

Helen Shepherd Gibson

Helen Shepherd Gibson, 78, of Cowee Community, died Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at a local hospital. She was a native of Macon County, a daughter of the late Lawrence and Hattie Rhinehart Shepherd. She was married to the late George H. Gibson, who died in 1991. She was a homemaker and a member of Snow Hill United Methodist Church.

She is survived by three daughters, Johnnie Tallent, of Franklin, Cindy Gibson Jenkins and husband, James, of Greer, S.C., and Jane Stamey and husband, John, of Franklin; one son, Bill Collins and wife, Bobbie, of Franklin; two sisters, Frances Shepherd and Ann Shepherd both of Franklin; seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one grandchild, Josh Collins; a sister, Nola Blanton; and a brother, Wallace Shepherd.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 18, at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Bryant Funeral Home, with Rev. Andy Cloer, Rev. Donna Cobb, and Rev. Marlin Keener officiating. Burial was in Shepherd Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jeff Tallent, Billy Collins, Bob Collins, Tony Collins, J. R. Coffey and Jeremy McConnell.

Memorial gifts may be made to Shepherd Cemetery Fund, c/o Josephine Jennings, 206 Shepherd Creek Road, Franklin, NC 28734.

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