

Harvey Dale "Rick" Mason, 66, of Clayton, Ga., and formerly of Franklin, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 11, 2007, at his residence after an extended illness.

Born in Macon County, he was the son of the late Rev. Lee Roy Mason and Gertrude Ray Mason.

Rick was a member of Battle Branch Baptist Church. He was a deacon at Liberty Baptist Church for several years and taught adult Sunday school class. He owned and operated Mason's Grocery for 18 years.

Rick is survived by his loving wife, Patricia Jones Mason; a son, Michael Dale Mason; a daughter, Lori Mason Welch and son-in-law, Wesley Welch; a brother, Clarence Mason and sister-in-law, Elizabeth Mason; two sisters, Anna Jean Mason Dick of Gastonia and Freda Hartshorn of Lincoln, Neb.; five grandchildren, Kayla and Mason Welch, Seth, Sydney and Shaye Mason; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family received friends on Monday, Aug. 13, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Beck Funeral Home in Clayton.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, Aug. 14, at 2 p.m., in the Chapel of Beck Funeral Home, with Revs. Dexter James and Madison McCrackin officiating.

Burial will follow in Rabun Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Battle Branch Baptist Church, P.O. Box 483, Clayton, GA 30525 or to Regency Hospice, P.O. Box 494, Hiawassee, GA 30546.

Beck Funeral Home in Clayton is in charge of the arrangements.

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

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