

Tom Johnson

Thomas (Tom) Harley Johnson, 80, of White Oak Street, Franklin, died unexpectedly Tuesday, March 7, at his home. He was a life-long resident of Macon County and was a son of the late Will and Mary Angel Johnson. He was married, first, to the former Rhoda Jacobs, and second, to Mrs. Flora Ellis, who survives.

Mr. Johnson was retired after 25 years' service with the N. C. State Highway Commission.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 9, at the First Baptist Church in Franklin and burial was in the Bethel Cemetery. Dr. W. Thomas Lane was the officiating minister and pallbearers were Sam Brooks, Butler Justice, J. Paul Vinson, Nelson Waldroop, Paul Mason, and Wilbur Ray.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a son, D. L. Johnson, of Detroit, Mich.; a daughter, Mrs. R. B. Waldroop, of Marietta, Ga.; three step-sons, E. J. Ellis, of Asheville, Malcolm Ellis, of Black Mountain, and Jack Ellis, of Sarasota, Fla.; a step-daughter, Mrs. Janice Helton, of Asheville; 18 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.