

John Marion Brown Jr. of Scaly Mountain, N.C., died Monday, Nov. 20, 2006.

He was born in Augusta to Dr. John Marion and Isabelle Westbury Brown. He spent the greater part of his life in the Atlanta area. He worked for the Georgia Department of Human Resources, serving as a 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 moved to Scaly Mountain in 1997 to enjoy his lifelong interest in hiking, trout fishing and travel.

Survivors include: his wife, Deborah Jean Brown of Scaly Mountain; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kelly E. and John Zangerle and Melanie A. Brown and her fiancé Brian Belfi; three grandsons, Davis, Owen and Cole Zangerle; and a sister, Gayle Jones of Dillard.

A memorial service was held Saturday at First Alliance Church in Franklin, N.C.

Memorials may be made to the Angel Hospice Foundation, 170 Church St., Franklin, NC 28734.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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