

Francine Leach, 70, of Macon, died Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006, at Heartland Hospice in Macon.

She was born Aug. 13, 1936 in Toombs County to Erma Bell and Eschol Lee Warnock. She attended Miller High School in Macon. She was a co-founder of Shiloh Rare Coins. She was also a commercial pilot who flew charters for Lowe Aviation and others. She was past president of the Sunset Optimist of Macon and past lieutenant governor of the Macon District of Optimist International. She was a member of the Saint Joseph Catholic Church of Macon. She also maintained a bond with Swift Creek Methodist Church, where she was a member for many years.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Lithia Price.

Survivors include: her husband of 52 years, Jack Leach; a daughter and son-in-law, Vickie and George Prater of Tiger; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Marie Leach of Macon; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert V. and Janice Warnock and W.C. and Barbara Warnock, all of Macon; two grandsons, William J. Prater of Tiger and Anthony M. Leach of Macon; and many cousins, nephews and nieces.

A rosary service was held Monday at Macon Memorial Chapel. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Saint Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Allen McDonald and Monsignor John Cuddy officiating. Graveside services followed at Macon Memorial Park.

Macon Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery was in charge of arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to the Saint Joseph Catholic Church Labor of Love fund or the charity of one's choice.

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