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Smith, C. Roy (1933-2009) was the son of Lawrence and Eulala Cox Smith. He attended Georgia Southwestern College, the University of Georgia and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Smith served as pastor of churches in Georgia, South Carolina and Florida, including First Baptist Church, Port St. Lucie. He and his wife, Betty Burgess Smith, had three children.

The **Rev. C. Roy Smith** of the Port St. Lucie First Baptist Chapel reported that Vacation Bible School will be held the first two weeks in August this year. More details will be announced at a later date.

The **Rev. C. Roy Smith** of Lavonia, Ga., will conduct his first service at the Port St. Lucie First Baptist Chapel on Airoso Blvd Sunday.

Rev. Smith arrived in Port St. Lucie with his wife, the former Betty Burgess of Tocoa, Ga., Tuesday to take up their residence at 300 Airoso Blvd.

Rev. Smith and his wife have a six-year-old daughter, Sharon.

Rev. Smith has been a minister in the Baptist Church seven years and came here from the Tiger Baptist Church, Tiger, Ga. He also served at the Providence Baptist Church in Clarksville, Ga. He studied at the Georgia Southwestern Junior College, Americus, Ga., the Atlanta Division of the University of Georgia, Atlanta, Ga., and the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La.

He is a Korean Conflict veteran and served two years with

the Third Infantry Division as a corporal.

His family consists of five children.

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earlier this month. Dr. Losche,

– Rev. C. Roy Smith, 75, died Thursday, January 8, 2009, at his residence.

Born in Franklin County on May 30, 1933, he was the son of the late Lawrence and Eulala Cox Smith. He was a 1950 graduate of Lavonia High School, attended Georgia Southwestern College, Atlanta Division, the University of Georgia, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He had worked for the Georgia Secretary of State. He was an ordained Baptist Minister and served for over 50 years pastoring churches in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. He was ordained into the ministry at the Martin Baptist Church in 1958, pastored Providence Baptist Church in Clarkesville, Tiger Baptist Church, First Baptist Church of Port St. Lucie, Fla., Pinehurst Baptist Church, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Avery, Hunter's Creek Baptist Church, Pendergrass Baptist Church, and retired from Old Liberty Baptist Church and Rock Springs Baptist Church. He served several churches as interim pastor during his retirement, including Cross Roads Baptist Church, Hunter's Creek Baptist Church, and Rock Springs Baptist Church. He had been a loyal employee of Ginn Funeral Home for the past 33 years. He was a veteran, having served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was a Master Mason and member of Grove Lodge #652. He was a member of the Rock Spring Baptist Church.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by a son, Stephen Charles Smith; and brothers, Howard Smith, Herschel Smith and Walter Smith.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Betty Burgess Smith; son, Nathan Smith, Martin; daughters and son-in-law, Sharon and Kurt Hansen, Loganville, and Susan Smith, Martin; grandchildren, Grace McCurry, Hans and T.J. Hansen, and Grant Smith; sister and brother-in-law, Mary Ruth and Jones South, Martin; and an aunt, Louise Cox, Anderson, S.C.