



## Rev. Leon Mitchell Jeffords

September 14, 1933 - November 17, 2018

Rev. Leon Mitchell Jeffords, age 85, of Douglasville, went to his heavenly home, Saturday, November 17, 2018 surrounded by family after a brief illness and stay at Wellstar Douglas Hospital. He was born September 14, 1933 in Timmonsville, SC, the son of the late William Albert Jeffords Sr. and Maude Ward Jeffords.

As a young pastor he enjoyed spending time as a church camp counselor. He was a favorite square dance caller both at church and neighborhood events. He had a competitive spirit in all sports, but particularly as the First Presbyterian Church women's softball coach and men's softball ace first baseman. He enjoyed golfing, hunting, and fishing. He never missed watching the Georgia Bulldogs and the Atlanta Braves. He cherished time with his family during family vacations, holidays, and Sunday lunch. After graduating from Presbyterian College and Columbia Theological Seminary, he served churches in Alabama and South Carolina. In 1969 he began serving as pastor at First Presbyterian Church Douglasville where he faithfully served for 29 years. He also served his community in many ways including Wellstar Douglas Hospital chaplain, Ministerial Association, Retardation Association, Good Samaritan Center, Homeless Shelter, Library Board, and Kiwanis Club. In addition he was honored as Douglas County Citizen of the Year and by the Georgia House of Representatives. He also served his country in the Air Force during the Korean War.

In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by two brothers, Jeff Jeffords and Herbert Jeffords.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Betty Jeffords, daughters and sons-in-law; Beverly and Tom Butler, Patsy and Jerry Johnston, Libby and Joe Wilbanks, grandchildren; Will Rice (Harmony), Ben Butler (Alison), Polly Grauso (Chris), Ally Dawson; great grandchildren; Baby-to-be Rice, Ella and Evie Butler, JT and Mitchell Grauso; sister, Ann Wright (Bill); brother, Tommy Jeffords (Carol); as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, November 21, 2018 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM at The Jeffords Center at First Presbyterian Church of Douglasville. Memorial Services will be conducted Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at 1:00 PM from First Presbyterian Church of Douglasville. In lieu of flowers the family asks that contributions be made to The

Leon Jeffords Memorial Fund at First Presbyterian Church, 9190 Campbellton Street,  
Douglasville, GA 30134.

Messages of condolences may be sent to the family at [www.jones-wynn.com](http://www.jones-wynn.com). Jones-  
Wynn Funeral Home and Crematory in Douglasville are in charge of the arrangements.  
770-942-2311

# Events

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**NOV** **Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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First Presbyterian Church of Douglasville  
9190 Campbellton Street, Douglasville, GA, US

**NOV** **Memorial Service** 01:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Leon Jeffords walked this earth as a true servant of our Lord. He set an example that we should all follow: "Love, Kindness, Forgiveness and Grace immediately come to mind. He always had a smile to offer. He will be missed, but always remembered.

**Vikki Hutto** - November 25, 2018 at 08:42 AM

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“ Leon was a very special man and it was a privilege to know him. He guided me through my early spiritual walk, baptized me and my two sons, supported me when I was at my lowest, lifted me up in prayer and freely shared his smile and wonderful hugs. I will be eternally grateful that I knew him. He has touched innumerable lives in such a positive way. He will be missed but I have no doubt he is sitting at the feet of our Lord, healed and surrounded by such beauty and love! Cheryl Buck

**Cheryl Buck** - November 20, 2018 at 08:17 PM

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“ I'll always value the friendship Pastor Leon extended to my parents when our "yankee" family moved to Douglasville and became Presbyterian! He was one of the kindest gentlemen I've ever known. Sending love and condolences to the Jeffords family.

**Wendy Hill Sanchez** - November 20, 2018 at 02:12 PM

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“ As one travels through life we sometimes are fortunate to have mentors come alongside us and guides us down life's difficult paths. Our family was fortunate enough to have Leon Jeffords gently and lovingly guide us down our spiritual road. For that we will always be grateful. He is now and for all eternity surrounded by unimaginable beauty and Christ's endless love. God bless you and thank you! Ron and Linda Scroggy

**Ron Scroggy** - November 20, 2018 at 09:24 AM

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“ Florence Pinkerton lit a candle in memory of Rev. Leon Mitchell Jeffords



**Florence Pinkerton** - November 20, 2018 at 01:00 AM

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“ I admired Leon Jeffords so much. He was my mentor in the faith but most importantly he was my friend. I was ordained as an Elder at age 20 and I remember Leon praying with me before we went out into the sanctuary. He then handed me a book and said, “you are going to do great things.” At one Christmas Eve service at Tallapoosa Presbyterian Church, he kept asking, “what are we to do with the babe that will be born in Bethlehem? Will we pack him away with our decorations or will we let him be the light of our world, shining in our hearts all the year long?” I have held this with me every Christmas since. There are so many things I could say about Leon but I will end by releasing him in my mind from the Church of Jesus Christ on Earth to the Church Triumphant in Heaven. I hold you all in prayer. I enjoyed serving under Leon’s moderation of our session, I loved playing the hymns that he picked out each time he preached, and I am forever changed because of his ministry to a young Presbyterian. Much love and prayers for you all.

**Bryant Hand** - November 19, 2018 at 11:52 AM

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“ My heart is breaking for your family. Such a sweet, gentle spirit, no longer do we have him here walking beside us, but we know that we will be with him in Eternity. He has finished his race, a what a job well done. I pray God’s peace and comfort be with each of you.

**Debbie Mayfield** - November 18, 2018 at 01:14 PM



“ My prayers are with all the family. Reverend Jeffords always treated me with respect even when I was undeserving. What a gentle spirit. God Bless. Chuck Hendrix

**Chuck Hendrix** - November 20, 2018 at 04:26 PM



“ Always there for me and my family through the years.

Love to all the family

Kay Orr

**Kay Orr** - November 21, 2018 at 12:50 PM