

Rev. Russell E. Spence

LEWISBURG — The Rev. Russell E. Spence, 75, died Friday, April 16, 1999, in a Fairlea medical center following a long illness.

Born Feb. 19, 1924, in Itmann, he was the son of the late Floyd S. and Myrtle Meador Spence.

The Rev. Spence was a retired minister and retired miner. He was a member of the Appalachian Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, Dublin, Va., and was a World War II veteran, having served as an anti-aircraft artillery personnel.

He was an ordained minister in the Pentecostal Holiness Church. He joined the Virginia Conference, now known as the

Appalachian Conference, in August 1959. He pastored churches in Virginia and West Virginia. He pastored in the Tazewell and Shenandoah areas of Virginia, and at Gary, Big Four and Caldwell in West Virginia.

The Rev. Spence had lived in Lewisburg since 1990, having pastored and lived in Caldwell for 18 years.

Survivors include his wife, Reba B. Spence; two daughters, Clinda Joy Brackman Weeks and her husband, Harold Lewis, of Covington, Va., and Sandra Defibaugh and her husband, William Everette, of Lewisburg; two sisters, Edna Taylor and Lorraine Crane, both of Ridgeway, Va.; and three grandchildren, Stephen and Jonathan Brackman, and Elizabeth DeVito and her husband, Ray.

Services will be 2 p.m. Sunday at Caldwell Pentecostal Holiness Church with the Revs. Cleveland Harrison, Everett Definbaugh and Edward Wood and Mr. Paul Boggs officiating. Burial will follow in Rosewood Cemetery.

Friends may call 7 to 9 p.m. today at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home, Lewisburg.

Arrangements by Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home, Lewisburg.