

Verna "Mildred" Baliles, 71, of Franklin, passed away Monday, Oct. 16, 2006.

A native of St. Petersburg, Fla., she was the daughter of Verna Mildred Thomas and the late Fabian Grover Thomas. In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Wilbur and Gene Thomas.

Mildred was a secretary for the family business; graduated from Mercer College; was a member of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, where she played the piano and loved to sing.

In addition to her mother, Verna Mildred Thomas of Crystal River, Fla., she is survived by her husband of 49 years, Robert James Baliles; three children, Thomas James Baliles of Franklin, Robert Adam Baliles of Asheville and Marianne Baliles of Franklin; five grandchildren, Josh, Leah, Faith, Aaron and Caleb Baliles; and eight nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 19, at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church. Rev. Ron Odum and worship leader Dr. Bruce Tanner officiated. Burial was in the Woodlawn Cemetery.

The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, at Macon Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, 70 Trimont Veiw Dr., Franklin, NC 28734.

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