



## James Allen Maples

May 14, 1926 - November 7, 2017

Rev. James Allen Maples passed away November 7, 2017 at age 91. He was born May 14, 1926 to Samuel Edgar and Mary Lucy Maples at Toney, (Madison County) Alabama. He is survived by his wife, Ernestine Maples; two daughters, Robin Lynn Maples and Sharon Kay (Barry) Craiger; two grandchildren, James Adam (Jennifer) Craiger and Preston Craiger; two great grandchildren, James Luke and Samuel Aaron Craiger; and one sister, Roberta Tew. He was preceded in death by his parents and nine siblings. He was the proud son and grandson of Methodist ministers. He also had three brothers who were ministers, Joseph, Malcolm and John Wesley. Rev. Maples was a graduate of Birmingham Southern College and Southern Methodist University. He retired in 1989 from the United Methodist Church after serving as pastor for forty years. The family wishes to express their appreciation to his sister, Carla and to Teresa and William of Comfort Care Hospice. Visitation will be Friday, November 10, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at The New Gardendale Funeral Home with service to follow in the chapel at 2:00 p.m. and burial at Moncrief Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Birmingham Southern College.