

John "Carl" Brown, 80, of Franklin, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007.

Born in Jackson County, he was the son of the late Lambert Brown and Pauline Early Brown. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Mack, Marvin and Lawton; and a sister, Arlee Conner.

Carl retired from Nantahala Power & Light after 33 years of service. He was a member of the Early Farm Antique Tractor Club; member of the Sugarfork Baptist Church and attended Mashburn Branch Baptist Church.

Carl loved farming.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Ruth Bowers Brown; son, John C. Brown and wife Terry of Franklin; sister, Mary McCall of Cashiers; and two grandsons, Jason Curtis Brown and Nathan Carl Brown.

A funeral service was held Thursday, Sept. 6, at 2 p.m., in the Chapel of Macon Funeral Home, with Revs. Ernie Sanders, Mike Chastain and Rick Potts officiating.

Burial was in the Woodlawn Cemetery. Pallbearers were George Barrett, Willard Barrett, Eldon Potts, James Cabe, Ellard Bolick and Bruce Dills. Honorary pallbearers were retirees of Nantahala Power & Light.

The family received friends Wednesday, Sept. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Macon Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Lewis Rathbun Wellness Center, 121 Sherwood Rd., Asheville, NC 28803.

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

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