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Shope, George W. (1916-1981) was a native of Macon County, Georgia the son of Samuel L. and Vassie Ledford Shope. He graduated from North Greenville College and East Texas Baptist College. Shope served as pastor of churches in Georgia and Florida including Northside Baptist Church, Davenport, Florida. He and his wife, Mary Lord Shope had three children.

The Four Way Singing Convention will meet 11 a.m. Sunday at Northside Baptist Church, Davenport, followed by a basket dinner.

The Rev. George W. Shope,

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George Shope

FRANKLIN — The Rev. George W. Shope, 65, of the Otto community, died unexpectedly Saturday in a Clayton, Ga., hospital following an apparent heart attack.

A native of Macon County, he was an ordained Baptist minister and pastored churches in Georgia and Florida. He was active in gospel singing and served as chaplain to the National Gospel Singing Convention.

At the time of his death, he was serving as chaplain of Rabun County Singing Convention. He studied ministry in North Greenville College, Greenville, S.C., and East Texas Baptist College. He was an antique car dealer. He was a son of the late Samuel L. and Vassie Ledford Shope and was a member of Coweeta Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Lord Shope; two daughters, Patricia S. Wyc-off of Altamonte Springs, Fla., and Sandra Russell of Highlands; a son, George W. "Pete" Shope Jr. of Franklin; two sisters, Beatrice Thomas and Launa Ledford of Newberry, S.C.; three brothers, Reldon Shope of Newberry, Monroe Shope of Bradley, S.C., and Russell Shope of Jonesville, S.C.; and three grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Head of Tennessee Baptist Church, Dillard, Ga. The Revs. Earl Dendy, Claude Ledford and W.A. Cloer will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home, where the body will remain until placed in the church 30 minutes before services.