

**John 'Lightning' Huckabee Jr.**

John "Lightning" Huckabee Jr., 57, of Franklin, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2006, at the Asheville Veteran Medical Center.

A native of Bessemer City, he was the son of the late John James Huckabee and Bernice Huckabee.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Vietnam War. He was employed for 18 years at Foote Mineral, now Cyprus Foote, in Kings Mountain. He was then employed at Treads Inc. in Gastonia for five years, which later became American & Efird Company, where he was employed for 16 years as a maintenance man until he became ill.

He is survived by his son, Buddy Dean Huckabee and wife Jennifer of Franklin; four sisters, Nell Huckabee and husband Jack of Bessemer City, Gail Holland of Apopka, Fla., Louise Huckabee Potts and husband Don of Bloomingdale, Ohio, and Betty Huckabee of Gastonia; two brothers, Marvin Huckabee and wife Kathy of Dallas and Kenny Michael Huckabee of Bessemer City; and 13 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 21, at 1 p.m., at Black Mountain United Methodist Church with Rev. Keith Newell officiating.

Burial was at the Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery. Military honors were presented by the Buncombe County Veterans Council Memorial Team.

The family received friends Sunday, Aug. 20, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in the Chapel of Brigman's Funeral Service in Black Mountain.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Franklin Band Boosters, P.O. Box 2024, Franklin, NC 28744.

Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.brigmans.com](http://www.brigmans.com).

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