

**Martha Ethel Welch Ashe**

Martha Ethel Welch Ashe, 55, of Edgewater, Fla., died Friday, July 14, 2006, after a period of declining health. She was the daughter of the late Robert Welch of Franklin and of Ruth Welch of Pittsville, Va.

She was a Macon County native and a former resident of Jackson County. She has been living in Edgewater since 1984, where she has been a self-employed healthcare provider. She spent her leisure time gardening and with her grandchildren.

Surviving are her spouse of 20 years, Geoffery Hughes; three daughters, Rebecca Henson of Webster, Teresa Baldwin of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., Dianne Koontz of Richmond, Va.; one son, Doug Ashe of Sylva; two grandchildren, Abbie Baldwin of New Smyrna Beach, Ashton Koontz of Richmond; two sisters, Linda Ashby of Pittsville, Va., and Wanda Holt of West Virginia; two brothers, Virgil Welch of Greensboro and Donald Welch of Pittsville.

Services were held Sunday, July 16, at 1 p.m., in the Chapel of Hospice of Volusia/Flagler in Port Orange, Fla. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Volusia/Flagler, 3800 Woodbriar Trail, Port Orange, FL 32129.

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