

William Preston Davis

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William Preston Davis, 87, of Blackshear, passed away Wednesday, February 6, 2008, at the Pierce County Nursing Home.

A native of Pierce County, he had lived in several locations throughout the world while working for Rexham Machinery Company as an engineer. He had served in the US Army and was of the Baptist faith. He was a lifetime member and former commander of the American Legion Post 181 and was a member and past president of the Blackshear Exchange Club. While active in the Exchange Club he had also received the Volunteer of the Year award and the Book of Golden Deeds award. He was a member of the Pierce County Chamber of Commerce where he had received the 1988 Citizen of the Year award and the 1994 Outstanding Citizen award. He was also a former board member for the American Red Cross and had also coordinated blood drives.

He was a son of the late Andrew Lawton and Beulah Brewton Davis and was also preceded in death by a sister and brother-in-law, Cleo and Ralph Baggs; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Remer Davis, Bernice and Sally Davis, Gordon and Irene Davis and Alvin and Lois Davis; a sister-in-law, Jo Davis, and a brother-in-law, Carl Roberson.

Survivors include a sister, Mary Lou Roberson, St. Petersburg, FL, two brothers and a sister-in-law, Hubert and Louise Davis, Blackshear and Glenn Davis, Douglas and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Visitation will take place from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8 at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, from the Pearson-Dial Chapel. Interment will follow in the Alabama Cemetery.

Sympathy may be expressed by signing the online register at www.pearsondial.com. Pearson-Dial Funeral Home of Blackshear is in charge of arrangements.