

## **Virginia Othelia Burgess**

Virginia Othelia Burgess, 81, of Chavis Road, Franklin, passed away Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, at the home of her daughter in Candler, N.C.

A native of Buncombe County, she was the daughter of the late Mary E. Hayes. She was also preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, R.L. Burgess, who passed away on June 21, 2003. She worked as a nurse's aide, Head Start teacher and cleaned houses. She had also worked for the U.S. Forest Service and was on the board of directors for Macon Program for Progress. She was a member of Rays Chapel Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Gladys Burgess Hill of Candler; four sons, George Oliver Burgess and wife Ophelia, Larry Bryson, Dwight Bryson and Virgil DeHart, all of Franklin; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Monday, Nov. 22, at 11 a.m., in the Chapel of Bryant Funeral Home. The Rev. C.W. Johnson and the Rev. Roy Lowe officiated.

The family received friends from 10 to 11 a.m., prior to the service at the funeral home.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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