

Frankie Ledford

Frankie Ledford, 86, of Hayesville, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2005, in Houston, Texas, after an extended illness.

She was the daughter of the late Hardy Frank and Rose Hogsed Cassada. She was married to the late James Paul Ledford. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Gail Ledford Lowder; a sister, Lillian Thomas; and three brothers, Blaine, Jim and Neal Cassada.

She attended Woman's College (University of North Carolina at Greensboro). She worked in the school system and had a large poultry farm. She was a member of Oak Forest United Methodist Church.

She was a loving mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend. She will be remembered for her love of growing an abundant garden, preserving garden products, her black walnut cake, crocheting more than 125 afghans, quilting, talking on the phone and in her last few years, doing her word search.

Most of all, she will be remembered for her strong independence even with being faced with Alzheimer's disease. She had faced many hardships but her strong and independent spirit saw her through each one. She was most proud of her natural red hair with very few sprinkles of gray at age 86. She was a wonderful, caring and loving mother, who was always proud of her daughters, the family said.

Surviving are a daughter, Karen Rogers and husband Joel of Sugar Land, Texas; a sister, Joyce Bryant of Franklin; a granddaughter, Denise Sharp and husband Doug of Manassas, Va.; a great-granddaughter, Jennifer Miles of Manassas; a son-in-law, Bill Lowder of Springfield, Va.; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Sept. 18, at 3 p.m., in the Chapel of Ivie Funeral Home in Hayesville. Revs. Jacob Kyker and Jackie Sellers officiated.

Burial was in Union Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers were Frank Ledford Jr., Tony Bryant, Fred Martin, Harry Jarrett, Denny Ledford, Phil Royce, Jason Jensen and Harold Cassada.

The family received friends Saturday, Sept. 17, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her memory to the Alzheimer's Association, Western Carolina Chapter, Mountain Region Office, 31 College Place, Suite D320, Asheville, NC 28801-2644.

Condolences may be sent to Karen Rogers at 3715 Pecan Bay Court, Sugar Land, TX 77478.

Ivie Funeral Home in Hayesville was in charge of the arrangements.

An online guest register is available by visiting www.iviefuneralhome.com.

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