

Mrs. Rice

Bertha Mae Welch, 86, of Franklin, died Tuesday, Nov. 3.

She was a native of Macon County, the daughter of the late William Deck and Cordelia Houston Welch. She was the last member of her immediate family. She was a member of Windy Gap Baptist Church and a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lem G. Rice, who died in 1972, and two sons, Paul Rice Sr., who died in 1991, and Virgil G. Rice, who died in 1990.

She is survived by one son, Coburn L. Rice of Franklin; two daughters, Leona Ruszkowski of Flint, Mich., and Janet Walker of the home and Walhalla, S.C.; 16 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Nov. 6, at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Bryant Funeral Home, with Revs. Melvin Brooks and Mark Bishop officiating. Burial will be in Rose Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home.

Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.