

Erma R. Dowdle

Mrs. Erma Ray Dowdle, 79, of Franklin, died Friday, September 27, in Angel Community Hospital after a period of declining health. She was a native of Macon County, the daughter of the late Rufus and Carrie Roper Ray, and was married to George Dowdle who died in 1950. She was a member of Braddock Baptist Church in Amundale, Va.

Surviving are four sons, Woodrow Dowdle, of Franklin, Bobby Dowdle, of Fairfax, Va., Frank Dowdle, of Washington, D.C., and Glenn Dowdle, of Hyattsville, Md.;

two brothers, Robert and Frank Ray, both of Franklin; a sister, Miss Allie V. Ray, of Franklin; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, September 29, at Clarks Chapel United Methodist Church and burial was in the church cemetery. The Rev. C. E. Murray was the officiating minister and nephews served as pallbearers.

Neal and Potts Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.