

James "Hargrave" Parrish, 84, of Franklin, passed away Monday, March 26, 2007.

A native of Macon County, he was the son of the late Dwight L. Parrish and Thelma Raby Parrish. Hargrave was preceded in death by a son, James Ronald Parrish, who died in 1995; two brothers, Joe and Charles "Rudolph;" and a sister, Virginia Smith.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII, serving 29 months as a rifleman in the 47th Infantry Battalion-Fifth Armored Division; serving 15 months in the European Theatre in England, France, Belgium, Holland, and fought in Germany on the ground. He was a member of the VFW Post 7339. Hargrave retired from the North Carolina Department of Transportation. He was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Eva Nell Bradley Parrish; two sons, Robert Gene Parrish and wife Wanda of Franklin and Jerry Lee Parrish and wife Gaye of Clayton, Ga.; daughter-in-law, Margaret Parrish of Franklin; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 29, at 2 p.m., at Oak Grove Baptist Church, with Revs. Charles Stevens, John Rogers and Gene Bohner officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with military rites conducted by the VFW Post 7339 and the American Legion Post 108.

The family received friends Wednesday, March 28, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Macon Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, C/O Evelyn Hughes, 190 Dean Dr., Franklin, NC 28734.

Macon Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences are available by visiting www.maconfuneralhome.com.

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