

James Lester 'Jim' Grist Jr.

James Lester "Jim" Grist Jr., 79, of Toccoa, died Thursday, April 8, 2004, at Emory University Hospital.

He was born Nov. 10, 1924, in Rabun County to James Lester Sr. and Fannie Mae Gillespie Grist. He lived in Stephens County since 1959.

He served in the U.S. Army as a medic during World War II and the Korean War. He was a lab technologist, X-ray technician and hospital administrator of Rabun County Memorial Hospital from 1952-1959. He came to Toccoa Clinic Medical Associates in 1959 and 27 years before retiring in 1986.

He was a lifetime member of the Medical Group Management Association and former member of Toccoa Kiwanis Club, for which he served as treasurer for several years.

He also was a member of Toccoa First Baptist Church, the Agoga Bible class, former assistant Sunday school director and teacher in the youth department and later served as assistant director of the adult Sunday school department.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Hubert G. Grist.

Survivors include: his wife, Jeanette Moore "Jean" Grist of Toccoa; three daughters, Terrie G. Harrison of Toccoa, Linda G. Maxwell of Watkinsville and Dana G. Purcell of Dalton; a sister, Martha G. Neville of Rabun Gap; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Whitlock Mortuary chapel with the Revs. Jim Nelson and Henry Fields officiating. Graveside services followed at Head of Tennessee Baptist Church Cemetery in Dillard.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church Memorial Fund, 601 East Tugalo St., Toccoa, GA 30577.

Whitlock Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

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