

X **John Augustus "Gus" Leach**

*Franklin 12-7-00*

John Augustus "Gus" Leach, 73, passed away December 1, 2000, in Mission St. Joseph's Hospital.

He was born in Franklin on March 20, 1927, to the late Gus and Althea Leach. He was a graduate of Franklin High School, class of 1944. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was employed all of his adult life as a journeyman linotype operator in the following cities: Franklin, Atlanta, Charlotte and Bristol, Connecticut. He retired back to Franklin in 1991. He was a faithful member of First Presbyterian Church of Franklin. He was also active in Hospice, REACH, and the Macon County Historical Society.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Dell Boyce Leach; two children, Rick Leach and his wife Gail of Bristol, Conn. and Peggy Harrill and her husband James of Timmonsville, SC; sister, Betty Alexander of Swannanoa; five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, December 3, at First Presbyterian Church.

All memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, Church Street, Franklin, NC 28734 or Macon County Historical Society, Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734.

Macon Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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