

Velma Roper Grant, 92, of the Silvermine community in Bryson City, went home to be with the Lord, Friday, Oct. 20, 2006.

Born in Macon County, she was the daughter of the late Raleigh Judson and Catherine Dills Roper. She was the wife of the late Rev. Jesse J. Grant, who died in 1988. She was also preceded in death by two daughters, Joan Barbara and Mary Imogene; and one son, David Daniel Grant.

She loved to sing and was an avid gardener. She was a homemaker and was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

She is survived by two daughters, Evelyn Taylor and husband Robert and Linda Hogue and husband Dale, all of Bryson City; six sons, Jesse M. Grant and wife Retta Jo of Bryson City, Joseph J. Grant and wife Vivian of Massena, N.Y., Raleigh Grant of Bryson City, Lance Grant and wife Shirley of Bryson City, Vance Grant and wife Brenda of High Point, and Marvin Grant of the home; one daughter-in-law, Cherly Grant of Hood River, Ore.; two sisters, Lottie Swafford and Lisa Gibson, both of Franklin; 47 grandchildren, 71 great-grandchildren and 54 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Monday, Oct. 23, at Silvermine Baptist Church, which she was a lifelong member. Revs. Jason Coley and Eddie Taylor officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The family received friends, Sunday, Oct. 22, from 6 to 9 p.m., at Crisp Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Silvermine Baptist Church Building Fund at 2284 Silvermine Rd., Bryson City, NC 28713.

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