

## ***Mr. Franks***

Tillman Alex Franks, 85, of 84 Holly Hill Vista Road, Franklin, died Friday, Jan. 17, at the Murphy Medical Center, after a period of declining health.

Mr. Franks was a native of Jackson County, son of the late Ann Franks Sorrells, and was husband of the late Jessie Trantham Franks, who died in 1976. He was a retired timberman and logger.

Surviving are: four daughters, Gracie Franks of Sylva, Mrs. Carl Mason and Mrs. Willie Wykle both of Franklin, and Louise Adams of Robbinsville; a stepdaughter, Lozie Sorrells of Sylva; two sons, Hayes Franks and Jimmy Franks both of Franklin; a sister, Ila Watson of Sylva; a brother, Charlie Dillard of Sylva; 25 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 20, at 11 a.m., in the Zion Hill Baptist Church of Jackson County, of which he was a member. Officiating ministers were Revs. Carl Smith, James Gunner, and Bobby Cloer. Burial was in the church cemetery. Grandsons served as pallbearers.