

James Smith Parks Jr., 73, of the Hickory Knoll community, died Saturday, July 14, 2007, at a Franklin, N.C., nursing facility.

He was born in Philadelphia to James S. and Adeline Pendelton Parks. He retired from the United States Steel Company, where he worked in sales and was a chemical engineer. After he retired, he worked at Reeves Hardware in Clayton and Dillard. He was of the Episcopalian faith.

Survivors include: his wife of 41 1/2 years, Margaret Joslin Parks; three daughters, Carolyn Hale of Elliott, Maine, Anne Wolf of Charlottesville, Va., and Jocelyn Mattis of Pittsburgh; a son, Daniel J. Parks; a sister, Jeanne Anthony of Kennett Square, Pa.; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Franklin. Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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