

## *Mr. Franks*

Howard Cleveland Franks, 81, died Wednesday, July 10, at his residence. A native of Jackson County, he was the son of the late George B. and Lula Woodard Franks. He was a timberman, farmer and gardner. He was of the Baptist faith. He was a member of the American Legion Post 108 and the VFW Post 7339 of Franklin. He served in the Timberwolf Division of the European Theater and was a WWII Army veteran.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Bertha Lee Vanhook.

He is survived by a niece, Lois V. Mashburn of Candler; two nephews, William Lex Vanhook Jr. of Seabrook, Md., and Gary S. Vanhook of Franklin. Three great nieces and two great nephews also survive.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, July 13, at 11 p.m. at Zion Hill Cemetery with Rev. Steve Smith officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be Donnie and Diane Stanley and family.

Dom and Liz Sarno, Mike Vanhook, Frank Woodard, Bill Kimsey, Alvin Doster and Hugh Dowdle. The American Legion 108 and VFW 7339 will conduct complete military graveside rites.

The family will receive friends Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Zion Hill Cemetery Fund, c/o Mary Wilson, 3110 Pumpkintown Road, Sylva, NC 28779.