

Madison M. 'Ken' Chastain

Madison M. "Ken" Chastain, 90, of Rich Gap Road, Highlands, passed away Monday, Nov. 28, 2005, at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

A native of Macon County, he was the son of the late Ezekial F. and Martha Picklesimer Chastain. He was married to Marie McCall Chastain, who died in 2002. He was also preceded in death by four brothers and three sisters.

He was a retired caretaker for the VZ Top Homeowners Association and a member of Clear Creek Baptist Church for more than 60 years, where he was a former choir member. He was a devout Christian, loving father and grandfather, and was the pillar of the community, the family said.

He is survived by a daughter, Linda Vinson and husband Buster of Highlands; two sisters, Mozelle Burrell of Highlands and Etta Nielsen of New Jersey; a grandson, Kevin Vinson and wife Monica; a granddaughter, Kelly Vinson Arnold and husband Russell; three great-grandchildren, Ryan and Dylan Vinson and Darius Arnold; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m., at Clear Creek Baptist Church. Dr. Dan Robinson and Rev. Walter Wilson officiated.

Burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Den Chastain, David Chastain, Charlie Hicks, Gary Wilson, Eric Chastain, Bert McCall, Craig McCall, Jerry Crisp and Russell Arnold. Honorary pallbearers were Clarence Wilson, Neville Wilson, Wade Wilson, Darius Arnold and Dr. David Wheeler.

The family received friends Wednesday, Nov. 30, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home in Highlands.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.Mem.com.

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