

The Rev. Charles "Charlie Brown" Parrish, 85, of Franklin, N.C., died Monday, Nov. 6, 2006.

He was born in Cary, N.C., to Charles K. and Louise Hicks Parrish. He graduated from Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary. He also attended graduate school at Duke University. He started his career as a Presbyterian minister in West Virginia, then continued in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Virginia. He was involved in the administration at St. Andrews Presbyterian College. He also counseled with the Presbyterian Children's Home in Lynchburg, Va. He was an active Boy Scout leader early in his ministry, and he had numerous Eagle Scout recipients. He was an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Highlands, including the Monday morning prayer group known as "Charlie's Boys." He also was a member of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.

He was preceded in death by: his wife of 62 years, Ruth Stuart Parrish, in May; and five brothers, William K., Roy M., H. Jerry, David and Johnny Parrish.

Survivors include: a son and daughter-in-law, Stuart and Diane Parrish of Acworth; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Beth and Steve Houston of Franklin; and Margaret and Doyle Calloway of Highlands, N.C.; 11 grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; two sisters-in-law; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church of Highlands, N.C., with the Rev. Hunter Coleman officiating. The family will receive friends an hour before the service.

Memorial donations may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Highlands Building Fund.

Macon Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. An online memorial register is available at [www.maconfuneralhome.com](http://www.maconfuneralhome.com).

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