



August 11, 2007



In Loving Memory
Joseph Henry "Jake" Atkins
06/17/1924 -8/10/2007

Mr. Joseph Henry "Jake" Atkins, age 83 of Blackshear, died late Friday night (August 10, 2007) at his residence following an extended illness.

A native of Vidalia (Toombs County), he had lived many years in Appling County before moving to Blackshear in 1981. He was a retired Plant Manager from Miller Western Wear in Baxley, and also served part-time as Magistrate Judge in Pierce County. He was in the United States Army and served during World War II. He attended First Baptist Church in Blackshear, and the Men's Fellowship Class.

He was preceded in death by his parents David and Jenny Todd Atkins, a brother Rev. Dewey Atkins, and a sister Annie Pearl Stephens.

He is survived by his wife Mary Jones Atkins of Blackshear, 2 sons: Dale (Cathy) Atkins of Baxley, David (Debi Atkins) of Rincon, 3 daughters: Donna (Keith) Ayers of Mobile, Ala., Becky (Tim) King of Hoboken, and Melanie (Loran) Tuten of Bristol, 11 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, 2 sisters: Blanche Reeves of Vidalia, and Johnnie Mae Moxley of Terrytown, Ga., and several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

A funeral service will be held 3 p.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church in Blackshear. Interment will be in the Blackshear City Cemetery. The family will receive friends Saturday evening from 6 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.