

Russell Joseph Johnson, 74, of Franklin, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2006.

Born in St. Croix Falls, Minn., and a native of Milltown, Wis., he was the son of the late Oscar Joseph Johnson and Emily Schultz Johnson.

Russell retired from the U.S. Air Force; was a member of Longview Baptist Church serving as deacon, Sunday school superintendent and choir member; and was a Mason in the Strict Observance Lodge in Charleston, S.C.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Blanche Brown Johnson; daughter, Rhonda Gail Johnson White and fiancé Frank E. White of Dublin, Ohio; two brothers, Roger D. Johnson of Olympia, Wash., and William E. Johnson of Milltown; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held Friday, Dec. 1, at 3 p.m., in the Chapel of Macon Funeral Home. Revs. Nicholas O. Smith, Johnny M. Lee, James F. Johnson and Vic Greene officiated. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at Macon Funeral Home.

A graveside service was held Sunday, Dec. 3, at 3 p.m., at the Live Oak Memorial Gardens in Charleston, S.C., with Rev. Tom Brown officiating.

The family received friends Saturday, Dec. 2, from 6 to 8 p.m., at J. Henry Stuhr Funeral Home in Charleston, S.C.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Angel Hospice Foundation, P.O. Box 815, Franklin, NC 28744.

Macon Funeral Home was in charge of the local arrangements.

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

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