

Sgt. Bengtson

Retired Sgt. R. J. (Bob) Bengtson, 59, of Franklin, died Sunday, Nov. 22, at a local hospital.

He was a native of Dade County, Fla., the son of the late Hilding and Leelah Morris Bengtson. He was a retired sergeant with the N.C. Highway Patrol, having served 25 years. He was a Master Mason and a member of the Fraternal Order of Police. He was a member and deacon of Franklin First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Karen Bailey Bengtson; a daughter, Lisa B. Ochsner of Franklin; two sons, Robert H. Bengtson of Pelham, and Airman 2nd Class Frederick E. Bengtson of Ramstein AFB, Germany; biological mother Dolores Sterthman of Franklin, and one granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 2 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, with Rev. Harold Ball and Bro. Joe Sustarsic officiating. North Carolina Highway Patrol members will serve as pallbearers. All law enforcement personnel will be honorary pallbearers. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, c/o Cathy Long, 189 Thomas Heights Rd., Franklin.

Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.