

James "Hargrave" Parrish, 84, of Franklin, N.C., died Monday, March 26, 2007.

He was born in Macon County to Dwight L. and Thelma Raby Parrish. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a rifleman for 29 months in the 47th Infantry Battalion in the 5th Armored Division. He served for 15 months in the European Theater. He was a member of VFW Post 7339. He retired from the North Carolina Department of Transportation. He was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by: a son, James Ronald Parrish in 1995; two brothers, Joe and Charles "Rudolph" Parrish; and a sister, Virginia Smith.

Survivors include: his wife of 62 years, Eva Nell Bradley Parrish; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert Gene and Wanda Parrish of Franklin and Jerry Lee and Gaye Parrish of Clayton; a daughter-in-law, Margaret Parrish of Franklin; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Memorial donations may be made to the Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Evelyn Hughes, 190 Dean Drive, Franklin, NC 28734.

Macon Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. An online register is available at www.maconfuneralhome.com.

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