

Edward Eugene 'Gene' Holland

Edward Eugene "Gene" Holland, 64, of Franklin, passed away Friday, Dec. 24, 2004.

A native of Macon County, he was the son of Claude Holland and the late Britta Lee Teague Holland. In addition to his mother, he was also preceded in death by a brother, Doyle Holland.

He was a retired long-distance truck driver of 39 years. He was a member of the Coon Club and a member of Tilly Creek Baptist Church. He loved making music with his guitar, restoring antique cars and was a Nascar fan. He will be missed by his family and friends, his family says.

In addition to his father, he is survived by his wife, Faye Carver Holland; four children, Brenda Norman of Franklin, Tony Eugene Holland of Hickory, Lisa Buchanan of Montana and Adam Holland of Friendsville, Tenn.; three stepchildren, Rita Scott, Peggy Ann Cowart and Melvin Ray Houston, all of Franklin; one brother, Gary Holland of Griffin, Ga.; three sisters, Vera Guise and Darry Lee Bryson, both of Cullowhee, and Debbie Menke of Auburn, Ill.; 11 grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Monday, Dec. 27, in the Chapel of Macon Funeral Home. Rev. Verlin Bryson and Rev. Melvin Ray Houston officiated.

Burial was in Mountain Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. Pallbearers were Randy Moore, Tony Lee Holland, Randy McCoy, Greg Carpenter, Mark McCoy and David Green.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Mountain Grove Baptist Church or the Cemetery Fund, c/o Ruby Henry, 11 Grandview Court, Franklin, NC 28734.

Macon Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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