

Baby John Dodgins, 86, of Cornelia, died Sunday, April 24, 2005, at his residence.

He was born March 19, 1919, in Pickens County, S.C., to Thomas Alfred and Mary Lou Smith Dodgins. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a retired sawmiller and textile employee. He also was a member of Christian Fellowship Center.

He was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

Survivors include: three daughters, Sarah Power of Homer, Judy Martin of Toccoa and Shelby Dodgins of Cornelia; three sons, Lewis Dodgins of Clayton, Raymond Dodgins of Mount Airy and Allen Dodgins of Toccoa; a sister, Mildred Brooks of Catula; a brother, Jack Dodgins of Wiley; 16 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Whitfield Funeral Home, North Chapel, in Demorest with the Rev. Curtis Long officiating. Burial followed at Yonah Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements handled by Whitfield Funeral Home, North Chapel.

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