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Glendon Dale Saucier (1947-2001) was the son of Leo Lamar and Doris Lee Holden Saucier. He served as pastor of churches in Mississippi and Florida including Cora Baptist Church, Jay, 1997-2001. Saucier and his wife, Virginia Mae Thompson Saucier (m. 1965) had five daughters.

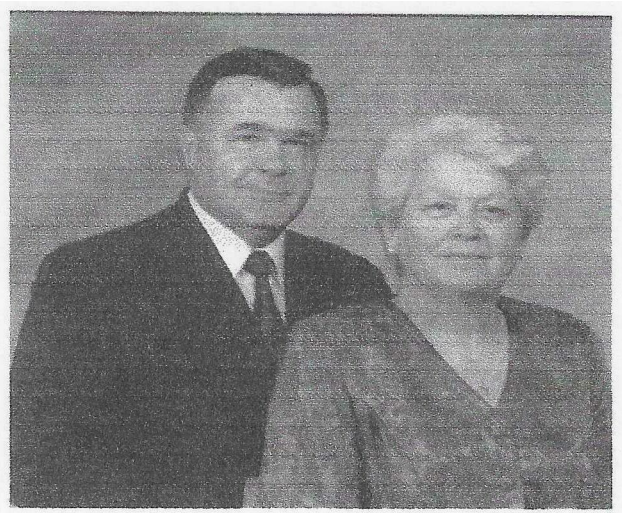
## IN DEDICATION

The 2001 Annual of the

Santa Rosa Baptist Association

Is dedicated to the memory of

**Rev. Glendon Dale Saucier**



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Dale married Virginia Mae Thompson on June 12, 1965. Then a year and a half later they started their family of five girls. The second daughter they lost at birth. They lived in Sumrall, Mississippi where they were members of Oral Baptist Church.

Dale became a deacon at Oral, then, in 1984 he responded to God's call to the gospel ministry and was ordained in 1989. He became the associate/interim pastor at Oral for a short time in 1989. While he served at Oral he went to California on a mission trip to help build a church. Then Dale was called to be the pastor at First Baptist Church of Carnes in Lumberton, Mississippi. He served the Lord at Carnes for seven years. In March of 1997 he was called to Cora Baptist Church of Jay, Florida.

In November 1999, Dale and Virginia had the opportunity to go on a mission trip to Guatemala. They spent nine days in that country, a time of ministry in which they received many blessings.

During his years of ministry at Cora Baptist Church, Dale was active in the Santa Rosa Baptist Association. At the time of his death, Dale was preparing to begin a term of service as Chairman of the Association's Stewardship Committee. He was faithful in representing Cora Baptist Church in events in the Association, and was willing to serve in any capacity where he was needed. He was very instrumental in carrying out the ministry of the Santa Rosa Dental Clinic, and helped in initiating the clinic ministry in Jay. He also served as a volunteer with the Florida Baptist Disaster Relief Unit, and was a member of the first response team for the organization. Dale served as the pastor of Cora until the Lord called him home on August 31, 2001.

Dale was preceded in death by his father, mother, one brother, an infant daughter, a grandson, and a son-in-law.

Dale is and will be greatly missed by his wife of 36 years, Virginia Saucier, four daughters and sons-in-law, DeAnn and Larry Rawls, Karin and David Hagan, Monica and Walter Wright, and Amy and Brent Sullivan, plus two grandsons, Adam Rawls and Jacob Hagan and one sister and one brother, but we hold to the assurance of being reunited in heaven at our appointed time.

We in Santa Rosa Baptist Association miss Dale and his unique personality and manner, as well as his gracious attitude of service.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matthew 25:21

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He was survived by Virginia Saucier, his wife of 36 years; his four daughters and sons-in-law, DeAnn and Larry Rawls, Karin and David Hagan, Monica and Walter Wright, and Amy and Brent Sullivan; his grandsons, Adam Rawls and Jacob Hagan; one sister and one brother.

The 2001 Santa Rosa Baptist Association annual was dedicated to Rev. Glendon Dale Saucier. The memorial page cited his "unique personality and manner, as well as his gracious attitude of service." It ended with the words from Matthew 25:21, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

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