

Charles Louis Harris, 69, of Dillard and Lakeland, Fla., died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2006, at Mercy Hospital in Charlotte, N.C.

He was born in Oglethorpe County to Charles Edward and Daisy Opal Eberhardt Harris. He worked as a division sales manager for International Harvester Company for 38 years. He also worked as a part-time tour guide for TNA Tours in Florida. He was a member of Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Jaycees and the Elks Club. He also was a member of Head of Tennessee Baptist Church. He and wife JoAnne celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June, and he had organized his class reunion at Oglethorpe County High School for the past 10 years.

Survivors include: his wife, JoAnne Page Harris; a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Denise Harris of Raleigh, N.C.; a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy Harris and Jerry Byrum of Charlotte; a brother, Bobby E. Harris of Hahira; two sisters, Vivian Harris Dowdy of Greensboro and Diane Marie Harris Moore of Zenia, Ohio; four grandchildren, Derick Byrum and wife Abby, Deanna Leigh Harris, Christopher Charles Harris and Katheryne Paige Byrum.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Head of Tennessee Baptist Church with the Rev. John Hasty officiating. Burial followed at the church cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made to First Christian Church in Mountain City or to Head of Tennessee Baptist Church in Dillard.

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

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