

Francis Vivian Bass, 94, of Dillard, died Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2005, at Mountain Lakes Medical Center.

He worked in the dairy industry for many years. He started a dairy cooperative in Tampa, Fla., and built the first milk plant in Quitman. He also built a motel and restaurant in Quitman. Upon retiring, he moved to Rabun County and built a number of commercial buildings and houses.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Pope Bass, and sisters Marian Carmichael, Margaret Garrett and Elizabeth Manny.

Survivors include: his wife, Judy Ashburn Bass of Dillard; a daughter, Dana Chwan of Santa Fe, N.M.; two sons, John Bass of Lithia Springs and Paul Bass of Columbia S.C.; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Darren and Irene Bagley-Heath of Osterville, Mass.; two grandchildren, Michele Wayland and husband Eric of Buena Vista, Colo., and Jennifer Bass of Columbia, Mo.; three stepgrandchildren, Dakota Sweet, Calum Bagley-Heath and Niki Bagley-Heath; a brother-in-law, James Ashburn and wife Sylvia of Daytona Beach Fla.; and a sister-in-law, Delores and husband Walter Astringer of Rabun Gap.

A memorial service was held Tuesday at Estatoah Wayfarers Chapel. A celebration of his life followed at his home.

Beck Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. An online memorial register is available at [www.beckfuneralhome.com](http://www.beckfuneralhome.com).

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