

## **Harry Chase Babb**

Harry Chase Babb, 75, of Cullowhee, passed away Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, after a lengthy illness.

Born in Knoxville, Tenn., he was the son of the late Charles Homer Babb Sr. and Mary Leta Blackburn Babb. He was preceded in death by his eldest son, Aubrey Alan Babb, and son, Robert Lynn Babb, and a brother, Charles H. Babb.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and was an instructor in analog/digital computers. After leaving the Air Force, he became employed with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and was a recipient of the Million Dollar Round Table in his first year with MET. He was named the manager of the Miami Shores district and earned many other sales awards.

In 1968, he moved his family to their current home near Cashiers, was an agent for N.C. Farm Bureau briefly before being asked to serve as the branch manager of the new Wachovia Bank in Cashiers. He started his own Independent Insurance Agency in Cashiers. He was instrumental in the formation of the Cashiers annual Christmas parade and the Cashiers Area Chamber of Commerce, which he served as it's first president in 1982. He served as the PTO president at Blue Ridge School, fundraiser for the new Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and was active in community affairs. In 2002, he and his wife sold CIA, Inc. to his surviving children and retired.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Jorita Rosalie Porter Babb; a son, Michael D. Babb; two daughters, Deborah B. Hicks and husband Ralph Wally Hicks and Carla B. Tucker and husband Chris Tucker, all of Cashiers; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m., in the Chapel of Macon Funeral Home. Revs. Johnny Norris and Everett Wilson will officiate.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, from 6 to 7 p.m., prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Glenville-Cashiers Rescue Squad, the Cashiers-Glenville Volunteer Fire Department or Hospice.

Macon Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences are available by visiting [www.maconfuneralhome.com](http://www.maconfuneralhome.com).

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