

Mary Messer Keener, 60, of the Wolffork community, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008, at her residence.

She was born March 5, 1947, in Liberty, S.C., to Frances Galloway Messer and the late Roscoe Messer. She was a homemaker and the owner/operator of Mary's Back Door Bakery. She was known for her jams, jellies and baked goods. She was a member of Joy Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Eric Keener.

Survivors include: her husband, Gerald "Jerry" Keener of the Wolffork community; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Michelle Keener of Tiger; two daughters and a son-in-law, Cynthia Ramey of Jefferson and Rebecca and Ed Hollifield Jr. of Clayton; two brothers, Lloyd Messer of Clarkesville and Lee Messer of Franklin, N.C.; four sisters, Martha Coggins of Saluda, S.C., Jean Johnson of Tusksegee, N.C., Marie Conner of Rabun Gap and Janie McKinney of Rosmon, N.C.; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Joy Baptist Church with the Rev. Tony Goss officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Hunter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. An online guestbook is available at [www.hunterfuneralhome.com](http://www.hunterfuneralhome.com).

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