

# *The Douglas News*

## **Pearson Rev. Willie D. Guthrie**

Friends, neighbors and relatives were saddened to learn of the passing of Rev. Willie D. Guthrie, age 71, of Pearson, on Wednesday afternoon, April 11, at his residence following an extended illness.

Rev. Guthrie, a native and life long resident of Atkinson County, had been the pastor of Westside Holiness Church for 41 years. He was well known in South Georgia for his ministry. He was the son of the late Gerald Guthrie and the late Mable Tanner Guthrie. He served as a paratrooper with the U. S. Army in World War II. Rev. Guthrie was a member of the Independent Association.

Survivors include: His wife of 49 years, Anna Loyce Crabtree Guthrie of Pearson; daughters Cindy and Donnie Chaney, and Kim and Donnie Hall, all of Douglas; son Dewight Guthrie of Pearson; grandchildren Eric Chaney, Kayla Chaney, Sarah Nugent, Hannah Hal and Tyler Merritt, all of Douglas, and Jonathan Guthrie of Pearson; sisters Geraldine Sears of Haines City, Fla., Anna Sue Luke of Willacoochee, Margaret Smith and Faith Bennett, both of Pearson; brothers Billy Hugh Guthrie of Marietta, Sammy Guthrie of Pearson and Bobby Guthrie of Douglas; special sister-in-law Joyce Moore of Louisville, Ken.; and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 14 at 2 p.m. at the Calvary Holiness Church Campground, with Rev. Neal Bridges and Rev. Gene Walls officiating. Military graveside rites and interment followed in the Satilla Memorial Gardens. Personnel from Fort Stewart furnished the flag detail and bugler.

Active pallbearers were: Glenn Guthrie, Robby Guthrie, Tommy Guthrie, Phillip Guthrie, Paul Guthrie and Andy Harper. Honorary pallbearers were: Terry Moore, Josh Jordan, Edward Day, David Gentry, Randy Barrett, J. L. Sellers, Billy Joe Watson, Kendall Ward, Herschell Smith, Gary Edge, Robert Eason, Andy Hickox, Velma Russ, Marshall Adcock, Stacy Gillis, Steve Coomes, Bud Hutcheson, Steve Gentry, Joe Padgett, Wayne Conway, Wimbric Padgett, Johnny Padgett, Earnest Padgett, David Yawn, Dr. Romulo Navarro, Z. L. Padgett, Nathan Padgett, Donald Mathis, Doug Padgett, Lloyd Hubbard, Joaquin Torres, Mark Jordan, Larry Bowen, Mac McCrary, Terry Johnson, Charles Phillips, Lee Allen, Lester Johnson, Carroll Taylor, Phillip Buzzard, Benny Baze, Faulin Buzzard, Andrie Morgan and Edison Taft.

Bro presented special musical selection "Sweet Bye and Bye". Bro presented the Westside Holiness Church Youth Choir, led by Phillip Guthrie, presented Bobby Guthrie, "Thank You For Giving To The Lord" and "Empty Mansion", J. L. Sellers, with Justin McGovern at the piano and Bryan Hall at the guitar.

If you would like to sign the guestbook, please go to [www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com). Ricketson Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

