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Bloodworth

Funeral services for Rev. William Douglas "Bill" Bloodworth, Sr., 67, were held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel, with the Revs. Robert C. Smith, Dennis Land, R.C. Tillery and John Gaston officiating. Interment followed in Woodbury Cemetery in Hillsboro.

Bill was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother and friend.

He was born on February 8, 1940 in Rison, Arkansas, the son of Gladie Rae and John Thomas Bloodworth. He was an ordained Assemblies of God minister and pastored churches in Homer, Louisiana, Rosepine, Louisiana and Ace, Texas, and pioneered Gethsemane Chapel in Livingston, which later merged with First Assembly of God in Livingston. He was a well-known home builder in Polk County for 37 years. He served his community as a Kiwanis officer, president of the Home Builders Association, and president of the Ministerial Alliance.

He was known as someone who left to his family a godly heritage, a strong work ethic, and many happy memories and who was a generous man who loved to give his time, money and wise counsel to many in need, often behind the scenes.

He felt strongly about spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ through missions giving and prison ministry, and supported them with both time and finances. He loved the wisdom of Proverbs and enjoyed all types of gospel music.

He was known for his humor, and sometimes his delivery was funnier than the joke.

He loved good food and had been known to drive 150 miles for fried catfish and delighted his family with huge pancake breakfasts.

Bill passed away on Friday, December 28, 2007, after a courageous battle with cancer.

His daughter, Regina Fay Bloodworth, his parents, Gladie Rae and John Thomas Bloodworth, two brothers, Ray Jackson and Woody Bloodworth and two sisters, Lavon Thomas and Dorothy Davis, preceded him in death.

Left behind to cherish his memory are his wife of 48 years, Rita Patterson Bloodworth of Livingston; son, William Bloodworth II and wife, Deanna, of Huntsville; daughters, Angela Gaston and husband, John, of Huntsville, and Melinda New and husband, Butch, of Livingston; grandchildren, Rachel, Scarlett and Victoria Bloodworth, Susanna, John Wesley and Joel Gaston, Christina Gaston Vimont and husband, Burton, Julianna Bloodworth and Jack New; great-grandson, Gage Gaston; sisters, Rachel Bloodworth, Ruth Thompson, Cherry Sinclair and Judy Hever; and special nieces, and nephews, Jamie Thomas, Nena Thomas, James Jackson and Jonathan Yarbrough.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Gideons International, P.O. Box 14800, Nashville, Tennessee 37214.

Cochran Funeral Home, Livingston, was in charge of arrangements.