

Elmer Clyde Keefe

Elmer Clyde Keefe, 78, of Nashville died April 3, 2009, at Tift Regional Medical Center.

Born in Berrien County on May 27, 1930, to the late Lewis and Georgia Watson Keefe, he was a U.S. Air Force veteran. He was a retired comptroller with the J.H. Harvey Co. with 50 years of service and a member of Nashville First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Burnum Keefe of Nashville; five nieces, Susan Patton, Louell Phenald, Deana Chidester, Renee Gaskins and Rhonda Pate; three nephews, A.W. "Al" Gaskins, III, Butch Bateman and Robert Lynn; one brother-in-law, Dub Bateman. He was preceded in death by three sisters, Eva Jene Bateman, Lottie Grey Gaskins and Elnita Lynn; one nephew, Lewis Gaskins; and a great-nephew, A.W. "Bill" Gaskins. IV.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on April 6 at Nashville First Baptist Church with Rev. Stanley Luke and Jackson Moore officiating. Deborah Boyd sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Beulah Land," accompanied by Barry Spence.

Interment followed at Westview Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Frank Patton, Kenny Hughes, Jimmy Lane, Jerry Hall, Billy Hill, Melvin Blount.

Honorary pallbearers were Chris Gaskins, Allen Fountain, Billy Outlaw, Marcus Hayes, Vinson Luke, Albert Folsom, Dr. Jeff Cox, Dr. Ricky Wheeler.

Lovein Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.