

James Paul Brooks

Rev. James Paul Brooks, 78, of Airport Road, Franklin, passed away Wednesday, July 5, 2006, in a local hospital. A native of Swain County, he was the son of the late Edward and Cancie Pickens Brooks.

He was a retired Church of God minister, farmer and evangelist. He pastored the Double Springs, Burnsville, Franklin, Shooting Creek and Sylva Church of God.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Myrtle Victoria Nations Brooks; one daughter, Earlene Nations and husband Rev. John Nations of Sevierville, Tenn.; three sons, Winfred Brooks and wife May of Bryson City, Cecil Brooks and wife Wilda and Denver Brooks and wife Edith, all of Franklin; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Sunday, July 9, at 3 p.m., in the Franklin Church of God, of which he was a member.

Revs. Allen Taylor, Lee Wright and Phillip Cochran officiated.

Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jamie Brooks, Jeremy Brooks, Kevin Watson, Brian Crupi, Tim Nichols and Bobby Brooks. Honorary pallbearers were other Church of God ministers.

The family received friends on Sunday, from 1 to 3 p.m., prior to the service at the church.

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