

Jimmy Eugene Messer

Jimmy Eugene Messer, 67, of Franklin, passed away Friday, June 10, 2005, after a courageous battle with cancer.

A native of Jackson County, he was the son of the late Lynn and Iva Crisp Messer. He was preceded in death by a brother, Lynn Messer; and two sisters, Emma Jean Sisci and Mildred Petroski.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife of 39 years, Vera Smith Messer; three sons, Jon of Baton Rouge, La., Donald and Ben, both of Franklin; two brothers, T.C. Messer of Sarasota, Fla., and Larry Messer of Jackson, Ga.; five sisters, Clara Berry of East Flat Rock, Bennie Stepp of Hendersonville, Betty Gordon of Charleston, Tenn., Martha McConnell of Iva, S.C., and Johnnie Raines; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 13, at 11 a.m., in the Chapel of Macon Funeral Home with Rev. Vic Greene officiating.

Burial was in Tellico Baptist Church Cemetery. Pallbearers were Mitch Wilkes, Tony Rice, Vic Franks, Harvey Dills, Santiago Hernandez and Randy Ammons.

The family received friends Sunday, June 12, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the funeral home.

Macon Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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

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