

Dennis Chapman

A contractor and local business owner

Dennis Chapman, 67, of Old Laurel Lane, Franklin, died Tuesday, Nov. 26, at an Asheville hospital. He was born in Cheshire, England, the son of the late Charles and Doris Brand Chapman. He served in the R.A.F. in Northern Ireland. He was a self-employed building contractor for 47 years. Mr. Chapman has lived in the U.S. for the last 17 years and owned the Cheshire Tea Room on Highlands Road and The Hidden Gem on Main Street in Franklin. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church where he was a Lay Reader.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Lavinia Knowles Chapman; two sons, Nick and Charles Chapman, both of Franklin and 10 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a grandson.

Memorial services are set for Saturday, Nov. 30, at 11 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church with The Rev. Don Brown officiating.

Memorials may be made to the St. John's Episcopal Church, 583 St. John's Church Road, Franklin, NC 28734.

Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.