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### **Gene Lewis 'Bud' Blaine**

*Retired from Mearl Corp. and business owner*

Gene Lewis "Bud" Blaine, 69, of Franklin, died Friday April 11, 2003, in Duke University Hospital. He was a native of Macon County, the son of the late George Paul and Annie Mae Lewis Blaine. He was a retired supervisor for the Mearl Corp., working in the mica business for 43 years. He also owned his own trucking business. He attended Cartoogechaye Church Of God.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Mary Frances Tanner Blaine of Franklin; two daughters, Kay Blaine of Franklin and Fay Blaine Vinson of Laurens, S.C.; two sons, Ricky and John Blaine, both of Franklin; one sister, Shirley Blaine Compton of Spartanburg, S.C.; one brother, Kenneth Blaine of Franklin; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Carl and Junior Blaine.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 15, in the chapel of Bryant Funeral Home. The Revs. Robert Dryman and David Maney officiated. Pallbearers were Jimmy and Jack Hooper, Billy Compton, Duke and Dean Buchanan and Nathan Blanchard. Burial was in Woodlawn Memorial Park.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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