

Mr. Ashe

Ralph M. Ashe, 89, of Sylva, died Sunday, May 21, in C.J. Harris Community Hospital.

A lifelong resident of Jackson county, he retired from the Department of Transportation and belonged to Dodging Ridge Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Essie A. Ashe, of Canton; stepmother, Florence Ashe of Sylva; two sons, Charles Ashe of Cathlamet, Wash., and Ralph Ashe Jr. of Roseburg, Wash.; seven daughters, Lorena Ensley of Sylva; Bea Parker of Brevard, Parlene Brown of Darrington, Wash., Geraldine Parker of Cathlamet, Wash., Barbara Phillips of Tuckasegee, Carolyn Fish of Canton and Linda Atwell of Swannanoa; two brothers, Early Ashe of Franklin and Asbury Ashe of Sylva; a sister, Bernice Smith of Sylva; 32 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m., on Tuesday, May 23, in the chapel of Moody Funeral Home. Rev. Tommy Ashe and Rev. Jack Breedlove will officiate. Burial will be in Fairview Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends from 7-8:30 p.m. on Monday, May 22, at the funeral home.