

## ***Mr. Banks***

Ervin J. Banks, 79, formerly of Franklin, died Sunday, June 9. He was born in Lenoir County to James E. and Rosa Lee Banks who preceded him in death. He retired from the Hertz Rental Company where he worked most of his life as a diesel mechanic. He was a veteran of WWII having served in the U.S. Navy. Mr. Banks was a member of the DAV.

He is survived by sons, Gary Banks and his wife, Alma, of Sanford, James E. Banks and his wife, Pat, of Sanford, Melvin Privette and his wife, Cathy, of Creedmoor; daughters Faith Hawkins and her husband, Ronda of Rocky Mount, Paulette Bradberry of Louisburg, Ann Mitchell of Creedmoor, Marlene Privette of Raleigh, Daphene Holder and her husband, Billy, of Ellerbe, and Lorraine Richardson and her husband, Steve, of Wendell; 24 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and many brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

His wife, Audry, of more than 40 years, a son, Ronnie Banks, and two grandsons predeceased Mr. Banks.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, June 11, at Montlawn Chapel in Raleigh. Interment with military honors was at Montlawn Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

Montlawn Funeral Home in Raleigh was in charge of arrangements.