

Erwin 'Butch' Patton Dowdle

Erwin "Butch" Patton Dowdle, 81, of Belle Dowdle Road, Franklin, passed away Monday, Dec. 12, 2005, at his residence.

A native of Macon County, he was the son of the late Ezekiel Andrew and Bertha Coward Dowdle. He was also preceded in death by his step-mother, Laura Belle Dowdle; and a sister, Ida Mae Dowdle Wolfe.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of WWII, who participated in the D-Day invasion. He was a member of Franklin VFW Post 7339 and was a rural letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. He was a member of Mt. Hope Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Ada June Kiser Dowdle; a daughter, Mavis Stiles of Rabun Gap, Ga., a son, Charles Dowdle of Franklin; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m., in the Chapel of Bryant Funeral Home with Dr. Thad Robert Dowdle and Rev. Wiley Gibson officiating.

Burial was in the Woodlawn Cemetery. Pallbearers were Mark Dowdle, Jim Ledford, Denny Ledford, Keith Shope, Mike Angel, Bruce Crawford and Prelo Crawford.

The family received friends Tuesday, Dec. 13, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hospice Foundation, 170 Church St., Franklin, NC 28734.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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