

Matthew Hicks, 27, of Clayton, died Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at Stephens County Hospital.

He was born Dec. 8, 1980, in Jefferson County, Ala., to Richard Hicks and Tammy Hicks. He spent most of his life in Shelby, Ala. He served in the U.S. Navy. He was a painter in the construction industry. He was of the Methodist faith.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Richard E. Hicks Sr.

Survivors include: his father, Richard Hicks of Columbiana, Ala.; his mother, Tammy Hicks of Leeds, Ala.; his companion, Pepper Speed of Clayton; a son, Peyton Hicks of Clayton; a brother, Joshua Hicks of Moody, Ala.; a sister, Melissa Hicks of Leeds; his paternal grandmother, Helen Gengler Hicks of Columbiana; and a maternal grandmother, Barbara Owen Oliver of Locust Fork, Ala.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Hunter Funeral Home with the Rev. Raymond Page officiating.

Hunter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. An online guestbook is available at [www.hunterfuneralhome.com](http://www.hunterfuneralhome.com).

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