

John Marion Brown Jr. went to be with the Lord on Monday, Nov. 20, 2006.

Born in Augusta, Ga., he was the son of the late John Marion Brown, M.D. and Isabelle Westbury Brown.

He is survived by his loving wife, Deborah Jean Brown of Scaly Mountain; two daughters, Kelly E. Zangerle and her husband, John, and Melanie A. Brown and fiancé Brian Belfi; three grandsons, Davis, Owen and Cole Zangerle; and a sister, Gayle Jones of Dillard, Ga.

He spent part of his life in the Atlanta area, where he worked for the Georgia Department of Human Resources in the field of environmental health. During his tenure in environmental health, he served in a variety of jobs, including state training officer and director of a district environmental health program.

He was instrumental in establishing Georgia's first statewide childhood lead poisoning prevention program. He retired in 2002, after 33 years of service.

He loved the mountains, and its people. In 1997, he moved to Scaly Mountain, where he pursued a lifelong interest in hiking, trout fishing and travel.

A memorial service for family and friends will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 25, 2006 at First Alliance Church in Franklin.

Memorials may be made to the Angel Hospice Foundation, 170 Church Street, Franklin, N.C., 28734

Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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