

Lawrence W. Banther, 85, of Mountain City, died Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2005, at Angel Medical Center in Franklin N.C.

He was born Sept. 19, 1920, in Rosman, N.C., to Dock Leo and Betha Patterson Banther.

He retired as a supervisor with Burlington Industries. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He also was a member of Blue Heights Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia Cloer Banther.

Survivors include: three sons and daughters-in-law, Bobby and Beverly Banther of Franklin, N.C., Dr. Barry and Janie Banther of Tarpon Springs, Fla., and Larry and Mary Banther of Lake City, Fla.; a daughter and son-in-law, Ginger and Lewis Morrell of Montana; two sisters, Jan Van Buren of Mountain City and Anne Keller of Marietta; a brother, Curt Banther of Brevard, N.C.; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Sunday at Blue Heights Baptist Church with Dr. Barry Banther officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Hunter Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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