

Blanche Baker Gregory, 77, of Otto, N.C., died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at Angel Medical Center in Franklin, N.C.

She was born March 21, 1927, in Tifton to Offie and Myrtie Bolten Baker. She spent most of her life in Dillard and Otto.

She was a motel manager at The Dillard House and the Best Western in Dillard. She also attended Berry College for two years. She was a member at Newman Chapel before transferring her letter to Calvary Baptist Church, where she was a Sunday school teacher for eight years. She was a lifetime member of Ashburn Chapter 8 of the Order of the Eastern Star and a past worthy matron. She also was a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Franklin Baker, Arthur Baker and Edward Baker.

Survivors include: her husband, Ray Gregory of Otto; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Otis Fiveash of Destin, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Ken Vance Jr. of Milledgeville, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Gregory of Otto and Billy Joe Roads of Tampa, Fla.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith and Trish Gregory, all of Tampa, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Larocca of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; a brother, Harold Baker of Georgetown, S.C.; two sisters, Virginia Raines of Ashburn and Opal Tucker of Irwinville; eight grandchildren, Garrett Fiveash, Jess Morgan, Derek and Brittney Gregory, Tracy and Michelle Payne and Emily and John Austin; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Newman Chapel in Otto with the Revs. Alton Dendy, Bobby Cloer, Tom Larocca and Ken Vance officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Hunter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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