## FLOYD LAMAR BLANTON

Dr. Floyd Lamar Blanton, 90, of Carrollton, Georgia, passed away May 4. He was born February 4, 1928 in Ray City, Georgia son of the late James Austin Blanton and Ora Lou Moore Blanton.

He spent 61 years as an educator including: Hilliard High School, Berrien County Schools, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, West Georgia College, Oak Mt. Academy, Heritage School, Carrollton High School and his home office tutoring. He was also a member of St. Andrew Methodist Church for 49 years. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his grandson, Little Ernie Blanton.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Mary Kathleen "Kitty" Murray Blanton of Carrollton; his three children, Debbie Blanton of Cedartown, Nona and Brian Smith of Tifton and Ernie and April Blanton of Carrollton; cousin-brother Ferrell Herring of Ray City; grandchildren Amanda and Paul Duke, Tara and Chris Thomason, Caleb and Katie Smith, Noah and Morgan Smith, Daniel and Michaela Smith, Katie Blanton, Natalie Blanton, and Alex Blanton; and great-grandchildren Austin Duke, Gabby Thomason, Maddie Duke, Avery Smith and Jaxson Duke; and special friends Boots and Pronda Ector.

Funeral service was held Monday, May 7 from Martin & Hightower Heritage Chapel with Rev. Karen Kagiyama and Rev. Carol Snipe Crawford officiating.

Interment followed in Carroll Memory Gardens with Rev. Sam Dawkins performing graveside service. His grandsons served as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were the men of St. Andrew Methodist Church. The family received friends Sunday, May 6 at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Bristol Hospice at www.bristolhospice.com or 2849 Paces Ferry Road, SE, Ste 380, Atlanta, GA 30339.

Condolences may be expressed at www.martin-hightower.com.

Martin & Hightower Heritage Chapel of Carrollton was in charge of the arrangements.