

Brittany Nichole Dugan, 19, of Cherokee, N.C., died Friday, March 24, 2006.

She was born in Hiawassee and lived all her life in Swain County, N.C. She was a 2005 graduate of Cherokee High School and was attending Southwestern Community College. She worked as a waitress at Riverside Cafe. She was an avid North Carolina Tar Heels fan who enjoyed beading. She was a member of Bethabara Baptist Church.

Survivors include: her father, Dean Dugan of Cherokee; her mother, Angela McKinney of Cherokee; two sisters, Ashley Dugan and Kristin McGaha, both of Cherokee; fraternal grandparents, Joyce C. and Jerry W. Dugan of Cherokee; maternal grandparents, Shirley McKinney of Apalachicola, Fla., and Betty and Georgia McKinney of Blue Ridge; a niece and nephew, Makala and Ezra McGaha; three aunts, Lucy Dugan and Jerelyn Curtice, both of Cherokee, and Sherry Perkins of Ellijay; and two cousins, Hyapatia Burrell of Ellijay and Rusty Perkins of Maryville, Tenn.

The funeral service was held Monday at Bethabara Baptist Church with the Revs. Mitchell Smiley and Danny Lambert officiating. Burial followed in Birdtown Cemetery.

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