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FRANCIS, JOHN MORTIMER, age 77, passed peacefully, Saturday, January 20, 2007 at home. A native of Monteagle, TN, he was a son of the late Jim and Macy Francis and was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Jean Francis.

He was known as "The Tennessee Trader," in his long career as a car dealer in Nashville, Franklin, Columbia, Hohenwald, Lewisburg, and Pulaski. He was a graduate of the University of Tennessee and was a decorated veteran of the Korean War and received the Purple Heart.

Survivors include his children, John R. Francis, Nashville; Rebecca J. "Becky" (Joe) Williams, Franklin; grandchildren, Scott Francis, Staci and Amanda Williams; sisters, Mary Elizabeth Shelton, Pelham, TN; Virginia Ann (William) Thompson, Elkton, Kentucky; special sisters-in-law, Lorine (Johnny) McCall, Barbra Scalf and Mary Smith; several nieces and nephews and special family friends, R.C. Alexander and Patricia Hawkins.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 23 in the funeral home chapel with Bro. Buddy Victory officiating. Pallbearers included Mike Church, John "Muggy" Frierson, Johnny McCall, Philbert Phillips, Charlie Shelton, and Larry Shelton. A special thanks to Dr. Jamie Slandzicki and Willowbrook Hospice.

Burial was in Monteagle Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Cumberland Funeral Home, Monteagle, TN.