

George Edward Crawford, 76, of Noah Gibson Road, Franklin, passed away Thursday, Aug. 9, 2007, at a local hospital.

A native of Macon County, he was the son of the late Rev. David Lee Crawford and Moleta Clouse Crawford.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in the Korean War. He was an industrial electronic technician and had worked 13 years for The Franklin Press as a printer. He was a charter member of Macon County Bass Masters. Mr. Crawford was a member of Ridge Crest Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Betty Fouts Crawford; his son, Max E. Crawford and wife Reana of Franklin; one sister, Gertrude Browning and husband Arthur of Franklin; and two grandchildren, Nathan Crawford and Stacy Palmer.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 11, at 2 p.m., at Ridge Crest Baptist Church, with Rev. Tommy Fouts officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery. The Franklin VFW Post 7339 and American Legion Post 108 conducted complete military graveside rites.

The family received friends Friday, Aug. 10, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Lewis Rathbun Wellness Center, 121 Sherwood Rd., Asheville, NC 28803.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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

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