

## *Mr. Kari*

Donald "Don" Kari, 50, of Asheville, and formerly of Franklin, died Friday, Feb. 9, at his residence.

A native of Superior, Wis., he was the son of Eva Kokko Eskelinen of Houghton, Mich., and the late Reino Kari, and was a stepson of the late Wagner Eskelinen. He was a graduate of Franklin High School, and worked for Norfolk Southern Railway in Gainesville, Ga., and Asheville. He was a member of Central United Methodist Church.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Cathy McDowell Kari of Asheville; two daughters, Lindsey Kari and Lauren Kari of Asheville; and two brothers, Bob Kari of Houghton, Mich., and Rick Kari of Hickory.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Feb. 11, at Sugarfork Baptist Church in Franklin. Revs. Robert M. Blackburn Jr., Jim Crayton and Jimmy Dyers officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Morris Funeral Home of Asheville was in charge of arrangements.

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