



Rev. George W. Holston, Jr.

August 8, 1923 - November 11, 2021

The Rev. George W. Holston, Jr., a long-time resident of Ocala, more recently of Alachua, died quietly in the morning of 11 November 2021 of natural causes. He served for many years as the pastor of Sparr United Methodist Church in Sparr, Florida. A native of Americus, Georgia, he was born on 11 August 1923 and grew up in several communities around the southeast. He joined the Marine Corps after high school and saw combat service in the Pacific during World War II; most notably on Iwo Jima and on occupation duty in Japan after the war. After returning home he entered the University of Georgia where he studied Forestry and remained a die-hard Bulldogs fan his entire life.

Rev. Holston spent several years in the pulp and paper industry in the Gainesville, Florida and Ocala, Florida areas. He took early retirement to pursue his dream of becoming a pastor in the United Methodist Church, he pursued his studies at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. He was ordained in 1987 and served at Sparr Church until his retirement.

He was married to his beloved wife, Ethel, for fifty-two years, who preceded him in death. They had three children, the Rev. George Holston, III of Alachua, Florida; Margery Prince of Savannah, Georgia; and Lorraine Holston of Alachua, Florida. Life in the Holston home was filled with much love, good times, and many adventures.

He was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons for seventy-five (75) and

a long-time member of Friendship Lodge, Number 53 in Fellowship, Florida.

He was also a member of the Ocala Scottish Rite.

He is survived by his children, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers gifts are requested to either Sparr United Methodist Church

or the Episcopal Church of the Mediator, Micanopy, Florida. A Memorial

Eucharist will be celebrated at the Episcopal Church of the Mediator,

Micanopy, Florida on December 3rd at 4:30 pm.

Tribute Wall



“ *I loved my dad. He taught me how to be independent and how to change a tire. Recently he taught me about small country roads, and yes I can still change a tire.* ”

Lorraine Holston - November 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM