

Mary Nell Milford Dillard, 85, of Dillard, died Tuesday, July 11, 2006, at her residence.

She was born Feb. 1, 1921, in Anderson County, S.C., to Calloway Franklin and Mary Caroline Hawkins Milford. She was a registered nurse, businesswoman and developer. She was a member of Head of Tennessee Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, James A. Dillard; three brothers, Frank, Olin and Calvin Milford; five sisters, Inez Milford, Claudia Hannah, Corrine Maddox, Bessie Kay and Hazel Richardson. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family.

Survivors include: numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held Friday at Beck Funeral Home with the Revs. James Turpen and Doug Porter officiating. Burial followed in Wesley Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Mary Milford Dillard Nursing Scholarship in care of Rabun County Board of Education, 41 Education St., Clayton, GA 30525.

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

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