



JOHN ALEXANDER DOWNEY

December 25, 1914 - February 9, 2012

John Alexander Downey, 97, of Pleasant Grove passed away Thursday, February 9, 2012. He was born December 25, 1914, in Meridian, Mississippi, to John James Downey and Jewel Joiner Downey. He was a faithful, lifelong member of Central Park Baptist Church, and more recently Bethel Baptist Church. Mr. Downey retired from Alabama Power Company after more than 35 years' service. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, a devoted brother, uncle and friend. He leaves behind many family members and friends who admired and loved him for his sweet disposition, kindness, and caring heart. The life he lived served as an example to all who knew him. John was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Rae Downey; and granddaughter, Stephanie Anne Lewis. He is survived by his wife, Betty Downey; and daughter, Suzanne Lewis (Jerry). He is also survived by granddaughter, Carla, and great-granddaughter, Veronica; one brother, Clark Downey, and one sister, Bebe Downey Willoughby; and many neices and nephews. Visitation will be at People's Chapel Funeral Home, on Monday, February 13, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00. The funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m., with Rev. Rick Cato and Dr. Levan Parker officiating. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetary. In leiu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to a favorite charity.