

# Obituaries

## Dr. Frank E. Johnson

Dr. Frank E. Johnson, 86, of Alma, went to be with the Lord Tuesday (Jan. 31, 2012).

He was a native of Bacon County, the son of the late Steve Johnson and Minnie Swilling Johnson. He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Amaryeese "Snookie" Steedley Johnson, a son, Leb Johnson, a brother, Jones Johnson, three sisters, Ruth Tanner, Pauline Atkinson and Cathryn Grantham, and a granddaughter, Mandy Johnson.

He was the owner and operator of Johnson's Pharmacy and Alma Professional Pharmacy, serving his community for many years. He continued to work for different pharmacies in surrounding counties, most recently with The Medicine Cabinet Pharmacy.

He served as a Gideon of the Waycross Camp for many years.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of First Baptist Church, Alma.

Survivors include his wife, Lillian Purcell Johnson, of Alma; one son, Ben Johnson (Janet); one daughter, Debbie Johnson (Gary), of Statesboro; two step-sons, John Bennett and Harry Keith Bennett Jr (Clydia), of Alma; and one step-daughter, Holly Porter (Bruce), of Alma; a sister, Naomi Luke (Billy), of Fayetteville; and two grandchildren, Kate Anna Greene (Stephen) and Samuel Steedley Johnson, of Savannah.

The funeral will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Richard Johnson officiating.

Interment will follow in Pine Lawn Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home this evening between 6 and 9 o'clock.

Active pallbearers will be Sam Johnson, Stephen Greene, David Luke, Wayne Holton, Keith Bennett and Josh Landon.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Seekers Sunday School Class and members of American Legion and the VFW.

Crosby Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Verdell W. Johnson

HOMERVILLE — Verdell Williams Johnson, 85, of Homerville, died Tuesday morning (Jan. 31, 2012) at Clinch Memorial Hospital after an illness.

She was a lifelong resident of Clinch County. Her parents were the late Jim Henry Williams and Estell Royal Williams. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Ozell Johnson Sr.

She was a longtime member of Prayer Garden Church

of God in Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Mozell J. Thompson, of Homerville; a son, Ozell Johnson Jr., of Stockton; two sisters, Carol Mae Russell, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Altamese Spearman, of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a brother, Alphonso Williams, of Lakeland; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Friends are being received at the Johnson residence, 195 Reddick St.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Fluker Funeral Home of Homerville.

## Ivan Cornelius

Ivan Cornelius, 78, died Tuesday morning (Jan. 31, 2012) at Jackson Hospital, of Marianna, Fla., following an extended illness.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by Music Funeral Home.

## W. Oswald 'Oz' Cason

A funeral for Willis Oswald "Oz" Cason, 84, was held Tuesday morning in the Music Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Lee Ramsey officiating.

Burial followed in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Jamey O'Steen, Jason O'Steen, Scott Dunsmore, Michael Saxon Jr., Gene Tanner and Gabe Rogers.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were the Telephone Pioneers.

Music Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Billy Frank Bland Jr.

NAHUNTA — A funeral for Billy Frank Bland Jr., 40, of Nahunta, was held Tuesday afternoon at Frye Funeral Home, Nahunta, with the Rev. Mike Lee officiating.

Interment was held at Oak Grove Cemetery, Nahunta.

Pallbearers were Timbo Crews, Richard Chesser, Chris Brown, Roger Moore, Danny Boy Moore, Hawk Moore, Richard Westberry and Bubba Crews.

Arrangements were with Frye Funeral Home, Nahunta.

Sympathy may be expressed by signing the online registry at [www.fryefh.com](http://www.fryefh.com)