
Mr. Barker

James Stanley Barker, 85, of Franklin, died Monday, Sept. 21, at a local hospital.

He was a native of Swain County, the son of the late Arthur Winchester and Minnie Etta Lindsay Barker. He was a coppersmith, carpenter and cabinetmaker.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Anniebell Barker Greene and Vonnie Barker; and two brothers, Virgil and Verlus Barker.

He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Akins Barker of Franklin; four daughters, Judith Ellen Essen of Loveland, Colo., Joanne Elizabeth Cloer of Franklin, Jeannette Faye Overman of Brevard, and Tina Marie Wynn of Gladewater; one son, James Arthur Barker of Franklin; four sisters, Ethel Ann Davis of Candler, Bertie Beatrice Fox of Asheville, Velva Barker of Candler, and Edna Ora Lee Stuart of Charlotte; one brother, Alvin Edgar Barker of Newport News, Va.; 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Sept. 25, at 4 p.m., at Patton United Methodist Church, with Revs. Andy Cloer, Bobby Cloer and Keith Newell officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Mark Wynn, Danjel Ray, Shawn Kaminski, Jonathan Overman, Gary Holland and Eric Wynn.

The family will receive friends Friday, Sept. 25, from 3-4 p.m. at Patton United Methodist Church. The body will remain at Bryant Funeral Home until placed in the church one hour prior to the service.

Bryant Funeral is in charge of arrangements.

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