



Willie R. Powell

July 27, 2014

Waynesboro, GA - Willie R. Powell, 93, husband of 65 years to the late Dorothy "Dot" Whitaker Powell, entered into rest Friday, July 25, 2014, at his residence.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, July 30, 2014, at 2:00 PM. from First Baptist Church, Waynesboro, GA, with Dr. Al Wright and Reverend Mike Godfrey officiating.

Interment will follow in Burke Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Powell, son of the late Mattas Love and Mattie Oglesby Powell, was a native of Jenkins County. He served in the United States Marine Corps and was stationed at both Parris Island and Quantico, VA. He also served during World War II and was the last marine to witness the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He was a member of the American Legion Post #120, where he was past Commander. He retired as a machinist after 33 years from E I Dupont. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Waynesboro, where he was Deacon Emeritus, and he taught Sunday school for 12 and 13 year old boys for 30 years. He then taught Sunday school at Brentwood for 20 years. He was a Christian, a loving husband and father, and always a Marine.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Peggy Powell Dunn, his grandsons, Mark Dunn and Craig Dunn, and by ten brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his daughter Jackie McIlwain and her husband, Horace, of Appling; his sons Bobby Powell and his fiancé, Barbara Hays, of Jonesboro, GA and Tommy Powell and his wife, Bonnie, of Waynesboro; and his brother,

Gene Powell and his wife, Linda, of Buford, GA; his grandchildren, Lisa (Larry) Golden, Dottie (Patrick) McLaughlin, Thomas (Carrie) Davis, Robby (Jamie) Powell, Kayla Powell, Michael (Kim) Dunn, Christopher Powell, and Lena Marie Powell; many great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren. Active pallbearers will be Robby Powell, Mike Dunn, Christopher Powell, Dalton Green, Larry Golden, Jesse Moore, Thomas Davis, Bryce McLaughlin, Eli Davis, and Patrick McLaughlin.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the American Legion Post #120.

If so desired memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church Building Fund, 853 North Liberty St , Waynesboro , GA 30830 .

The family will receive friends Wednesday, July 30, 2014, from 1:00 PM until the hour of service in the old fellowship hall of First Baptist Church, Waynesboro.

Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors, 2502 Richmond Hill Rd, Augusta, GA 30906.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mother passed away July 26 , 2013, and now Uncle Rufus, her brother, on July 25, 2014. These two are together in Heaven now. Our family loved Uncle Rufus' family. My childhood holds numerous fond memories of times when we got together with Uncle Rufus' family. Mother and Daddy and my sister and I loved them. I know Uncle Rufus was a committed Christian. Praise God for the legacy he left.*

Marie Graham-Chitty

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