

Maria Aloysia 'Myra' Erskine

Maria Aloysia "Myra" Erskine, 87, of Asheville, formerly of Franklin, passed away on Thursday, April 6, 2006.

Born in Gussing, Austria, she was the daughter of the late Albert and Aloisia Polzer Weinhofer. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alexander B. Erskine, who died in 1987, and a brother, Karl Weinhofer.

She immigrated to the United States in 1935 at the age of 16, after completing one year of teacher's college in Austria. Later, she and her husband raised three children in Connecticut and retired to Franklin in 1971. She had been a resident of Asheville for the past seven years.

She is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth E. Yanik of Chattanooga, Tenn.; two sons, Alexander B. "Sandy" Erskine Jr. and wife Mary Jo of Crestview, Fla., and John A. Erskine and wife Helen of Meriden, Conn.; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 11, at 11 a.m., at Snow Hill United Methodist Church in Franklin, with Rev. Donna Cobb officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

The family received friends on Tuesday, from 10 to 11 a.m., prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Snow Hill United Methodist Building Fund, c/o Faye Moore, 1445 Mason Branch Rd., Franklin, NC 28734.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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