

Lorene 'Tib' Nichols Franklin

Lorene "Tib" Nichols Franklin, 79, of Franklin, passed away Friday, Nov. 4, 2005, in a local hospital.

A native of Macon County, she was the daughter of the late James Thaddeus and Martha Hodgkin Nichols. She was married to the late Ray Radcliff Franklin, who died in 1964. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Ruth Nichols Cabe, who died in 1999; and a brother, Charles "Jack" Nichols, who died in 2000.

She was employed by Jamison's 5 & 10 cent store until it closed in 1981; afterward, she worked at CR Industries until her retirement.

She is survived by three sons, Douglas "Raddy" Franklin and wife Freda of Asheville, Ronald Franklin of Gretna, Va., and Ricky Franklin and wife Linda of Spencer, N.Y.; a daughter, Frances Franklin Pohlenz of the home; five grandchildren, Jill and Anna Franklin, Jim Franklin, Nicolas Franklin and April King; one great-granddaughter, Lexie; a sister, Nellie Nichols Jamison; a brother, Jim Nichols and wife Pearl; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and their families.

Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m., at Bethel United Methodist Church, with Revs. Al Beck and Merrill Perkins officiated.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

The family received friends Sunday, Nov. 6, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Macon Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, 81 Bethel Church Rd., Franklin, NC 28734, or Angel Hospice Foundation, P.O. Box 815, Franklin, NC 28744.

Macon Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences are available by visiting www.maconfuneralhome.com.

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