

### ***Mr. Edwards***

John W. Edwards, 85, of Franklin, died Saturday, March 17.

A native of Macon County, he was the son of the late Mack and Perditta Bolick Edwards. He worked as a farmer, a forester with the Civilian Conservation Corps and the U.S. Forest Service, a logging supervisor for Zickgraf Hardwood Co., and a powerhouse operator for Nantahala Power and Light Co., retiring in 1977.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Corinne Paul Edwards, who died in 1992; and a son, Ben Edwards, who died in January.

He is survived by his wife of eight years, Frances Lombard Edwards; two daughters, Dale Appleton of Hillsboro, Ohio and Jane Edwards of Fairfax, Va.; two sons, Paul Edwards of Brevard and Terry Edwards of Lenoir; two step-daughters, Freda McCall of Sylva and Sandy Bryson of Whiteside Cove; one step-son, Randy Lombard of Whiteside Cove; a sister, Bertha Girard of Horse Cove; eight grandchildren, eight-great-grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, and four step-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, March 20, in Highlands Memorial Park. Memorial services followed at Cashiers Baptist Church. Revs. Warren Rice and Walter Wilson officiated.

Memorials may be made to the W.T. Potts Scholarship Fund, c/o Brenda Keener, Box 1871, Highlands, N.C. 28741.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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