

George E. Broughton, 86, of Franklin, passed away on Sunday, July 15, 2007, at Angel Medical Center.

George was born on July 1, 1921, in South Bend, Ind. He lived for many years in Michigan, Wisconsin and Indiana, before moving to Franklin in 1980. He was married to the former Dorothy Roe of Petersburg, Mich., on June 15, 1946.

George served his country in WWII as a radio technician. His work there prepared him for work in the electronics industry. He worked for Magnavox and then Graham Electronics in Fort Wayne, Ind. After moving to North Carolina, he worked with the Older Americans program of the U.S. Forest Service, helping to maintain many of the local parks and rest areas.

George was a numismatist and maintained membership in the Old Fort Coin Club in Fort Wayne until his death. Another great interest was geology and the study of rocks and gems. George was also interested in Cherokee Indian history and the history of the mountains of North Carolina. He enjoyed following Atlanta Braves baseball, reading and writing.

George is survived by his wife of 61 years, Dorothy; two sons, George Broughton of California and Bob Broughton and wife Georgia of Franklin; three daughters, Merry Broughton of Franklin, Cheryl Broughton and husband Mickey Smith of Belton, Texas, and Nancy Hoagland and husband Michael of Franklin; a grandson, Michael Hoagland of Franklin; three granddaughters, Amy Cook and husband Joey of Whittier, Holly Averett and husband Michael of Franklin, and Coleen Weeks and husband Charles of Sylva; four great-granddaughters, Brooklyn Hoagland of Franklin, Korah Bumgarner of Whittier, Kelsey Averett of Franklin and Paisley Weeks of Sylva; and three great-grandsons Ethan Averett and Trevor Averett, both of Franklin, and Tyreese Weeks of Sylva. A memorial service was held at Macon Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 18, 2007, at 7 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Angel Hospice Foundation, P.O. Box 815, Franklin, NC 28744.

Macon Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences are available by visiting www.maconfuneralhome.com.

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