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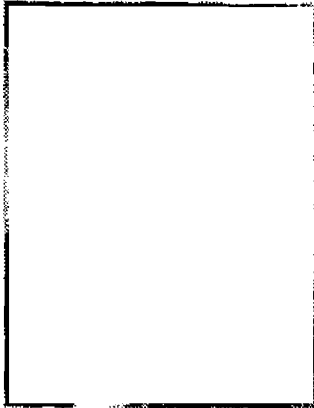
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**Scheetz, Donald E., Sr.** (1936-2020) was born in Flora, Illinois. He graduated from the Florida Baptist Theological College, Graceville in 1978 and North Florida Theological Seminary, Jacksonville, 1985. Scheetz served as pastor of churches in Georgia, Oregon and Florida including Grace Baptist Church, Starke and Bostwick Baptist Church. He and his wife Sharon Diane Hoeft Scheetz had three children.

### Rev. Donald E. Sheetz, Sr.



Rev. Donald E. Sheetz, Sr., pastor of the Bostwick Baptist Church, was born in Flora, Illinois. He graduated from Flora Township High School in 1954. He attended the University of Tampa, Tampa, Florida (1954-1955), and graduated from the Florida Baptist Theological College, formerly Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida, in May 1978. He also graduated from the North Florida Theological Seminary, Jacksonville, Florida, in May of 1985. His professional experience includes the following: Sales and Merchandise Manager, J.C. Penney Company, Tampa, Florida; Columbus, Georgia; Pensacola, Florida; and Birmingham, Alabama; Area Vice President, Giltex Corporation, Tallahassee, and Seminole, Florida; owner and operator, Woman's World Stores of Lakeland, and Mulberry, Florida.

His ministry includes the following: Language Ministry Counselor, First Baptist Church, Graceville, Florida; Pastor, Damascus Baptist Church, Cuthbert, Georgia; Pastor, Grace Baptist Church, Starke, Florida; Pastor, First Baptist Church, Florence, Oregon; and Pastor of the Bostwick Baptist Church, Bostwick, Florida, since December 1987.

He is married to the former Miss Sharon Diane Hoeft of Tampa, Florida. They have a daughter, Mrs. Cheri Crews, two sons, Donald E. Sheetz, Jr., and Kevin R. Sheetz. They have three grandchildren. His hobbies include: playing golf, fishing and reading.

Donald Scheetz's obituary. Please accept Echovita's sincere condolences.

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Donald Scheetz (Titusville, Florida), born in Flora, Illinois, who passed away on August 5, 2020, at the age of 83, leaving to mourn family and friends. Family and friends are welcome to leave their condolences on this memorial page and share them with the family.

He was loved and cherished by many people including : his parents, Opal Scheetz and Howard Scheetz; his wife Sharon Diane Hoeft Scheetz; his children, Cheri Lynn Scheetz Crews (Andy), Chaplain Donald E. Scheetz Jr. (Sharon) and Kevin Scheetz; his grandchildren, Angela Crews Luckey (Billy), Amanda Crews Finley (Joshua), Adam Scheetz (Amanda), Megan Crews White (Dustin) and Brandon Scheetz; and his sisters, Dena Martin and Pat Tope.