

## James A. 'Jamie' Cleaveland

*A schoolteacher and native of Highlands*

James A. "Jamie" Cleaveland, 47, a resident of Sylva, died unexpectedly on Friday, April 22, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Sharon M. Cleaveland, and their sons, Nathan A. Cleaveland and Christopher J. Cleaveland of Sylva; and his mother, Patsy A. Cleaveland of Clayton, Ga. He was predeceased by his father, Henry A. Cleaveland. He is also survived by his wife's parents, William E. and Jean M. McCoy of Asheville, and a sister-in-law, Angela M. McCoy of Denver, Colo.

He was a native of Highlands and a graduate of Western Carolina University where he obtained both undergraduate and master's degrees. He taught school for 23 years in the public schools of Jackson County. At the time of his death, he was employed as a seventh and eighth grade teacher at Scotts Creek Elementary School in Sylva.

Funeral services were held Sunday, April 13, at Scotts Creek Baptist Church in Sylva. Pastors Larry Pons and Clemmy Queen officiated. Pallbearers were Dolphus Brown, Tom Gamble, Don Goode, Richard Harper, Neal Sellers and Phil Woody. Honorary pallbearers were Billy Baldwin, Tom Brown, Vic Costello, Carl Richardson, Pat Rogers, Mike Thompson, David Steins and Terry Tritt.

Burial was at the Highlands Memorial Cemetery in Highlands.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to "Heroes of Today," a training program for young people at The Christian Training Center, 234 Watchman Lane, Franklin, NC 28734.

Moody Funeral Home of Sylva was in charge of arrangements. An online memorial and guest registry is available at [www.pe-moody.com](http://www.pe-moody.com).

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