

Janie Hooper Mathews

Janie Hooper Mathews, 57, of Palm Bay, Fla., formerly of Franklin, died Thursday, July 8, 2004, after an extended illness.

Born in Jackson County, she was retired from the Haywood County School System, where she taught special education. She was a member of the N.C.N.E.A. and the Eastern Star. She was active in missions, serving as director of W.M.U. for the Macon Baptist Association. She helped with West Virginia missions with a center for the needy in Welch, W.Va. At the time of her death, she attended Calvary Chapel in Palm Bay, Fla., where she was active with the ladies' Bible study.

She is survived by her husband, Cecil K. Mathews of the home; her parents, the Rev. Wesley and Gladys Hooper of Franklin; a son, Mitchell Ledford of Kansas City, Mo.; a daughter, Anita Stephens of Palm Bay, Fla.; three stepsons, Gary and Tony Mathews of Waynesville and Jeff Mathews of Asheville; a sister, Karen Burch of Franklin; a brother, the Rev. Davis Hooper of Otto; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held in Palm Bay, Fla. An additional memorial service will be held Sept. 8 at Liberty Baptist Church in Franklin, where she was a member.

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