

**William Kenneth Hooker**

William Kenneth Hooker, 89, of Raleigh, and formerly of Franklin, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005.

Born in Loudon, Tenn., he was the son of the late John Robert Hooker and Minnie Brooks Hooker.

Before moving to Raleigh in 1988, he worked for more than 30 years in the manufacturing business in Hendersonville, where he served as president of Ada Co. Inc. and Mills River Industries. He was a charter member of Christ Baptist Church in Raleigh and for many years he was a volunteer with Prison Fellowship Ministries.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Lucille Miller Hooker; three daughters, Judith Womack and husband Robert, Susan Metts and husband Tom and Cindy Fearnhead and husband Ivan; a grandson, Robert Reid Womack Jr. and wife Allison; a great-grandson, Robert Reid Womack III; three brothers, Raymond, Robert and Douglas Hooker; four sisters, Helen Abernathy, Pearl Jenkins, Martha Ann Johnson and Mary Jane Copeland; and close brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bill Miller and Mrs. L.H. Ball.

A funeral service was held at 3 p.m., Friday, Jan. 28, at Mitchell Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. David Horner of Providence Baptist Church officiated.

A private mausoleum entombment followed at Raleigh Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to Prison Fellowship Ministries, 44180 Riverside Parkway, Lansdowne, VA 20176.

Mitchell Funeral Home and Raleigh Memorial Park were in charge of the arrangements.

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