

Myrtle Cunningham

Myrtle Cunningham, 91, of Franklin, passed away Sunday, May 8, 2005.

A native of Macon County, she was the daughter of the late Franklin Pierce Shields and Minnie White Shields. She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, R. Roy Cunningham; two brothers, John and Elmer Shields; and a sister, Nellie Shields Dalton.

She spent her teen and early adult years in St. Petersburg, Fla., before returning to her native Macon County. She was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Franklin. She was well-known for her sense of fashion and design, which she shared with the community as a salesperson for many years at Belk's in Franklin. Later, she and her husband were co-owners of Life Shoe Store in Franklin. She loved to sew, design hats and prepare food for the sick. She was deeply loved by family and friends, her family said.

She is survived by a daughter, Jeana Brown and husband George of Clyde; a sister, Rita Shields Stepenson of Deltona, Fla.; two stepbrothers; two stepsisters; four grandchildren, Kevan Brown of Boulder, Colo., Derric Brown, Shawn Brown and Cyrena Goodwin, all of Haywood County; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, May 11, at 2 p.m., in the Chapel of Macon Funeral Home. Rev. James Hart and Rev. Bob Abel will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Shawn Brown, Derric Brown, Kevan Brown, Larry Goodwin, Nolan Goodwin and R.L. Cunningham.

The family will receive friends from noon until 2 p.m., on Wednesday, May 11, at Macon Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 26 Church St., Franklin, NC 28734; Clyde Central United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 8, Clyde, NC 28721; or Hospice of Haywood County, 560 Leroy George Dr., Clyde, NC 28721.

Macon Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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