

Betty Jo Tallent Nichols, 61, of Otto, passed away on Sunday, March 2, 2008.

A native and life long resident of Macon County, she was the daughter of the late Henry and Dora Jones Tallent. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by a half brother, Jimmy Keener.

Surviving are her husband of 40 years, Bobby Nichols; two daughters, Elizabeth Nichols and Roberta Nichols, both of Otto; three sisters, Daisy Sanders of Mountain City, Ga., Cora Lee Scott of Franklin, and Barbara Mashburn of Arden; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 5, at Newman Chapel Baptist Church, with Rev. Tom Larocca officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery. Pallbearers will be Jackie Scott, Tony Nichols, James Hopkins, David Nichols, Adam Hopkins, and Charlie Blaine.

The family received friends from 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, at Macon Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1648, Franklin, NC 28744.

Macon Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences are available by visiting [www.maconfuneralhome.com](http://www.maconfuneralhome.com).

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