

Johnny Ray Brown, 68, of Otto, N.C., died Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at home while surrounded by his family.

He was born in Otto to Cecil Cling Brown and "Grace" Saunders Brown. He graduated from Franklin (N.C.) High School. He served in the U.S. Navy, retiring after 20 years. He then worked at Sangamo and Gap Manufacturing and retired again in 2002. He was a member and officer of Gem City Auto Club. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by: his wife, Elinor "Joy" Brown and two brothers, Roy Lee Brown and Kenneth Brown.

Survivors include: three daughters and sons-in-law, Roxanne and Bill Chambless of Otto and Melissa and David Frazier and Vanessa and Rick Cook, all of Franklin; a brother, Jerry Cecil Brown of Otto; a sister, Mildred Sarah Tiernan of Rochester Hills, Mich.; six grandchildren, Danielle Chambless, Christopher Chambless, Michael Fitzgerald, Heather Fitzgerald, Lucas Cook and Taylor Cook; and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

A funeral service was held Saturday at Macon Funeral Home with the Revs. Keith Newell and Greg Rogers officiating. Burial followed at Asbury Methodist Cemetery. Christopher Chambless, Heather Fitzgerald, Lucas Cook, Taylor Cook, Kevin Brown and Russell McConnell served as pallbearers.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1648, Franklin, NC 28744. An online guestbook is available at maconfuneralhome.com.

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