

E.H. 'Bill' Chastain

E.H. "Bill" Chastain, 80, of Rich Gap Road, Highlands, passed away Friday, March 4, 2005, at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

He was a native of Macon County and the son of the late Ezekial F. and Martha Picklesimer Chastain.

He was a caretaker for VZ Top and was a member of Clear Creek Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Vivian McCall Chastain; two sons, Den Chastain and wife Marcia and David Chastain and wife Anita, all of Highlands; two sisters, Mozelle Burrell of Highlands and Etta Nielsen of Palm Coast, Fla.; one brother, Ken Chastain of Highlands; four grandchildren, Zeke Chastain, Waylon Chastain, Danae Westendorf and Shelbi Chastain, all of Highlands; one great-grandchild, Will Chastain of Highlands.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 7, at 2 p.m., at Clear Creek Baptist Church. Rev. Everette Wilson and Rev. Kenny Kilby officiated.

Burial was in Clear Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. Pallbearers were Bert McCall, Yogi McCall, Eric Chastain, Gary Wilson, Charlie Hicks and Phillip Nix.

The family received friends Sunday, March 6, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home in Highlands.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

William Jack Berry

William Jack Berry, 76, of 1220 Johnson Road, Cowpens, S.C., formerly of Franklin, passed away Friday, March 4, 2005, at Mary Black Hospital in Spartanburg, S.C.

He was born in Macon County and was the son of the late William Jack and Annie Coggins Berry. He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Jack J. Berry and William Edward Berry.

He was a truck driver for Carolina Freight.

He is survived by one son, Ray Edward Berry of Cowpens; seven sisters, Virginia Dills and husband Isaac, Elmarie Hedden and husband Ernest, Martha Dowdle and Edlay Pruitt, all of Franklin, Mattie Devlin and Marie Hedden, both of Candler and Lora Hedden of Waynesville; one brother, William A. Berry and wife Geraldine of Franklin; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 6, at 3 p.m., in the Chapel of Bryant Funeral Home. Rev. Carson Gibson and Rev. Jamie Passmore officiated.

Burial was in Holly Springs Baptist Church Cemetery. Pallbearers were Ricky Berry, Danny Berry, Sammy Hedden, Larry Dills, Marvin Hedden, Calvin Devlin and Arnold Bradshaw.

The family received friends on Sunday, March 6, from 2 to 3 p.m., prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Holly Springs Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Don Noble, 366 Holly Springs Baptist Church Rd., Franklin, NC 28734.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

The Franklin Press, 8 March 2005