

Samuel Clarence Alley, 76, of Lakemont, affectionately known as "Sam," died Wednesday, June 29, 2005, while hoeing corn in the garden at the home of his son, Ross Alley, in Rabun Gap.

He was born Oct. 17, 1928, in Rabun County to Paul and Ellen Gipson Alley. He was a jeweler and a retired postmaster at the Lakemont post office. He was a member of Rabun Gap Masonic Lodge No. 265 of Clayton and a former member of the Rabun County Hospital Authority. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a member of American Legion Post 220 of Clayton. He was a member of the Lakemont Baptist Church, where he was a deacon emeritus.

Survivors include: his wife, Patsy Mitchell Alley; a son and daughter-in-law, Ross and Karen Alley of Rabun Gap; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sara Alley and Dale Brewer and Karla Alley, all of Lakemont; a brother, Lamar Alley Sr. of Lakemont; a sister, Mildred Alley Tice of Clayton; three grandchildren, Rhonda Ivester, Jesse Alley and Nathan Alley; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Sunday at Lakemont Baptist Church with the Revs. Larry Brown and John Gipson officiating. Burial followed in Cannon Cemetery in Wiley with full military honors performed by DAV Chapter 15 of Rabun County.

Hunter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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