

Della Marie Bowman, 78, of Clayton, died Sunday, June 24, 2007, at her residence from an extended illness.

She was born in Dahlonoga to Hazel Bell Byerly Anderson and Arch W. Anderson. She was a dorm parent at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School for 20 years. She attended Tiger Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Wayne Bowman; and a brother, James Herbert Anderson.

Survivors include: three sons, Bob Bowman of Ellijay; Sgt. 1st Class Charles Timothy Pierce of Canton and Freddy Pierce of Woodstock; four daughters, Cherylene Cross of Winder, Judy Burch of Lakemont, Rosa Elaine Hagerty of Gainesville and Tina Ellen Tanner of Richland, Mo.; three sisters, Helen Ruth Stafford of Richland, Mo., Lillian Alma Jean Roth of Delaware, N.J., and Maxine Anderson Pierce of Key West, Fla.; a brother, Richard Anderson of California; 21 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Tuesday at Beck Funeral Home with the Rev. Tim Hunnicutt officiating. Tiger Baptist Church held a meal for family and friends afterward.

Memorial donations may be made to the Rabun County Caring and Sharing Marie Bowman Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 1747, Clayton, GA 30525

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

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