

Mrs. Hefner

Bonnie Cunningham Hefner, 92, of Sylva, died Thursday, June 7, in a Sylva nursing home.

A native and lifelong resident of Jackson County, she was a daughter of the late Lonnie and Lillie Jones Cunningham. She was a charter member and Sunday school teacher of East Sylva Baptist Church, and worked at Sylva Laundry.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William H. Hefner Sr., who died in 1989; a son, William H. Hefner Jr.; two sisters, Bell Hornsby Day and Mary C. West; and two brothers, Richard and George Cunningham.

She is survived by two daughters, Patsy Whittington of Thomasville and Jeannean Wilson of Andrews; four sons, Richard Hefner of Clyde, Charles "Bones" Hefner of Sylva, Jack Hefner of Trinity and Conrad Hefner of Franklin; a sister, Evelyn Pannell of Franklin, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 9, at Melton-Riddle Funeral Home Chapel in Sylva. Revs. Carl Adams, Charles Dean, Don Moffitt and Bobby Metters officiated. Burial was in Locust Field Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Locust Field Cemetery Fund, c/o Virginia Pangle, P.O. Box 99, Dillsboro, N.C. 28725.