

**Rt. Rev. Harry Woolston Shipps**, DD SAVANNAH, GA The Right Reverend Harry Woolston Shipps, 90, Episcopal bishop of Georgia (retired), died on Nov. 17, 2016, at The Marshes at Skidaway Island, GA. Harry Woolston Shipps was consecrated bishop in 1984 by the Most Reverend John M. Allin, primate of The Episcopal Church, on the Feast of the Epiphany, in Christ Church, Savannah, GA. Bishop Shipps served as bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of Georgia, becoming diocesan bishop upon his predecessor's retirement in February of 1985. Born on Jan. 28, 1926, in Bordentown, NJ, Bishop Shipps was a choir boy and acolyte in his home parish, Christ Church. He attended local schools and Bordentown Military Institute. In January of 1946, he graduated from the New York State Maritime Academy, serving as an officer in the U.S. Merchant Marines, then in the U.S. Navy from 1953 to 1955, stationed in Savannah. In 1953 he married Louise Huntington Rosenberger of Lexington, Mass., and they had four children, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Bishop Shipps received his theological education at the School of Theology of the University of the South, Sewanee, TN, graduating in 1958. The Rt. Rev, Albert Rhett Stuart, bishop of Georgia, ordained him deacon, and in 1959 he was ordained to the priesthood. In the Diocese of Georgia, Bishop Shipps served St. Mark's Albany, Church of the Holy Apostles in Savannah, and was rector of St. Alban's, Augusta, GA, from 1970 until his election as bishop in 1983. In 1986, he received an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from the University of the South, where he also served on the board of trustees. During his years as a priest of the Diocese of Georgia, Bishop Shipps served in many capacities in the diocese and nationally in the Episcopal Church. Active in the civil rights movement in the 1950's and 1960's, he was a member of the Georgia Council on Human Relations, the NAACP, and Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity. Upon retirement as

Georgia diocesan in January of 1995, Bishop Shipps served the Diocese of Dallas, TX, as assisting bishop for portions of four years. He was a chaplain of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, member of the Compass Rose Society of the Anglican Communion, an associate of the Order of the Holy Cross, member of the U.S. Naval Institute and the Navy League of the United States. In retirement, he served annually during May for 10 years as chaplain of the House of the Redeemer in New York City, NY, and served on the staff of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Savannah. Surviving are Louise Shipps, his wife of 63 years; children, Ruth Shipps, Susan Anderson (Daniel), Rebecca Eidson (Gary), David Shipps (Sydney); grandchildren, Carol Lewis, Katie Lucas (Jordan), Spencer McGuire, Kristin Campbell (Richard), Joshua Anderson (Cami), Hunter Eidson, Abigail Shipps, David Shipps Jr.; and great-grandchildren, Lucas Campbell, Riley Campbell, and Oliver Lucas.