

Maria Alice Speed Beck, 77, of Clayton, died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005, at Northeast Georgia Medical Center.

She was a lifelong resident of Rabun County. She worked at Clayburne Manufacturing as an inspector before retiring. She was a member of Antioch Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by: her parents, Jefferson O. and Alice Goble Speed; her husband, Jefferson Davis Beck Jr.; a son, Jefferson Davis "Ned" Beck III; three brothers, Frank Speed, Horace Speed and Ray Speed; five sisters, Grace Galloway, May Galloway, Lassie Marcus, Laura Page and Rosa Roberts.

Survivors include: a son, John Samuel Beck of Clayton; a daughter, Wanda Beck Dunn of Tallulah Falls; a brother, George Speed of Clayton; a sister, Ethel Roberts of Covington; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Beck Funeral Home chapel with the Revs. Larry Cannon, James Turpen and Lee Krivsky officiating. Burial followed at Antioch Methodist Church Cemetery in Clayton.

Memorial donations may be made to Antioch Methodist Church.

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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