

## Dennis Bates dies here

Dennis James Bates, who underwent open heart surgery at Emory University in Atlanta recently, died unexpectedly Friday at his home. He was 44.

About 20 Franklin residents donated blood last month to help Mr. Bates through the critical operation, which normally requires from 12 to 15 pints. Suffering from a chronic heart condition originating in childhood, Mr. Bates had two heart valves replaced in the operation.

It was reported that Mr. Bates was in good condition soon after his return home from Atlanta.

He was born in Marion County to Royd and Leola Watts Bates and lived in the Morrison Community Center and

vice president of R & B Concrete Products Inc., he was married to the former Dixie Welch. He belonged to Woodmen of the World.

In addition to his wife and parents, survivors are four brothers, Clyde, Nelson and Danny Bates, all of Franklin, and Ellis Bates of Gladwin, Mich., and two sisters, Mrs. Winnie B. Vinson of Rabun Gap, Ga., and Mrs. Joyce B. Lewis of Franklin.

Funeral was conducted at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Morrison Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Ron Odum, Rev. Alton Dendy and Rev. Earl Dendy. Burial was in Coweeta Cemetery.

Neal Potts, Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.