

### **HERSHELL VIRGIL HURST**

Mr. Hershell Virgil Hurst, 85, of Bryceville, passed away Saturday, November 9, 2019 at St. Vincent's Medical Center Riverside, under the care of Community Hospice.

Born in Waycross, Georgia on April 2, 1934, he had lived in Jacksonville, for several years prior to moving to Bryceville, 40 years ago. Mr. Hurst had been a diesel mechanic and had worked for several different companies: Mercury Motor Express, Terminal Transport, Great Dane Trailer and American Freight, over the years. He also farmed and enjoyed working on tractors. Mr. Hurst was an avid outdoorsman. He raised/trained dogs for quail hunting and had worked as a quail hunting guide at WW Ranch. He also enjoyed dove hunting and fishing. Mr. Hurst was a Mason and was one of the original members of the Bryceville Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member of Beulah Baptist Church.

He was a son of the late Thomas Pinkney & Sally Johnson Hurst. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Ruby Alice Benton Hurst; three sisters Myrtle Varnell, Mary Elizabeth and Jewell; and all of his brothers Madison David, Thomas Pinkney, Jr., Charles Grover, William Howard, Gene Autry, James Albert and Oden Ezekiel.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law Michael and Sonja Hurst of Bryceville; his sister, Sally Karsten of St. Cloud, Florida; his granddaughter and grandson-in-law Mikki and Ryan Silcox of Jacksonville; two great-grandchildren Celina and Colton Silcox; and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

The family received friends at Pearson-Dial Funeral Home Blackshear, prior to the graveside service held Wednesday, November 13 at Beulah Cemetery in Blackshear.

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

Pearson-Dial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.