Club.

Harper is survived by his wife, Brenda Harper of Ocilla; three daughters, Kellie Harper and Jana Harper, both of Ocilla and Deborah Williams of Dublin; a son, Jerry Harper of Baxley; four grandchildren; sisters, Alice (Sonny) Douglas of Baxley and Margaret (Bob) Young of Kingsford, MI; brothers, Lyte R. Harper and Ortiz (Janie) Harper, both of Ocilla; and several nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents, a brother James L. Harper preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3 from Spring Hill Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Ed McIntyre, Elder Jimmy Chapman, the Rev. Jim McDuffie and the Rev. Virgil Purvis officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery. To sign the online guest registry for Mr. Harper, go to www.paulkfuneralhome.com. Paulk Funeral Home in Ocilla was in charge of the arrangements.

