

Billy H. Crane of Tiger, affectionately known as "Pop," died Sunday, March 20, 2005, at his home after an extended illness.

He was born in Tiger to Dan Lewis Crane Sr. and Lucy Butler Crane. He worked as a trucking executive and was a member of Clayton Baptist Church. He spent most of his life in and around the Atlanta area.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Junior Crane; and four sisters, Bessie Mae Crane, Nannie Sue Thompson, Willie Paterson and Ola English.

Survivors include: his wife, Shelby Payne Crane of Tiger; two sons and daughters-in-law, Gene and Kim Crane of Lilburn and Kent and Stephanie Crane of Buford; a daughter, Denise Crane of Clayton; a brother, Eugene Crane of Clayton; a sister, Bernice Turner of Clayton; seven grandchildren, Luke, Josh, Brittany, Katina, B.J., Evan and Willa Blue; and one great-grandchild, Mya.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today at Clayton Baptist Church with the Revs. Mike Campbell, Ken Haag and Danny Crane officiating. The body will be cremated.

Memorial donations may be made to the Clayton Baptist Church Building Fund, 87 South Church St., Clayton, GA 30525 or to Regency Hospice of Hiawassee, P.O. Box 494, Hiawassee, GA 30546.

Hunter Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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