

Larry Bunton

Larry Bunton, 61, of Panama City Beach, Fla., and formerly of Otto, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006.

Born in Shelby, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Bunton Sr. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Carl D. Bunton Jr.

He grew up in Otto and graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory. He opened Bay Golf Clinic in 1985, specializing in making custom golf clubs and was well-known for his personal attention to customers, establishing a successful business near the beach that he loved. He was an avid golfer.

He is survived by a daughter, Alison Bunton Williams and husband John of Raleigh; a son, Terrence Taylor Bunton of Washington, D.C.; three sisters, Mildred Kirby-Blair of Lincoln City, Ore., Jean Hodgkinson of Conover, and Jane Bunton of Hickory; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Panama City Beach and in Hickory.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a local hospice.

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