

### **Thomas Albert Martin**

Thomas Albert Martin, 82, of Hayesville, passed away Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at Clay County Care Center.

A native of Clay County, he was the son of the late William Albert and Lexie Huskins Martin.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII, where he served with the 372nd Engineers and was in the Battle of the Bulge in the European theatre. He was a retired truck driver; a member of Meadow Grove Baptist Church since 1953, where he served as Sunday school superintendant for 20 years; a deacon since 1968; a former training union director; and caretaker for the church cemetery for 31 years.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Dorothy Moore Martin; a daughter, Vivian Martin Cloer and husband Steve of Bryson City, two sons, Ranold L. Martin and wife Kathy of Mauston, Wis., and Donald L. Martin and wife Jodie of Hayesville; a brother, Fred Martin of Hayesville; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 6, at 8 p.m., in Meadow Grove Baptist Church with Rev. Keith Nuckolls officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Tommy Hooper, Elliott Arrowood, Jeff Long, Gerald McGaha, Edward Ashe and Chad McClure.

The family received friends Monday, from 6 to 8 p.m., prior to the service at the church.

Contributions may be made to Meadow Grove Baptist Church Building Fund, c/o Carolyn Dendy, 330 Slave Dr., Hayesville, NC 28904.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.Mem.com](http://www.Mem.com).

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