

Faith

Tribute to a local resident

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If you live in Winnsboro, the name of Harold E. Douglas Jr. is a familiar one.

Winnsboro lost this friend of the community when Douglas, more affectionately known as "Pops," died Saturday surrounded by his grandchildren.

Douglas was born March 12, 1922 and was a beloved son, brother, father, great-granddaddy, uncle, cousin and friend to many Winnsboro and Fairfield County residents.

He served in the Navy during World War II, and his long-time service to many organizations in the community; such as the Lion's Club, American Legion, Jaycees, Masons and Jamil Temple, speaks volumes about the person he truly was.



Douglas was a charter member of the local rescue squad, a member of the Moose Lodge and of the Scottish Rite for more than 50 years.

Douglas was also a well-respected merchant in town as the owner of the Carolina Furniture Company on Congress Street, where he faithfully could be found almost any day until a few weeks prior to his death.

He was a bail bondsman,

real estate broker, a member of the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce and lived his life with the utmost integrity.

Pop's kindness to his family and friends will be remembered and cherished the most.

His family says that all these qualities made him a wonderful, extraordinary human being — and he will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

The family extends sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation to Vickie Burrell for her love, care and friendship as his caregiver during the past several years.

Along with Burrell, they also expressed thanks to

Sarah Gibbes and Pearly Lyles for the special care of Douglas during the past few weeks.

Thanks also go to his brother Tommy and wife, Carole, for their love and support as his neighbors and friends.

The family says that with the love from these wonderful people, family and hospice care, "Pops is at home with the lord and now at peace."

Services were held Tuesday at Gordon Memorial United Methodist Church.

Pallbearers included Dewight Cooper, Alan Dale, Brad Douglas, Jarrett Douglas, David Swearingen and Jackie Wilkes; with honorary pallbearers W.T. Barefoot, Jessie Lee Douglas, Richard Holmes, Sheriff Herman Young, Tim Wilkes, John Watson and Roger Haney.



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