

Barbara Jean Nichols, 55, of Lyle Downs Road, Franklin, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Sunday, May 6, 2007, at her residence.

She was a native of Macon County, the daughter of the late Lyle and Kate Dowell Downs. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Linda Moses.

She was formerly employed at Belden Electric Cord and was happily employed by Bob and Marcella Massung at Hickory Ranch Restaurant. She loved gardening and canning and participated in Relay for Life. She was a member of Victory Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 15 years, Charles V. Nichols; two daughters, Pat Burrell and husband Kevin of Franklin, and Pam Moses of Franklin; three brothers, Leroy Downs and wife Vivian, Jimmy Downs, and Kenneth Downs and wife Georgiana, all of Franklin; and one granddaughter, Stephanie.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 8, at 2 p.m., at Victory Baptist Church, with Revs. Benny Bagwell and Buddy Driggers officiating. Burial was at Victory Baptist Church Cemetery. Pallbearers were James Bates, Joe Christy, Tony Drinnon, Dave Kelley, Bob Seaton and Chris Van Horn.

The family received friends Monday, May 7, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Victory Baptist Church Building Fund, 278 Victory Church Rd., Sylva, NC 28779 or Macon County Relay for Life, P.O. Box 1648, Franklin, NC 28744.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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

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