

Michael R. Fortson, 42, of Buford, and formerly of Clayton, died Thursday, July 19, 2007.

He was born March 30, 1965, in Clayton. He graduated from Rabun County High School in 1983. He was a former officer with Clayton Police Department. He was employed by the Georgia Department of Public Safety with the Executive Protection Unit of the Georgia State Patrol, providing security for Gov. Sonny Perdue and former Gov. Roy Barnes.

Survivors include: his wife of 16 years, Kathleen Cunningham Fortson of Buford; two sons, Maurice L. Williams and Michael T. Fortson; his parents, Willie and Hattie Fortson of Clayton; two brothers, Mitchell Fortson of Cornelia and Adrian Fortson; and his mother-in-law, Zelma Cunningham.

Funeral services were held Monday at Union Baptist Church in Buford with the Revs. Gregory Marshall and Kary Harris officiating. The Georgia State Patrol served as honor guard. Burial followed at Hillcrest Cemetery in Buford.

Flanigan Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. This announcement courtesy of Beck Funeral Home. An online register is available at www.beckfuneralhome.com.

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