

Dr. James Otto Eden, 73, died Sunday morning, March 13, 2005, at his Chipley, Fla., home.

He had retired from telephone work after 35 years and began full-time work as a pastor. He served in several churches as a bivocational pastor, including Dalkeith Baptist in Wewahitchka, Fla., and Faith Baptist Church in Fountain, Fla. He had been a full-time pastor for six years at Lakemont Baptist Church and was pastor at First Baptist Church of Sunny Hills, Fla., for the last seven years. He was a graduate of Gulf Coast Seminary.

Survivors include; his wife of 53 1/2 years, Janie Hawk Eden of Chipley, Fla.; two sons, Paul Eden and wife, Sharon, of Clayton, and Kip Eden and wife, Debi; two daughters, Kristi Henderson and husband, Wayne, and Becky Pate, all of Panama City, Fla.; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a sister, Patsy Myers and her husband, Bill.

Services were held Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at Oakie Ridge Baptist Church with his nephew, the Rev. Philip Gainer, and the Rev. Alcus Brock officiating. Burial followed in Oakie Ridge Baptist Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made at Regions Bank, Clayton, for his surviving wife, Janie R. Eden, of 3100 Peaceful Lane, Chipley, FL 32428 or to the Gideons International.

Brown Funeral Home of Chipley, Fla., was in charge of arrangements.

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