

Alney H. Owens, 88, of Clayton, died Wednesday, April 9, 2008. He had been in declining health for about a year and half.

He was born in Macon County, N.C., to Thomas Riley and Rose Lee Owens. He was one of eight children. He worked as a laborer all his life. He served in the Civilian Conservation Corps during the 1930s and worked from Georgia to California. He worked in construction and yard work until he was in his 60s. He then worked for the U.S. Forest Service until he was 85. He attended Blue Valley Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by: his wife, Ruth C. Owens, on Aug. 9, 1991; and a son, Julius, on April 13, 1987.

Survivors include: a daughter, Alma Owens of Clayton; a son and daughter-in-law, Ellis and Justine Owens of Arlington, Va.; a sister, Ora Sue Watson of Hildebran, N.C.; four grandchildren, Thomas, Clint, Kelli and Elizabeth; and four great-grandchildren, Nora, Christopher, Dallas and Gage.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Bryant-Grant Funeral Home in Highlands, N.C., with the Revs. Oliver Rice and Walter Wilson officiating. Burial followed at Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery. Pallbearers were Calvin Chastain, Jason Owens, Ronnie Owens, Brandon Picklesimer, Dennis Ivester, Kevin Nix and Mack Chastain.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. An online guestbook is available at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

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