

Jonathan Eric Bailey, 29, of Nebo, passed away Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at his residence.

Eric was born in Catawba County on March 5, 1978. He is the son of Jerry and Renaye Bailey of Nebo. His father was formerly of Franklin.

He was a member of Clinchfield Baptist Church and a graduate of West Carteret High School in Morehead City. He proudly served four years in the U.S. Army, including a tour of duty in Kuwait. He also had a passion for cooking and wanted to be a chef. For the past seven years, he has been medically retired from the U.S. Army.

Left to cherish his memory, in addition to his parents, are maternal grandmother, Peggy Keaton of Gary, W.Va.; several aunts and uncles residing in Franklin; and his bone marrow donor, Dawn Celles of Natchez, La.

A funeral service will be held Friday, July 13, at 10:30 a.m., at Clinchfield Baptist Church in Marion, with Revs. Terry Roach and Kenneth Page officiating. The family will receive friends from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., prior to the service.

Burial will be in Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery in Black Mountain, with military honors provided by the U.S. Army and McDowell High School NJROTC.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Clinchfield Baptist Church Building Fund, 1150 E. Court, St., Marion, NC 28752.

Online condolences are available by visiting www.westmorelandfuneralhome.com.

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