

Patricia Ann Ford, age 61, of Smokerise Road, Franklin, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007 at her residence. She was born in New York City, the daughter of Gladys Ver Paul of New Bern, N.C., and the late Robert Oscar Gustafson. She was a Registered Nurse and a master gardener. She was also manager for Atkinson Pool Company in Charleston, S.C.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband of 25 years, Michael Benjamin Ford; her two daughters, Ann Marie Walker-Wright of Camp Hill, Pa., and Kimberlee Ann Ford of Asheville; her three sons, Brian Emery Walker and his wife, Donna of Cameron, Michael Andrew Ford and his wife, Barbara of Goose Creek, S.C. and Keith Stuart Walker and his wife, Regina of Summerville, S.C.; one brother, Richard Gustafson. Twelve grandchildren also survive.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 6 in the Chapel of Bryant Funeral Home with Rev. Vic Greene officiating. The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m., two hours prior to service at Bryant Funeral Home

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Noahs Ark Humane Society, 1239 Old Murphy Road, Franklin, NC 28734.

Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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