



Elliot Darrow Buford was born on Oct. 18, 1926, and passed away May 31, 2017, at the age of 90 years. He graduated from Apostolic Bible Institute in St. Paul, Minn., in 1952. He was a faithful member of First United Pentecostal Church of DeQuincy, where he served as an Assistant and Interim Pastor in the early 1960s. He worked as a machinist at the Missouri Pacific Railroad shop in DeQuincy. He was employed as a welder with CITGO and retired in 1985 after 31 years of employment. Elliot was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years and 5 days, Iris Perry Buford; two sons, David Buford and wife Janet of DeQuincy, La., and the Rev. Daniel Buford and wife Jane of Florissant, Mo.; grandchildren, Rachel Johnson and husband Jevon, Robyn Fontenot, Royce Buford and wife Amanda, the Rev. Brandon Buford and wife Brianne, and Brad Buford and wife Tempie; along with 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents Shelly Ray Buford and Edna Vincent Buford; along with one sister, Imogene Sutton.

The family will receive friends on Friday, June 2, 2017, from 5-8 p.m. at First United Pentecostal Church, 228 Smith St., DeQuincy, La. The funeral service will be held at First United Pentecostal Church on Saturday, June 3, 2017, beginning at 10 a.m. Officiating will be the Rev. Brandon Buford, the Rev. T.D. Cardwell and the Rev. Carlton L. Jackson Jr. Interment to follow at Perkins Cemetery, DeQuincy, La.

Arrangements are being handled by Riley Smith Funeral Home, DeQuincy, La.