

Thomas James

Thomas "Tom" Leroy James of Tom James Lane Lakemont, died Dec. 7, 2000 at Rabun County Memorial Hospital.

He was born in South Carolina to Dexter James and Minnie Holden James. He served in World War II in the 42nd Infantry Rainbow Division throughout Europe. He was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery.

He was well known for being a talented rock mason. His rockwork can be found throughout the county. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, a step-mother Lilly Mull James; two brothers, Marion James and C.D. James; three sisters, Julia Bunker, Hazel Donaldson and Barbara James; one son-in-law, Don Gore.

His is survived by his wife of 61 years, Raye James of the home; one son, Tommy Ray James, and wife, Ester James of Ringgold; three daughters, Brenda Gore of Lakemont, Wanda Darnell and husband Frank Darnell of Persimmon, Sandy Smith and husband Dwaine Smith of Lakemont; two brothers, Lloyd James and sister-in-law, Carolyn James of the Chechero Community, and Harold James of Michigan; one sister, Roxie Gaines of Pendergrass; 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, 2000 at Rocky Grove Baptist Church with Rev. John Gipson and Rev. Dexter James officiating. Interment followed in the Rocky Grove Church Cemetery.

The family asks in lieu of flowers donations be made to local fire departments first responders and the Rocky Grove Baptist Church building fund.

Beck funeral home was in charge.