

Howell Justice, 80, of Franklin, N.C., died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007, in an Asheville, N.C., hospital.

He was born in Macon County to Badger and Maude Conley Justice. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked as a meat cutter for 44 years for various meat markets and also sold furniture for Sossman's furniture. He was a member of the Franklin Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7339 and Union United Methodist Church. He enjoyed growing shrubbery.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Rass Justice and Ralph Justice.

Survivors include: his wife of 59 years, Dorothy "Imogene" Ledbetter Justice; a daughter and son-in-law, Elaine J. and Weaver Scott of Franklin; a son, Steven Mascus Justice of Franklin; a granddaughter, Howell Gene "Hallie" Scott; and a great-grandson, Joshua.

Funeral services were held Friday at Union United Methodist Church with the Revs. Michael Binger, Tom Coss, Jerome Hamm and Tim McConnell officiating. Burial followed at Hickory Knoll Methodist Cemetery. Carl Alexander, Richard Alexander, Pinkey Corbin, Vernon Henderson, Erskine Montieth and Tommy Sheriff served as pallbearers. Franklin VFW Post 7339 and American Legion Post 108 conducted military graveside rites.

Memorial contributions may be made to Union United Methodist Church, c/o Norma Norton, 268 Middle Skeenah Road, Franklin, NC 28734; or Hickory Knoll Methodist Cemetery Fund, c/o Mildred Hoglen, 5226 Clarks Chapel Road, Franklin, NC 28734.

Bryant Funeral Home in Franklin was in charge of arrangements. An online register is available at www.MeM.com.

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