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Dixie pioneer was church clerk

A member of one of Dixie's pioneer families has died.

James Ivan Death (pronounced Deeth), 88, died Saturday of heart complications. Ivan Death's family emigrated from England in 1831 and the family later settled in Dixie.

Born on the site of the Long Branch rifle ranges,

Death lived in Dixie and Orchard Heights for most of his life. He worked for many years for Imperial Life Assurance before retiring in 1973.

Death was a long-time active member of Dixie Presbyterian Church where he served as clerk of session for three decades. He was related, through marriage to many of the founding families of the Dixie area including the Palletts, Watsons, and Clarksons.

Death is survived by his wife Dorothy, brothers Arthur and Lindsay, sons Robert and Marshall, and grandchildren Michael, Shaun, Cori and Jason.

A memorial service is being held today at 2 p.m. at Dixie Presbyterian Church, 3065 Cawthra Rd.