

### **John Lee ‘J.L.’ Harris Sr.**

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John Lee Harris Sr., 86, of Bristol, died Thursday, April 17, 2008 at his residence.

A native and life-long resident of Appling County, he was born September 26, 1921 to the late Hinton Lee Harris and Alief Thornton Harris. He was a member of the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church where he sang in the choir, was a former president of the Master’s Men Chapter and also served as Sunday school superintendent. He was an honorary member of the Alma Hunting Club where he was active for many years. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II having served in the Pacific Theater.

Survivors include his wife, Louise Hilton Harris, Bristol; two daughters, Judy H. Morris, Odum and Sheryl H. Ellis, Jesup; six sons, J. Donald Harris, Waycross, John L. Harris Jr., Bristol, Ronald H. Harris, Umatilla, FL, Gregory Harris and Robert R. Harris, both of Bristol and S. Douglas Harris, Baxley; 20 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews also survive.

Visitation will take place from 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 18, at Swain Funeral Home in Baxley. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 19, from the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church with the Rev. Steve Hughes, J. Donald Harris and Justin Harris officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be grandchildren. Honorary pallbearers will be all friends and loved ones in attendance.

The body will lie in state at the church from 2 p.m. until the funeral hour. The family will assemble at the residence, 147 J.L. Harris Road, Bristol. Memorials may be made to Hospice Satilla, Gideons International or to the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church Building Fund.

Swain Funeral Home of Baxley is in charge of arrangements.