

William R. "Dick" Bingham

A native of Macon County, a U.S. Army veteran, and active Methodist church member

William R. "Dick" Bingham, 75, of Franklin, died Saturday, Dec. 21. He was a native of Macon County and the son of the late Richard and Elsie Dowdle Bingham. He was retired from Macon Paving Co. He was a U.S. Army veteran, member of the American Legion Post 108 and a member of Louisa Chapel Methodist Church, serving as assistant Sunday school teacher, cemetery board committee member and a member of the church choir.

He is survived by his longtime companion, Pearl Cook of Franklin; eight sisters; Sallie Passmore of Moravian Falls, Nelle Green of Franklin, Elma Bates of Franklin, Mary B. Dryman of Franklin, Esta B. Stepp of Aquone, Birdie B. Suttle of Mt. Holly, Anne B. Scott of Franklin and Mildred B. Russell of Albemarle; a brother, Ted Bingham of Evans, Ga.; a stepsister, Dorothy Gregory of Franklin; stepbrother, Roger Morgan of Asheville; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Dec. 23 at Louisa Chapel Methodist Church. Rev. Robert Enloe, Rev. Mike Bias and Rev. Andy Cloer officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery with military graveside rites conducted by the VFW Post 7339 and the American Legion Post 108.

Pallbearers were Tom Stepp, Steve Passmore, Jim Stepp, David Woods, Ronnie Dowdle, Mike Carpenter, Chris Green and Bill Holland. Honorary pallbearer was Ron Kirkland.

Memorial donations may be made to the Louisa chapel Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Donnie Wallace, 477 Louisa Chapel Road, Franklin, NC 28734.

Macon Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.