
Edna Ruth Phillips

A local native, caregiver and homemaker

Edna Ruth Phillips, 60, of South Skeenah Road, Franklin, died Thursday, Nov. 28, in a N.C. Baptist hospital. She was a native of Macon County, a daughter of Rena Bedford Peek Sanders of Franklin and the late James Logan Sanders. She was a homemaker and caregiver for 20 years in Macon County. She was a licensed Baptist minister with a degree in theology, and was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband of 40 years, Elmer Phillips of Franklin; two sons, Larry Phillips and Ben Phillips and wife, Michelle, all of Franklin; four sisters, Elizabeth Neusenchwander of Hazelwood, Velma Randall and Hattie Maney, both of Franklin, and Faye Smith of Clover, S.C.; 10 brothers, Dallas Sanders, Terry Peek, Clay Peck, and Bobby Peek, all of Franklin, Donald Sanders of Toccoa, Ga., Gary Peek of Washington, Rocky Sanders of Gainesville, Ga., Robert Sanders of Blue Ridge, Ga., Charles Sanders and Carroll Sanders, both of Clover; three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Dec. 1, at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church with Rev. Wallace Tallent, Rev. James Sanders and Rev. Robert Dryman officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Halen Roane, Paul Benedict, Terry Moffitt, Bill Norris, David Roberts and Neville Bryson. Honorary pallbearers were Haywood Bryson, W.C. Sanders, Julius Ellenburg and Josh Charles.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.