

Miriam Stephens Howell, 87, of Franklin, passed away Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007.

A native of Douglas, Ga., she was the daughter of the late Charles Anderson Stephens and Emma Merrier Stephens. She was preceded in death by a son, Mickey Howell, who died in 1977.

She was a member of Victory Baptist Church and former active member of Trinity Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Fla., while serving with her husband on the Bus Ministry for 18 years. She was also involved with the Rock of Ages Prison Ministry and was recognized as the oldest active missionary in Florida, North Carolina and Georgia.

She is survived by her husband of 66 years, William R. Howell Jr.; one son, Bill E. Howell and wife Lota of St. Augustine, Fla.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 12, at 2 p.m., at Victory Baptist Church. Revs. Benny Bagwell and Buddy Driggers officiated.

Burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Bob Seaton, Frank Copeland, James Bates, Bob Morgan, Mike Fitzgerald and Bruce Rish.

The family received friends Monday, from 1 to 2 p.m., prior to the service at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to the Victory Baptist Church, 278 Victory Church Rd., Sylva, NC 28779 or Angel Hospice Foundation, PO Box 815, Franklin, NC 28744.

Macon Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences are available by visiting www.maconfuneralhome.com.

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