

Milton H. "Duke" Hatfield, 81, of Sky Valley, died Sunday, June 5, 2005, at Rabun County Hospital.

He was born in Norfolk County, Mass., to Milton Winchester and Frances Eleanor Gronberg Hatfield.

He worked as a certified public accountant with Price Waterhouse Coopers. He was a graduate of Kings Point Academy and was a veteran of the U.S. Merchant Marines during World War II. He was a member of Estatoah Wayfarers Chapel, Dillard.

He played football in high school and college. He also was a 20-year participant in judo and received a black belt. He served on North Miami City Council and later on Sky Valley City Council. More recently, he was publisher of Sky Valley Political News.

Survivors include: his wife, Rosemary Burkart Hatfield; two sons, Bruce Hatfield of Sky Valley and Alan Hatfield of Houston; a daughter, Ellen Hatfield of Clayton; two grandchildren, Karoline Hatfield Kranicz of Clayton and Ryan Hatfield of Houston.

The body has been cremated. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. today at Estatoah Wayfarers Chapel with Ron Lindahn and Denton O'Dell officiating. The cremains will be scattered in the chapel's lower garden. A potluck meal will follow the service, rain or shine.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Estatoah Wayfarers Chapel/Special Assistance Fund, P.O. Box 474, Dillard, GA 30537.

Hunter Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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