

Ralph Lamar Hester

Ralph Lamar Hester, 71, of Franklin, died Wednesday, March 3, 2004, in an Asheville hospital.



A native of Douglas, Ga., he was the son of the late Lee and Thelma McKinon Hester.

He was owner and operator of Hester Tile Company; was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the D.A.V. and American Legion Post 108; and attended Iotla United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Leona Williams Hester; three daughters, Cheryl Anita McDaniel of Ocala, Fla., Lorna Schinske of Whitewell, Tenn., and Catherine Hester of Franklin; one brother, Jessie David Hester of Jacksonville, Fla.; two grandchildren, Anna Marie Schinske and Stacey Lynn Schinske; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 7, in the chapel of Macon Funeral Home. Rev. Donna Cobb officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Rabun County Chapter 15 Van Fund, c/o Rabun County Bank, 121 Rickman Street, Clayton, GA 30525.

Macon Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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