

Barbara Ann Ford Ritch, 73, of Wolffork Valley, died Monday, Nov. 14, 2005, at Britthaven of Franklin, N.C.

She was a charter member of American Business Woman's Association in Marietta. She received a bachelor's degree in history at age 65. She was an accomplished author and had several books published, the most famous being, "Coal Camp Kids." She was a member of Wolffork Baptist Church and had the privilege of traveling throughout the world with her husband.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William J. and Carrie Rea Ford.

Survivors include: her husband, Hubbard "Hub" Edgar Ritch of Wolffork Valley; a daughter, Mona Elizabeth Heart of Knoxville, Tenn.; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Wolffork Baptist Church with the Revs. Richard Daley and Jimmy Greer officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends an hour before the service hour at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2200 Century Parkway, Suite 950, Atlanta, GA 30345; or the Georgia Chapter of the American Alzheimer's Association, 855 Abutment Road, Suite 6, Dalton, GA 30721.

Beck Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. An online memorial register is available at www.beckfuneralhome.com.

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