

James "Jim Buck" Buchanan, 72, of Franklin, passed away Saturday, April 19, 2008.

Born in Macon County, he was the son of the late Oscar Buchanan and Edna Picklesimer Buchanan. In addition, he was preceded in death by five sisters, Margie Cabe, Myrtle Campbell, Annie Dykes, Ruby Justice, and Hazel Rogers; and one brother, Neville Buchanan.

James retired in 1992, after 37 years of service from the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory, a world renowned USDA, Forest Service research facility in Otto. Jim Buck contributed to many phases of the field research at Coweeta and was also effective in assisting with studies conducted by graduate students at the laboratory. His unique sense of humor, sayings, and local knowledge of the watersheds are frequent topics of discussion by Coweeta "alumnus." One of his favorite jobs was mentoring the Ranger School students from Lake City Community College in Florida, who conducted their on-the-job summer training at Coweeta for many years. He was a member of Dryman's Chapel United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Jerlean Buchanan; one son, Michael Buchanan of Athens, Ohio; a brother, Kenneth Buchanan of Sharpsburgh, Ga.; two sisters, Bea Bell and Tee Henry, both of Franklin; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held at 3 p.m., Monday, April 21, at Dryman's Chapel Methodist Church, with Revs. Michael Binger and Tom Coss officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Gary Buchanan, Junior Cabe, Jimmy Henry, Mike Bell, Calvin Rogers, Jerry Rogers, Albert Justice, Tommy Buchanan, and Claude Campbell Jr. Nephews served as honorary pallbearers.

The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m., Sunday, April 20, at Macon Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Otto Volunteer Fire Dept., 60 Firehouse Rd., Otto, NC 28763 or Dryman's Chapel Meth. Bldg. Fund, C/O LeAnn Muse, 600 Sam Corn Rd., Otto, NC 28763.

Macon Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences are available by visiting [www.maconfuneralhome.com](http://www.maconfuneralhome.com).

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