

Genessa Gay Owenby

Genessa Gay Owenby, 84, of the Nantahala Community, passed away Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008, at Murphy Medical Center.

She was a native of Macon County, the daughter of the late Columbus Bunyan and Emma Grant Owenby. She was married to Lawson Owenby, who passed away Aug. 24, 2004.

She was a homemaker and worked for Owenby Manufacturing Company for 33 years; was a member of the Bethel Hill Baptist Church, where she served as a pianist and was a choir member. She sang in the Hampton Branch Quartet and The Believer's Quartet.

She is survived by her daughter, Norma Jean Owenby Douthit and husband Cecil of Nantahala; one sister, Carlene Grant of Hayesville; four grandchildren, Cindy Douthit of Greensboro, John Douthit and wife Diane of Marble, and Kevin Douthit of Kernsville; and three great-grandchildren, Kristen, Brandon and Alicia.

She was preceded in death by her son, Talmadge Leon Owenby; three sisters; and one brother.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 2 p.m., at Bethel Hill Baptist Church, with Revs. Eugene Taylor and Marlin McMahan officiating.

Burial was at Bethel Hill Baptist Church Cemetery, with nephews serving as pallbearers.

The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m., Monday, Feb. 4, at Townson-Rose Funeral Home in Andrews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Bethel Hill Church Cemetery Fund, c/o J.D. Owenby, 995 Junaluska Rd., Tipton, NC 28781.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



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

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