

Beatrice Lockard Kelly, 85, died Thursday, March 17, 2005.

She was born May 18, 1919, in Barboursville, Ky., to Gertrude and Betty Jane Baker Lockard.

She was a homemaker, a life member of the Order of Eastern Star, Rabun Chapter 164, and a director of Rabun County Bank from 1990-2002. In 1935, she married Claude Kelly, a native of Rabun County. They traveled with the Tennessee Valley Authority until 1945 when they returned to Rabun County and established Rabun Quarries Inc., on Kelly's Creek Road in Rabun Gap. The quarry is still owned by descendants and leased and operated by Vulcan Materials.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Claude J. Kelly; two sons, Bobby Ray Kelly and Roy Lockard Kelly; a great-grandson, Levii English; three brothers, Dillard, George and Tilmon Lockhard; and a sister, Leo Newman.

Survivors include: a son and daughter-in-law, William "Bill" T. and Jean Kelly of Dillard; two daughters and sons-in-law, Betty and Leigh Wyatt of Rabun Gap and Claudia and Jim Cantrell of Columbus; a sister, Sue Rice of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; two sisters-in-law, Marie Lockard of Orlando, Fla., and Top Lockard of Berea, Ky.; 15 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Head of Tennessee Baptist Church in Dillard with the Rev. Doug Porter officiating. Burial followed in Wesley Memorial Cemetery, Rabun Gap. Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Memorial donations may be made to the Roy Kelly Benevolent Fund at Head of Tennessee Baptist Church, 895 Franklin St., Dillard, GA 30537.

Beck Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. An online memorial register is available at www.beckfuneralhome.com.

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