

J. Fred Cunningham, 82, of Franklin, passed away Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007, at a local hospital.

He was a native of Macon County, the son of the late Aaron P. and Ethel Fulcher Cunningham.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of WWII, having received five medals; was retired from the N.C. Forest Service; was a life member of the Franklin VFW Post 7339 and was chairman of the Macon County Selective Board.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Betty Sue Gray Cunningham; two sons, George G. Cunningham of Wilkesboro, N.C., and Milton P. Cunningham and wife Ann of Reidsville, N.C.; two sisters, Reba Lee McClure of Franklin and Adeline Hyde of Stanley, N.C.; two grandchildren, Elizabeth and Gray Cunningham. He was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Christine B. Cunningham.

The family will receive friends Thursday, Feb. 15, from 1 to 2 p.m., one hour prior to the service at Bryant Funeral Home.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, Feb. 15, at 2 p.m., in the Chapel of Bryant Funeral Home with Rev. Andy Cloer officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hickory Knoll United Methodist Church Building Fund, c/o Larry Conley, 11 E. Hickory Knoll Rd., Franklin, NC 28734.

Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences can be made by visiting www.MeM.com or www.bryantfuneralhomes.com.

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