

John Gerard Lynch Jr., 68, of Longwood Drive, Franklin, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2007, at a local hospital.

Mr. Lynch had lived in Franklin for the last six years and was formerly of Colts Neck, N.J. He was born in Jersey City, N.J., the son of the late John G. Lynch Sr. and Dorothy Quinlan Lynch.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, where he served as an agent for the Criminal Investigation Command. He was a retired banking financial consultant. He was a life member of the VFW Post 15034, a member of the Cadillac-LaSalle antique car club, a member of the Lodge 81 Fraternal Order of Police, a member of the Gem City Car Club and was a private pilot. He was of the Catholic faith.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Kathleen Mary Cornell Lynch; three daughters, Diane Lynch of Chicago, Ill., Kathy Lynch of Franklin, and Jenn Lynch of Belmar, N.J.; three step-daughters, Christine McIver and husband Russell of Allenhurst, N.J., Jennifer McDonald and husband Jim of Kingston, N.J., and Stephanie Kelly of Point Pleasant, N.J.; one sister, Dorothy Ilch of Toms River, N.J.; one brother, Thomas E. Lynch of Toms River; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 29, at 2 p.m., in the Chapel of Bryant Funeral Home, with Chaplain Bob Slicer of the Franklin VFW officiating.

Burial was in the Woodlawn Cemetery. The Fraternal Order of Police members served as pallbearers. The Franklin VFW Post 7339 and American Legion 108 conducted complete military graveside rites.

The family received friends Saturday, from noon to 2 p.m., prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Franklin VFW Funeral Detail, c/o Ken Carpenter, 2116 Hickory Knoll Rd., Franklin, NC 28734.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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

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