

Dennis C. Harkins, 57, of Clayton, died Monday, April 25, 2005, at Rabun County Hospital.

He was born in Lumpkin County to Clyde Edward and Virginia Moose Harkins. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and worked as a self-employed contractor. He was a member of Zion Baptist Church and the National Rifle Association. He enjoyed collecting knives.

Survivors include: his parents; his wife, Terri White Harkins; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Blaine Harkins of Seneca, S.C., Brandon and Cheryl Harkins of Clayton and Britton Harkins of Rabun Gap; a brother, James Dwight Harkins of Suches; a sister, Dianne Wood of Suches; and three grandchildren, Cody Harkins, Carley Harkins and Cassidy Harkins.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today at Zion Baptist Church in Suches with the Rev. Jim Carver officiating. Friends may call an hour before the service. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 409410, Atlanta, GA 30384-9410.

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

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