

The Douglas News

Willacoochee
Mary Ola Paulk Sheffield

Mary Ola Paulk Sheffield, age 86 of Willacoochee, passed away Tuesday morning, April 24, at Coffee Regional Medical Center in Douglas following a short illness.

A native of Atkinson County, Mrs. Sheffield was born Jan. 14, 1921, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Purvis Paulk. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Willacoochee. Mrs. Sheffield was very active in her church as well as many local social events, she also loved to dance, among many of her favorites, the "Charleston".

Her husband, M.R. "Mack" Sheffield and a sister, Etta Mae Carver, preceded her in death.

Survivors include: son Randy Sheffield and wife Dale of Willacoochee; daughters Carole Davis and husband Don of Willacoochee, Debbie Eckard and husband David of Charleston, S. C., and Donna Dixon and husband Tommy of Douglas; sister Eltridg Elsberry of Tampa, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services for Mrs. Sheffield were held at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 26 at First Baptist Church in Willacoochee with Rev. Bill Huffstuttler and Rev. Matt Rutland officiating. Special musical selections included "I Can Only Imagine" and "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" rendered by soloist Jay Vickers with taped accompaniment.

Soft music for the prelude and postlude was provided by Cranford Sutton, pianist. The interment followed in Willacoochee City Cemetery.

Serving, as active pallbearers were grandsons: Clint Sheffield, Henry Sheffield, Jay Vickers, Josh Vickers, Michael Eckard and Adam Eckard.

Relihan Funeral Home of Pearson was in charge of the arrangements.