

William Thomas "Tommy" Kirkland, 68, of South Skeenah Road, Franklin, passed away Monday, March 3, 2008, in a Franklin hospital.

He was a native of Swain County, the son of the late Pearley and Hattie Woody Kirkland.

He was a retired farmer and a member of Black Mountain Baptist Church.

He is survived by one daughter, Lorri Allen of Clayton, Ga.; one son, Mark Kirkland of Clayton, Ga.; two sisters, Alene Hodgins and husband Clarence of Dewy Rose, Ga., and Epsie Blaine of Franklin; two brothers, Grady Kirkland and wife Nell of Franklin and Jess Kirkland and wife Bev of Mt. Home, Idaho; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Gladys Stamey; and a brother, Frank Kirkland.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 6, at 3 p.m., in the Chapel of Bryant-Grant Funeral Home, with Rev. Robert Dryman officiating.

Burial was at Black Mountain Baptist Church Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jeff Stamey, Jason Stamey, Jimmy Hodgins, Kenneth Blaine, Johnny Ammons, and Clinard Kiser.

The family received friends from 2 to 3 p.m., Thursday, prior to the service at Bryant-Grant Funeral Home.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences are available by visiting www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com or www.MeM.com.

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