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The Rev. Finis J. Dake Sr., publisher of Dake's Annotated Reference Bible

The Rev. Finis J. Dake Sr. of Lawrenceville, publisher of Dake's Annotated Reference Bible, died Tuesday at his home. He was 84.

The funeral was Wednesday at Lawrenceville Church of God with burial at Gwinnett Memorial Park.

The Rev. Dake, a non-denominational minister, headed Dake Bible Sales of Lawrenceville and produced the 1963 reference Bible that bears his name. His notes and comment accompany Scripture verses. The work resulted from "100,000 hours" of Bible study, according to a company biography.

"Thousands" of churchgoers carry and use the Dake Bible, according to Warren Roberts of WSSA radio, a Christian music station in Morrow.

In the 1950s, the Rev. Dake appeared on a radio program on WGST in Atlanta and demonstrated a "cover-to-cover" knowledge of the

Bible, according to a spokesman for the station.

The Rev. Dake also wrote four other books — "God's Plan for Man," "The Rapture and Second Coming of Christ," "Revelations Expounded" and "Bible Truths Unmasked."

Finis Jennings Dake was born Oct. 18, 1902, in Miller County, Mo. As a young man, he worked as a cowboy, according to a relative.

His wife, Mrs. Dorothy Dobbins Dake, died at the age of 84 in February.

Surviving are a son, Finis J. Dake Jr. of Lawrenceville; two daughters, Mrs. Finetta Kennedy and Mrs. Anna Beth Germaine, both of Lawrenceville; a brother, John Dake of California; two sisters, Mrs. Nancy Hughes of Salt Lake City and Mrs. Stella Durbin of Stockbridge; nine grandchildren; and nine greatgrandchildren.