The Rev. Ralph Hogan

The Rev. Ralph Lee Hogan of Mars Hill died Sunday at Asheville VA Medical Center. He was 74.

A native of Winder, Ga., he had lived most of his adult life in Madison County and was a son of the late Cyrus Hogan. He graduated from Mars Hill College, Carson Newman College and South Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He was a retired Baptist minister and served approximately 40 years in the ministry with the Yadkin Baptist Association and the remainder with the French Broad Baptist Association. During these years of service, he served as pastor of six churches and was active in the association work. He also went on several mission trips to help build churches.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a member of California Creek Baptist Church. He was a Pearl Harbor survivor and member of Mars Hill VFW Post 5483 and charter member of Mars Hill Lions Club.

Surviving are his wife of 44 years, Zeola Hollar Hogan; mother, Docia Hogan Allen of Marshall; sisters, Louise Sprinkle of Marshall, Marie Stone Duck of San Antonio, Texas, and Aveline Ball of Barnardsville; brother, Harry Hogan of Hampton, Va.; nine nieces; four nephews.

Services were held Tuesday at Madison Funeral Home. Burial was in Ashelawn Gardens of Memory. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ralph Hogan Scholarship for Young Ministers, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill.