

Annie Ruth Benfield Key, 94, of Lakemont, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2006, at Mountain View Community Living Center.

She was born in Rabun County to Clinton and Marguerete Shedd Benfield. She was a homemaker. She also was a member of Clayton Baptist Church. She was the last member of her immediate family.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, James Robert Key Sr.; a daughter, Melissa Hunter; a great-grandson, Derrick Mayfield; and five brothers and four sisters.

Survivors include: a son, Bobby Key of Lakemont; six daughters, Ruth Miller of Hartwell, Shirley Cole of Paducah, Ky., Betty Baker and Kathy Key, both of Tiger, and JoAnne Hopper and Judy Kell, both of Clayton; 14 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and several nephews, nieces and cousins.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Hunter Funeral Home with the Rev. Bill Gravley and Lloyd Hunter officiating. Burial followed at Tiger Cemetery. Hunter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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