

Mr. Kimsey

Claude Lewis Kimsey, 82, of Franklin, died Wednesday, Oct. 14.

He was a native of Macon County, the son of the late Charles Omar and Nancy Adelaide Waldröop Kimsey. He was a bus driver and custodian at Union School since 1950, retiring in 1983. He was a member of Prentiss Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and a former Sunday School superintendent and was a grounds keeper for a number of years. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Kathy Craine James, and a great-grandson, Skylar Dillard.

He is survived by his wife of

63 years, Bertha Hastings Kimsey; four daughters, Margie K. Mason, Selma K. Craine, and Faye K. Wilson, all of Franklin, and Margaret K. Hernandez of St. Petersburg, Fla.; one sister, Hester DeHart of Eugene, Ore.; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Oct. 18, at Prentiss Baptist Church, with Revs. Brian Holland, Eddie Stillwell and Dover Watts officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Keith Mason, Ron Mason, Steve Wilson, Woody Wilson, Bobby Wilson, T.C. Chambers, Charles Tabor and Chris Dillard.

Memorials may be made to Prentiss Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 605 Middle Skeenah Rd., Franklin.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.