

FRANKLIN DELANO SHIVER



Franklin Delano Shiver, 86, a long-time resident of Callahan, passed away August 14, 2019. He was born March 3, 1933 in Fitzgerald, Georgia. Frank was the third child of 13. He lied about his age to join the US Army in 1949 at 16, to keep from picking cotton in the hot fields of South Georgia. Frank was a soldier in the Korean Conflict until his discharge in 1952 due to a battle wound. Frank married Betty Lucille Knott in September 1952. Shortly after their marriage, Frank accepted Christ and he and Betty moved to Springfield, Missouri in 1958 to attend Baptist Bible College until his graduation in 1961.

From there, the Shivers moved to Korea in 1963 where they started four indigenous churches, a Bible college and saw numerous souls come to know the Lord throughout the four years of their ministry there. Bro. Shiver's passion was spreading the gospel; therefore out of those four churches, 50 churches were planted.

The Shivers moved to Jacksonville, in 1968 where he accepted a pastorate position at Arlington Heights Baptist Church, which relocated to the Regency area of Jacksonville and changed the name to Regency Baptist Temple, where he served as pastor until 1989. During the next 30 years Bro. Shiver was involved in evangelistic crusades all across America and overseas. His heart has always been in the mission field. During this time, he traveled and spoke some 40 weeks out of every year raising over 1 million dollars for foreign missions, until his death. The last church he spoke at was June 9, 2019 (in a wheelchair), with over 400 in attendance. Bro. Shiver loved what he did! He loved people and wanted to be a mentor to the young preachers that were just starting out. Bro. Shiver wanted to leave behind a legacy, not of what he did, but of what Christ did through him.

Bro. Shiver was preceded in death by his wife Betty; his daughter Connie Bacom; brothers Edward, Eugene, Joe, Bill, L.E., Floyd, David and Jimmy Shiver; sisters Dorothy Sexton and Patricia Simpson.

He is survived by a loving sister Martha Glover; his brother Roscoe; his present loving wife, Bonnie Weir Shiver; four sons Frank (Angel) Jr., David (Linda), Paul and Mike (Karen); stepchildren Donnie (Nancy) Allred, Steven (Nora) Bacon and Brandy (Eric) Schultz; 10 grandchildren Travis (Carli) Durden, Trey (Kacey), Brooke (Jason) Dingle, Blair, Keith, Ashley (Josh) Stafford, Corey, Alex (Shay), Allison Shiver and Savannah Bacon; and 10 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family received friends Friday, August 16 at First Baptist Church Callahan. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 17 also at the church. Burial followed at Jones Cemetery in Callahan where Frank was buried alongside his late wife Betty.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

Arrangements by Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 879-1770.