

The Rev. Billy Lee Autry

The Rev. Billy Lee Autry, 67, of New Holland, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011, at his residence following an extended illness.

Funeral services were Saturday, Nov. 12, at First Congregational Holiness Church of Monroe with burial following in White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Duluth. The Rev. Terron Gentry, the Rev. Kenneth Farmer, the Rev. Ronald Wilson and the Rev. Wayne Hicks officiated.

The Rev. Autry was born Oct. 21, 1944, in Gwinnett County to Robert Lee Autry and Gladys Coker Autry. He pastored his first church, Independent Church in Buford, at the young age of 18 and then was ordained in 1966. Other churches he pastored during his years of ministering are Full Gospel of Commerce, Flowery Branch Congregational Holiness, Community Chapel Congregational Holiness, Cumming Congregational Holiness and Mt. Sinai Congregational Holiness.

The Rev. Autry retired from First Congregational Holiness Church of Monroe, where he ministered for 30 years. Along with his ministering, the Rev. Autry did evangelist work, worked with the youth camps and camp meetings. He was preceded in death by his parents and two of his daughters Sara Elizabeth Autry and Rebecca Autry Stovall.

The Rev. Autry is survived by his wife of 47 years, Janie Clark Autry, of New Holland; daughter and son-in-law, Debra and the Rev. Terron Gentry, of Gainesville; grandchildren, Haven Grace Gentry, of Gainesville, Zion Lee Stovall, of Monroe, Miscindy Garrett, of Winder, and Michael Davis, of Winder; sisters, Geneva Evans, of Duluth, and Robin Woodruff, of Auburn; brothers, Bobby Autry, of Buford, and James Autry, of Woodstock; and son-in-law and wife, Randy and Ramona Stovall, of Monroe.

Memorial Park Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Send online condolences to www.memorialparkfuneralhomes.com.

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