



William Charles Sweat

March 27, 1922 - January 14, 2014

Madison: Mr. William Charles Sweat, age 91, died Tuesday, January 14, 2014 in Valdosta.

Mr. Sweat was born in Baker County, Florida on March 27, 1922 at the Baker County Jail. His father was the sheriff and Mr. Sweat was born in the living quarters behind the jail. He spent his early life helping on his family's farm, like many young people in rural north Florida in that time period. One of the first jobs he held involved sorting the mail on a moving train and making deliveries as it reached each town along the way across north Florida. When Mr. Sweat was 22 years old, he met a young teacher named Lois Bishop. They fell in love and were married about a year later. They later moved to Jacksonville where he began work as a salesman for a fertilizer company. He eventually became a credit manager for U. S. Steel and retired from that position in 1972. After retirement, he moved his family to Madison to be near his wife's parents who were not in good health. He shortly opened a paint store called Home Decorating Center in Madison, which he operated until 1984.

Mr. Sweat enjoyed a long period of retirement after his working years were over. He enjoyed traveling in his camper, enjoying spending time with his two grandchildren, and working on numerous projects. He and his wife were also active in the local chapter of the American Cancer Society for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Sweat were members at First Baptist Church of Madison and enjoyed attending there for many years until their health prevented them.

Funeral services will be 11:00 Friday January 17, 2014 at Beggs Funeral Home with burial at Bishop Cemetery, Aucilla, Florida. Visitation will be Thursday from 6 - 8 PM at Beggs Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years: Lois Bishop Sweat; 1 daughter Annette Daniel (Ben) of Jasper; son-in-law Vernon Howard of Madison; 1 sister Bertie Everett of Jacksonville; 2 grandchildren: Billy Howard (Ella) and Aimee Daniel and 2 great grandchildren; Eli Howard and Liam Howard.

He was predeceased by his parents: Lonnie S. and Celia Sweat and 1 daughter: Cindy Howard.