

## **Florida Baptist Historical Society Biography Collection**

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**Spence, Glen** (1925-2009) was born in Walton County, Florida the son of Alton and Ina Laura Infinger Spence. He served as pastor of churches in the Walton County area. Spence and his first wife, Joyce Henderson Spence (1926-1980) had four children. At the time of his death he was married to Gladys Cook Day Spence (1931-2012).

Rev Glen Wesley Spence Veteran  
Birth 8 Aug 1925 Walton County, Florida, USA  
Death 1 Jul 2009 (aged 83)  
Burial Magnolia Cemetery  
DeFuniak Springs, Walton County, Florida,  
Glen Wesley Spence  
August 8, 1925 ~ July 1, 2009

Reverend Glen Spence, age 83, was lifted from this earth into the arms of God, whom he loved and served faithfully until his time of death, Wednesday, July 1, 2009.

Mr. Spence was born August 8, 1925 in Walton County Florida. He was a life long resident of Walton County. Mr. Spence was the pastor of several local churches and involved in many local ministries. He was retired from the Postal Service, and a World War II veteran receiving the Purple Heart.

Mr. Spence was preceded in death by his father and mother Ina Laura Infinger and Alton Spence, one brother Insel Spence, and the mother of his children Joyce Henderson Spence.

Mr. Spence is survived by his wife Gladys Spence, one brother Robert Spence, two sisters Carmelita Crews and Katheleen Hobbs, one son Keith Spence and wife Krisy, three daughters Nancy Schissler and husband Frank, Margaret Little and husband Jim, Laura Prater and husband Clarence, Earl Day and wife Bonnie, eleven grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

A time of visitation will be held 6:00~8:00 PM, Saturday, July 4, 2009 at Clary-Glenn Funeral Home Chapel; 230 Park Avenue DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32435.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3:00 PM, Sunday, July 5, 2009 at First Baptist Church of DeFuniak Springs with Reverends J.C. McLendon and James Burnham officiating.

Burial will follow in the Magnolia Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Argyle Baptist Church building fund at P.O. Box 112 Argyle, Florida 32422, Baptist Children's Home at 1000 Chemstrand Road Cantonment, Florida 32533, and the Gideon International at P.O. Box 140800 Nashville, TN 37214-0800.

#### Family Members

##### Parents

Alton L. Spence 1899–1936  
Ina Laura Infinger Spence 1898–1936

##### Spouses

Joyce Henderson Spence 1926–1980  
Gladys Cook Day 1931–2012

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## Spence Named Rural Carrier

News-Journal Bureau

DE FUNIAK SPRINGS — U.S. Rep. Bob Sikes announced Friday he has recommended appointing **Rev. Glen Spence** acting carrier on a new rural mail route approved for the DeFuniak Springs Post Office.

**Spence**, who has been serving as substitute rural carrier, is pastor of the Northside Baptist Church.

He also is serving his first term on the DeFuniak Springs City Council.

my Barnabas – and the Language Division staff. It has been a very joyful 21 years as I have gone up and down and across our state, and I hope that I will be one of the best friends Florida Baptists has, one of the best friends Cooperative Program has, and a friend to Church Planting Evangelism”

**(16) Report of the Florida Baptist Historical Society:** The State Board of Missions president, noting that the Florida Baptist Historical Society operates under the auspices of the State Board of Missions, introduced Joe Butler of Orange Park and chairperson, Florida Baptist Historical Society. Mr. Butler made a presentation of the Society's annual “Heritage Award” to Mrs. Judith Lee Richbourg Jolly for her exceptional work, researching and chronicling Florida Baptist history. A video highlighting Mrs. Jolly's research and writing career was shown. Mrs. Jolly, of Dade City, responded with brief comments of appreciation.

**(17) RECOMMENDATION 16: Adoption of One Hundred and Thirtieth Annual Report of the State Board of Missions** (pg 75) was presented. There was no discussion. A vote by show of ballots was taken. Recommendation No. 16 was adopted.

**49. Election of Officers (First Vice-President):** State Convention President John Cross called for nominations for Convention first vice-president. Ryan Begue, pastor and messenger, First Church, Esto, nominated Joel Briedenbaugh, pastor, First Church of Sweetwater, Longwood, for first vice-president. There were no other nominees. A vote by show of hands was taken. The motion carried. Joel Briedenbaugh was declared First Vice President, Florida Baptist State Convention, for the year 2010-2011. [See items 37, 52, and 53.]

**50. Memorial Service:** Presiding officer John Cross introduced a video presentation which paid tribute to Florida Baptist pastors and other ministers who had died during the past year after having successfully served the Lord and had “graduated to glory.” The video listed the names, churches, and last association in which the deceased pastors and ministers had served. The following were the persons honored:

#### BIG LAKE ASSOCIATION

**Thomas Capell:** More than 50 years of Christian ministry, having served ten Florida Baptist churches, one North Carolina Baptist church, and was Director of Missions, Big Lake Association.

#### BEULAH ASSOCIATION

**Carson Brittain:** 70 years of Christian ministry, that included service to Baptist churches in Florida, Georgia, England, the Netherlands and Indonesia.

#### BREVARD ASSOCIATION

**Joe Mutter:** More than 25 years of Christian ministry that included service to four Florida Baptist churches.

#### EMERALD COAST FELLOWSHIP (Association)

**Terry Floyd:** 33 years of Christian ministry including service in one Florida Baptist church.

#### GULF STREAM ASSOCIATION

**Antonio Arango:** 39 years of Christian ministry, which included serving four Florida Baptist churches.

#### JACKSONVILLE ASSOCIATION

**Robert S. Cook:** 37 years of Christian ministry, including service as the Director, Church Training Department and the Family Life Department, Florida Baptist Convention.

**Ken Dyal:** More than 25 years of Christian ministry, having served two Florida Baptist churches.

**Richard Martin Barber:** More than 60 years of Christian ministry, having served five Florida Baptist churches; served as the

director of missions for two Florida Baptist Associations; and jointly served as the Annuity Director on behalf of the GuideStone Financial Services-SBC, assigned to the Florida Baptist Convention.

**Danny George:** More than 40 years of Christian ministry, having served one Florida Baptist church.

**Bryan Turner:** 15 years of Christian ministry, including several Florida Baptist churches.

#### MANATEE ASSOCIATION

**William S. Martin:** 50 years of Christian ministry, having served three Florida Baptist churches.

#### MIAMI ASSOCIATION

**Adalberto Fernandez:** More than 50 years of Christian ministry, having served one Florida Baptist church.

**Calvin Thomas:** 19 years of Christian ministry, having served one Florida Baptist church.

#### ORANGE BLOSSOM ASSOCIATION

**Jim Williams:** 30 years of Christian service, having served two Florida Baptist churches.

#### PALM LAKE ASSOCIATION

**Kenneth Evans:** 50 years of Christian ministry, having served three Florida Baptist churches, as well as Baptist churches in Texas, California and Louisiana.

#### ROYAL PALM ASSOCIATION

**Jerome Gaspard Matheus:** 64 years of Christian ministry, having served Baptist churches in Florida and Haiti.

#### SANTA FE RIVER ASSOCIATION

**William Pruitt:** 31 years of Christian ministry, including service to three Florida Baptist churches.

#### SANTA ROSA ASSOCIATION

**Gary E. Laird:** 29 years of Christian ministry, having served Baptist churches in Florida, Texas and Alabama.

#### SOUTHWEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

**Jacques P. Guiteau:** 22 years of Christian ministry, including service to two Florida Baptist churches.

#### SUMTER ASSOCIATION

**Wilson E. Smith:** More than 40 years of Christian ministry, having served Baptist churches in Florida and Georgia.

#### SUNCOAST ASSOCIATION

**Elmer Davis:** More than 50 years of Christian ministry, having served Baptist churches in Florida and Illinois.

#### SUWANNEE ASSOCIATION

**Van Freeman:** Several years of Christian ministry that included serving one Florida Baptist church.

#### TAMPA BAY ASSOCIATION

**James T. Dunnam:** More than 50 years of Christian ministry, having served six Florida Baptist churches.

#### WALTON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

**Glen Spence:** 55 years of Christian ministry, having served three Florida Baptist churches.

**J. Daniel Johnson:** 10 years of Christian ministry including service to one Florida Baptist church.

At the conclusion of the video presentation, President John Cross led in prayer.

**51. Missions Partners – Florida and Haiti:** The presiding officer