

Wendell Holmes

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BRUNSWICK FUNERAL HOME OWNER, MANAGER DIES. RITES THURSDAY

Funeral services for Wendell P. Holmes of Brunswick, who died Friday at his home, will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday in the Grace United Methodist Church with the pastor officiating.

Interment will follow at Greenwood Cemetery.

The son of a Methodist minister, he was born in Forsyth but spent most of his life in Brunswick. He was a funeral director for more than 50 years, and established funeral service firms in Statesboro and Brunswick.

He was the owner and manager of the Brunswick Funeral Home for more than 40 years, and until his retirement had been a partner in Holmes and West Funeral Home of Jacksonville.

He was a member, past president and served as chaplain of the Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association and helped reactivate the Second District of the state association. He organized the Brunswick Local Funeral Service Practitioners Association. He was a member of the Beautiful Light Charity Club and a member of a number of civic organizations, including the Glynn County Civic League, Advisory Board of the Salvation Army and Board of Directors of the State Department of Family and Children Services for Glynn County. He held a governor's appointment to the Advisory Council to the State Department of Administrative Services, Purchasing and Supplies Division.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Williams Holmes, a son, Wendell P. Holmes, Jr., two sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Shealy and Mrs. Willie Jackson; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Brunswick Funeral Home and West Funeral Home of Jacksonville, Fla. are in charge of arrangements.