

**Mrs. Brandon**

Ruby Christine Rice Brandon, 72, of Franklin, died Saturday, Feb. 7, in a Sylva care center. She was a native of Jackson County, daughter of the late J. Feaster and Effie Nichols Rice. She was a retired food service cook.

She is survived by her husband of 29 years, Neil Bran-

don. She was preceded in death by a son, Morris Merrill; three sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 10, in the chapel of Bryant Funeral Home with Rev. Johnny Norris and Rev. Gary McCoy officiating. Burial was in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Cashiers. Pallbearers were Jeff Stuart, Arlon McCall, Eldon McCall, Richard McCall, Brett McCall, and Phil Merritt.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.