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Coy Raffield Obituary

Rev. Coy N. Raffield -PANAMA CITY, FL - Rev. Coy N. Raffield, 98, of Panama City, FL went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, June 27, 2002. He was a lifelong resident of Bay County. Raised as a fisherman, ordained as a soul winner, he spent 50+ years as a fisher of men. He was a member of St. Andrew Masconic Lodge #212. He was ordained as pastor at the First Baptist Church of Panama City. He was previously pastor of Drummond Park (Westview) Baptist Church, Third Baptist Church in Macon, GA and Empire Baptist Church in Empire, GA. He worked to establish and grow Gulf Beach Baptist Church. Also, he was interim pastor of West Bay Baptist Church and Southport Baptist Church. -He is survived by three daughters: Betty R. Hammond and husband, Vern R. of St. Louis, MS, Ann R. Couchigian and husband, Donald E. of Panama City and Ima R. Evans and husband Alton of Panama City; two sons: Bill Raffield and wife, Evon, of Panama City and Charles Albert Raffield and wife, Pam, of Macon, GA; 18 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren. -Funeral services will be held at 2P.M., Monday at St. Andrew Baptist Church with Dr. Dewey Davidson and Rev. Clyde Ellison officiating.

West Bay Baptist Church

A small group of people began to meet in homes with Brother Levin from the St. Andrew Baptist Church. A building was started in 1950 and the West Bay Baptist Mission was started and sponsored by St. Andrew Baptist Church. In 1952, the Mission was constituted as the West Bay Baptist Church. There were 19 present at the first service. Brother Roscoe Meadows was the first pastor.

Pastors who followed were: Joseph Preston, Roscoe Meadows, William Brown, Roy Wright, George Taylor, Robert O'Kana, R. L. Middleton, D. B. Halstead, Sr., **Coy Raffield**, Howard Money, Donald Murphy, Charles Harris, Fred Corbin, A. T. Kenmore and the current Pastor is Bro. Roger Krans..

The church started a bus ministry in late 1973 that included part of the beach area.