Rev. Billy Ray Matheney Obt.

COOKEVILLE -- Funeral services for , 70, of Cookeville will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14, from the chapel of Cookeville Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 5-9 p.m. today, Tuesday, April 13, at the funeral home.

Rev. Matheney died on Monday, April 12, 2004, at his home after an extended illness.

He was born on March 1, 1934, in Putnam County to the late Joseph Robert and Theo Dosha Matheney.

He was retired from the City of Cookeville. He was a veteran of the Navy and Air Force. Rev. Matheney was the pastor at Douglas Chapel Baptist Church in Putnam County.

His family includes his wife of 47 years, Johnnie Pearl Matheney of Cookeville; a son and daughter-in-law, Johnny Joe and Melanie Matheney of Cookeville; brothers and sisters, Clyde Lee Matheney, Mary Alice Williams, Roy Harold Matheney, Dosha Lane and Joe (Basil) Matheney; two grandsons, Justin and Jarred Matheney, both of Cookeville; his mother-in-law, Mattie Mackie; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Cindral Dean (Cindy) Matheney; brothers and sisters, Timothy Calvin (T.C.), Wilma, Bobby Joe, Benton, Cornelus (Neal) and Marshal Matheney, Fannie Mae Jones and Cecil Jones; and his father-in-law, John Mackie.

Pallbearers will be Joe Hammons, Raymond Tallent, Billy Joe, Harold, Justin Tyler and Jarred Austin Matheney and Michael and Robert Williams.

Memorial donations may be made to Douglas Chapel Church, c/o Raymond Tallent, 6632 Spring Creek Rd., Cookeville, TN 38506.

Bros. Danny Allen and Clyde (Chub) Matheney and son Jo-Jo Matheney will officiate at the services.

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It broke my heart to lose you. But you didn't go alone. Part of me went with you. The day God called you home.

A million times I've needed you. A million tears I've cried. If love alone could've saved you. You never would have died.

In life I loved you dearly. In death I love you still. In my heart you held a place. No one else will fill.

Love you always and will miss you the rest of my life. Wife Johnnie Matheney

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