

Mr. Leach

John Augustus "Gus" Leach,

73, died Dec. 1, in an Asheville hospital.

A native of Franklin, he was the son of 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 Franklin, Atlanta, Charlotte and Bristol, Conn. He retired back to Franklin in 1991, he was a 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; a daughter, Peggy Harrill of Timmons ville, S.C.; a son, Rick Leach of Bristol, Conn.; a sister, Betty Alexander of Swannanoa; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Dec. 3, at First Presbyterian Church.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church in Franklin or Macon County Historical Society.

Macon Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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