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John Carlton Franklin, age 91 of Jay, died October 2, 2005.

Mr. Franklin was a lifelong resident of Jay. He was a loving, exemplary father, never changing with the times, true to his convictions, the end of the era.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Queen Victoria Franklin; daughter, Becky Ann Langford; three grandsons, Wesley Hutto, Kevin Faulk and Robbie Cross.

He is survived by three sons, John (LuAnn) Franklin, Jr. of Pace, Douglas (Molly) Franklin and Robert Franklin, both of Citronelle, AL; eight daughters, Mary Sue Pittman of Milton, Rosa Inez Gibbs of Foley, AL, Lillie Mae (D.C.) Lambert of Andalusia, AL, Helen Baxley of Milton, Faye Franklin of Tallahassee, Shirley Murray of Sioux Falls, SD, Victoria Franklin of Atlanta, GA and Ruby (Dr. Joseph) Fernandez of Enterprise, AL; one sister, Mabel Fox of Pensacola; one brother-in-law, Kenny (Stella) Knowles of Jay; 19 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, October 6, 2005, at Ebenezer Assembly of God with Brother Bobby Carnley, pastor of Ebenezer Assembly of God, officiating. Friends may call at Jay Funeral Home from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 5.

Jay Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.