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Earl Worthington 94, lived a life that was permeated by his faith in God and his intent to live out that faith in every area of his experience.

Earl was born and raised in Georgia, graduated from Berry College, Rome, GA and did graduate work in NC State and Iowa State University where he obtained his PhD. His educational focus was as a research Biochemist, employed at the University of Georgia Experiment Station in Griffin, GA but his great occupational interest was in agriculture - specifically in growing Christmas Trees on his choose & cut farm in Hampton, GA. He loved seeing the friends and families who came to make a tradition of cutting a fresh Christmas tree from the farm each year.

Earl leaves behind his wife of 63 years, Esther (Lubberts) Worthington, their three children; sons - Robert, wife Cindy, and John; daughter Brenda Messick and husband Tim, along with three granddaughters, Kaylin Worthington, Anna Messick, Aerin Messick and four great grandchildren, Treylin, Kayne, Abiel and Kash. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Donna Bond as well as numerous loving cousins, nieces and nephews.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents, Pinkney Franklin and Mary Ruth Worthington, a sister Margaret Louise Worthington, brothers Joseph Franklin and Alvin Ray Worthington and Earl's only grandson, Adrian Worthington.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 PM, Thursday, March 16th, 2023 in the Chapel of First Baptist Church Jonesboro with Dr. Charles Q. Carter

officiating. Burial will follow at Camp Memorial Park in Fayetteville. The family will receive friends from 5-7 PM, Wednesday, March 15th, 2023 at the funeral home and from 1-1:30 PM prior to the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution in memory of Earl to the Robert Adrian Worthington Memorial Scholarship at Berry College, Rome, GA, or to Southwest Christian Hospice, or to a charity of your choice.