

Mozell Lillian Wilbanks Darnell, 87, of the Warwoman community, died Sunday, May 15, 2005, at her residence.

She was a lifelong resident of Rabun County. She worked as a seamstress in the local textile industry. After retiring from Clayburne Manufacturing, she worked for the U.S. Forest Service for 20 years. She was an active member of Battle Branch Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dixie Walter and Fannie Bell Speed Wilbanks; her husband, William "Paul" Darnell; a brother, J.P. Wilbanks; and a sister, Lola Darnell.

Survivors include: her daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Steve Walden of Lawrenceville; Thelma Brophy of Michigan and Thurston Wilbanks, both of whom she raised as her own; two grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in the Beck Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Madison McCrackin officiating. Burial followed in Wesleyan Memorial Cemetery in Rabun Gap.

Memorial donations may be made to Battle Branch Baptist Church.

Beck Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. An online memorial register is available at www.beckfuneralhome.com.

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