

Joseph L. Ledbetter, 73, of Franklin, passed away Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007.

A native of Macon County, he was the son of the late Lyman and Lassie Anderson Ledbetter. He was preceded in death by a brother, Harry Ledbetter, who died in 1987; and a sister, Blanche Southard, who died in 2007.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and was a member of the American Legion Post 108. He worked for Denny Ledford Construction and was an avid sportsman. Joe was a member of the Abraham Masonic Lodge No. 8AF&AM and Kosair Shrine Temple, Louisville, Ky.

He is survived by a daughter, Vicky Montgomery of Asheville; five sisters, Essie Dills and Mary Bridges, both of Franklin, Dorothy Crisp, Janie Bishop and Wilma Ledbetter, all of Canton; two brothers, Charlie Ledbetter and David Ledbetter, both of Franklin; one grandchild, Taylor Montgomery; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 2 p.m., in the Chapel of Macon Funeral Home. Rev. Robert Dryman and Rev. Wade Waldroop officiated.

Burial was in the Mount Zion Cemetery with military graveside rites conducted by the VFW Post 7339, American Legion Post 108 and Junaluskee Masonic Lodge No. 145. Pallbearers were Jay Gibson, Denny Ledford, Gary Roper, Tim Neely, Vic Kimsey and Al Slagle. Honorary pallbearers were Donnie Stanley, Ross Shields, Charles Dowdle and Chuck Seigel.

The family received friends Tuesday, Feb. 27, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Macon Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Oasis Shrine Temple, Shriners Hospital for Children, P.O. Box 560666, Charlotte, NC 28256.

Macon Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences are available by visiting [www.maconfuneralhome.com](http://www.maconfuneralhome.com).

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