

Gene Irvin Leatherwood, 52, of Ben Lenoir Road, Franklin, passed away Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007, at his residence.

He was a native of Macon County, the son of Ada Florence Lenoir Leatherwood of Franklin and the late Jesse "Chunk" Leatherwood.

He was a heavy equipment operator and did drywall work. He was a member of Mt. Hope Baptist Church and a member of the Sons of the American Legion.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by a son, Michael Leatherwood of Clayton, Ga.; three sisters, Margaret Burch of Seneca, S.C., Hilda Cowart of Flint, Mich., and Faye Leatherwood Sinclair of Franklin; and two brothers, Jesse Leatherwood of Bandon, Ore., and Eddie Leatherwood of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 22, at 3 p.m., in the Chapel of Bryant Funeral Home, with Revs. Wiley Gibson and Roy Lowe officiating.

Pallbearers were Tim Neely, Denny Ledford, Roscoe Lewis, Shannon, Mackie Lewis, Al Slagle, Gene Shields, Richard Watkins, Chuck Seigel, Ross Shields and Bubba West.

The family received friends on Monday, from 2 to 3 p.m., prior to service at the funeral home.

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

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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