

Melvin Leroy Ashe, 65, of Crossville, Tenn., formerly of Waynesville, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

A native of Jackson County, he had lived the past three years in Crossville. He was the son of Early and Bea Shelton Ashe of Franklin.

Melvin was an avid outdoorsman; an Angus cattleman; a graduate of Cullowhee High School and a graduate of Southwestern Community College in law enforcement. He was president of Ashe Trucking and Grading in Waynesville and Crossville.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and a friend to all who knew him.

Surviving in addition to his parents, are his wife, Frances Gordon Ashe of Crossville; one daughter, Kimberly Henry and husband Gary of Cullowhee; two sons, William Ashe of Waynesville and Tim Ashe and wife Tonya of Franklin; and four grandchildren, Kishia and Clell Ashe, and Lindsey and Cole Henry.

A funeral service was held at 3 p.m., Saturday, May 24, at Cullowhee Baptist Church, with Revs. Lewis Smith and Dr. Jeffry Vickery officiating.

Burial was in Wike Cemetery.

The family received friends from 1 to 3 p.m., on Saturday, prior to the service at the church.

Melton-Riddle Funeral Home in Sylva was in charge of the arrangements.

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