

Esther Carpenter Dills, 95, of Rabun Gap, died Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at her home.

She was born Oct. 14, 1909, in Rabun County to James David and Ida Kell Carpenter. She spent her life in Rabun County. She was a homemaker and a member of Head of Tennessee Baptist Church in Dillard.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur F. Dills; four children, Lester Dills, Robert Dills, Dewey Dills and Hazel Tolman; six brothers, Tom, Jesse Lee, Carl, Lawrence, Fred and John Carpenter; a sister, Evelyn Cannon; and three grandchildren, Kenny Lee McCoy, Lee Dills and Brandy Watson.

Survivors include: a son, Horace Dills of Rabun Gap; three daughters, Doris McCoy of Tiger, Martha Long of Otto, N.C., and Bernice Wood of Madisonville, Tenn.; a brother, Marlor Carpenter of Chatsworth; a sister, Marjorie Robinson of Wiley; 32 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday at Head of Tennessee Baptist Church with the Revs. Bobby Cloer, Forman Bradley and Mike McConnell officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Hunter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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