

**Gordon Lewis Baker**

Gordon Lewis Baker, 66, of Bill Carver Road, Franklin, passed away Wednesday, April 13, 2005.

A native of Jackson County, he was the son of the late Frank Benjamin and Virginia Beaver Baker.

He was a vocational school teacher, a U.S. Air Force veteran and a member of Junaluskee Masonic Lodge. He was a member of Windy Gap Baptist Church, the Baptist Men's Association and went on several mission trips. He enjoyed fishing, woodworking and reading, the family said.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Juanita Smith Baker; two daughters, Trudy B. Wood of Franklin and Tracy Baker of Candler; one son, Benjamin J. Baker of Sarasota, Fla.; and one brother, Wallace Baker of Salisbury; and two grandsons, Peyton and Parker Wood.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 16, at 11 a.m., at Windy Gap Baptist Church. Rev. Mark Bishop and Rev. Gregg Rogers officiated.

Burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Bobby Baker, Clem Henry, Kenny Wood, Seth Guest, John Clingerman and Billy Hughes. Honorary pallbearers were Ray Tallent, Roy Tippet, Mike Gibson, R.L. Roper and Edgar Younce. The Franklin VFW Post 7339 and American Legion Post 108 conducted military graveside rites.

The family received friends Friday, April 15, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Angel Hospice, 170 Church St., Franklin, NC 28734.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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