

Johnny Ray Brown, 68, of Otto, passed away on Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at the home surrounded by his family.

A native of Otto, he was the son of the late Cecil Cling Brown and "Grace" Saunders Brown. He was the husband of the late Elinor "Joy" Brown. He was also preceeded in death by two brothers, Roy Lee Brown of Franklin and Kenneth Brown of Otto.

Johnny was a member and officer of Gem City Auto Club. After graduating from Franklin High School, he joined the military and retired after 20 years of service in the U.S. Navy. He then worked at Sangamo and Gap Manufacturing and retired again in 2002. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

He is survived by three daughters, Roxanne Chambless and husband Bill of Otto, Melissa Frazier and husband David of Franklin and Vanessa Cook and husband Rick of Franklin; one brother, Jerry Cecil Brown of Otto; one sister, Mildred Sarah Tiernan of Rochester Hills, Mich.; six grandchildren, Danielle Chambless, Christopher Chambless, Michael Fitzgerald, Heather Fitzgerald, Lucas Cook and Taylor Cook; one stepgranddaughter, Cristine Frazier; several nieces and nephews, and several great-nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 31, in the Chapel of Macon Funeral Home, with Pastors Keith Newell and Greg Rogers officiating.

Burial was in the Asbury Methodist Cemetery.

The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, May 30, at Macon Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Christopher Chambless, Heather Fitzgerald, Lucas Cook, Taylor Cook, Kevin Brown, and Russell McConnell.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1648, Franklin, NC 28744.

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

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