



Foster Tedder

January 28, 1910 - November 28, 2004

Funeral services for Murray Foster Tedder, 94, will be held at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 30, 2004 at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery. The Rev. Kenneth W. Phelps will officiate and Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is in charge. Memorials may be made to Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 56, Lydia, SC 29079.

Mr. Tedder died Sunday, November 28, 2004. Born in Darlington Co., SC, he was a son of the late William Thomas and Maybelle Andrews Tedder. He had been married sixty-two years to his high school sweetheart Thelma Elizabeth Norwood when she died in 1992.

During the 1970s and 1980s, Foster and Thelma became widely known as the "ones near Lydia and Oates with all of the outdoor Christmas lights." Before the trend of displaying expansive outdoor Christmas lights was popular, they shared their love of Christmas excitement by transforming their country home and yard into a winter wonderland with thousands of twinkling white lights amid delightful sounds of Christmas music.

A true southern gentleman who enjoyed farming, Foster also was one of the first in his community to own and utilize a tractor to break and plow land in the 1940s, and a self-propelled tobacco harvester in the early 1950s.

Surviving are his daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy and T. Bruce Smith, II of

Bishopville, SC; brother, Stanford Tedder; sisters, Odelia Moulton and Gladys Beckham; grandchildren, Kimberly Elizabeth and Brian Vogt of Winter Park, FL, Fostina D'Laine and Jimmy Walsh of Green Sea, SC, Foster Fritzgerald and Dona Smith of Bishopville, SC; great-grandchildren, Amanda "Mandy" Vogt, John Vogt, Margaret "Peggy" Vogt, Mary Catherine Smith Littleton, Juliana Kay Williams, Thomas Bruce "Drew" Smith, Chase Fritzgerald Smith, Tyler Anthony Smith, Jetsen Donald Smith.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Cole, Howard, and Bonnie; grandson, Thomas "Thres" Bruce (wife Marian) Smith, III, who died in 1986.