

William "Bill" Harrell, 74, of Hiawassee, Ga., formerly of Franklin, passed away Thursday, April 26, 2007.

A native of Sweetwater, Tenn., he was the son of the late Albert Jack Harrell and Virginia Moore Harrell.

Bill and his wife, Ester, owned and operated I.G.A. Grocery Stores for many years. They currently own and operate Huddle House Restaurants in North Carolina and Georgia. Bill attended the Freewill Baptist Church in Hayesville.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Ester Mae Burnette Harrell; two sons, Rev. Rick Harrell and wife Frances of Franklin and Jay Harrell of Hiawassee, Ga.; five grandchildren, Bill Harrell and wife Patti, Blake Harrell and wife Diona, Evan Harrell, Justin Harrell and Cindy Harrell Christie and husband Tony; and two great-grandchildren, Taylor and Tyler Harrell.

Funeral services were held Sunday, April 29, at 2:30 p.m., in the Chapel of Macon Funeral Home. Revs. Hank Conner, Lee Wright, Alan Taylor and Chris Rumfeld officiated. Burial was in the Woodlawn Cemetery. Pallbearers were Bill Harrell, Blake Harrell, Evan Harrell, Justin Harrell, Tony Christie and Jim Clouse.

The family received friends Saturday, April 28, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Macon Funeral Home.

Macon Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences are available by visiting maconfuneralhome.com.

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