

Melba Dotson

Melba Vinson Dotson, of Rabun County, died May 16, 2002 at her home after a long and valiant battle with Alzheimer's disease.

She was born in Macon County, N.C., but had lived most of her life in Rabun. She was the daughter of the late Thomas Columbus and Jane White Vinson. Melba was married twice, first to the late Normal F. Angel; and then to the late Earl W. Dotson. Known as "Granny" to most who knew her, she will always be remembered for her culinary talents, her kindness, her beauty, and her strength.

She was preceded in death by brothers, Carl, Furman, Earl, and J. Paul Vinson; and three sisters, Katherine Brendle, Lazelle Vinson, and Elsie Crane.

Survivors include four children, Jimmy K. Angel of Sylva, N.C., Linda V. Angel of Clayton, Kathy Dotson Seabolt and husband Kerry of Baldwin, and Judy Dotson Moore and husband Carroll of Clarkesville; sixteen grandchildren, Andrew and Thomas Angel, Joey, Mark, Paul, and Dan Dotson, Todd Trudy, and Ty Crunkleton, Tracy Wilson, Casey and Nicholas Law, Zachary and Kaitlin Seabolt, Colby and Chelsey Moore; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held May 18 at the Lakemont Baptist Church with interment in the Wiley Cemetery.

Hunter Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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