

James Nesbon 'Jim' Donaldson

James Nesbon "Jim" Donaldson, 87, of Clayton, died Monday, April 19, 2004, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Atlanta.

He was born in Mountain City to James Luke and Elizabeth Dotson Donaldson. He lived most of his life in Rabun County.

He retired from Burlington Industries, where he worked in management, after 30 years of service. He later worked as a security officer at Fruit of the Loom. He served in the Civil Conservation Corps and later he worked building military barracks in Augusta and in Norfolk, Va. He then served 2 1/2 years in the U.S. Navy during World War II, repairing war-damaged aircraft at the naval air station in Atlanta. He was a member of the American Legion Post 220 of Clayton and was a member of the Mountain City United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Lewis Donaldson, and a sister, Louise Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Helen Hopper Donaldson of Clayton; a son, James Donaldson of Marietta; a daughter, Nancy Winstead of Clayton; three granddaughters and their husbands, Lecia and John Smith of Clayton, Lorie and Rick Hornsby of Marietta and Julie and Mark Moore of Canton; five great-grandchildren, Bradford and Breanna Smith, Chandler and Kelsey Moore and James Cole Hornsby; a brother, Harold Donaldson of Waterford, Mich.; and two sisters, Elise Fields of Clayton and Juanita Kilby of Mountain City.

Funeral services were held Thursday at the Hunter Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Jimmie Kilby and layman Lloyd Hunter officiating. Burial followed in Rabun Memory Park.

Hunter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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