

Michael Alan "Coach" Cannon, 57, of Clayton, died Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2005, at Northeast Georgia Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

Affectionately known as "Coach," he was a teacher for 30 years and coached basketball, cross country, football, baseball and tennis. He was a Rabun County historian who enjoyed genealogy and a member of the Rabun County Historical Society. He was active in Sons of Confederate Veterans in which he was a past commander and current adjutant. He was a member of Clayton Baptist Church and an advisor of the Y Club at Rabun County High School.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leo Rash Cannon.

Survivors include: his mother, Dorothy Houston Cannon of Clayton; a son, Matthew Cannon of Clayton; a daughter, Michelle Cannon of Clayton; and a brother, Roger Cannon of Clermont.

Funeral services were held Sunday at Clayton Baptist Church with the Revs. Mike Campbell and Bo James officiating. Burial followed in Wiley Community Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made to Rabun County Historical Society or to Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Beck Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. An online memorial register is available at www.beckfuneralhome.com.

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