

## **Mr. Hooper**

Fred Hooper, 81, of the Mashburn Branch Community, died Saturday, August 7, at Angel Community Hospital after a long illness. He was the son of the late Jut and Ellen Wiggins Hooper and married to Hester Gibson Hooper, who survives. He was farmer and sawmill worker.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, Lloyd and Junior of Franklin, and Laughty of Hayesville; five daughters, Mrs. George Gibson, Mrs. Cecil Mashburn, and Mrs. David Sanders of Franklin, and Mrs. Earl Pendergrass of Nantahala; two brothers, Alvin Hooper of Rock Hill, S.C., and Doyle Hooper of Franklin; two sisters, Lillie May Cook of Bryson City, and Yoda Willard of Cullowhee; 25 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

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Services were held Monday, August 9, at Mashburn Branch Baptist Church, and burial was in Wells Grove Baptist Cemetery. Rev. Morris Wilson, Rev. Mack Reed, and Rev. Alton Dendy were officiating ministers. Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.