

Bernard "Ben" Carl Kuipers, 45, of Clayton, died Wednesday, June 11, 2008.

He was born in Worcester, Mass., to Peter Kuipers and Gusti Hubert Crunkleton. He served in the U.S. Navy. He worked at his family's restaurant, Bon Appetit, in Clayton. He previously had worked the third shift at Huddle House in Clayton. He attended Mountain Grove Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Peter Kuipers.

Survivors include: his stepfather and mother, John and Gusti Crunkleton of Clayton; his wife, Tonya Earle Kuipers; three daughters, Colleen Kuipers and Cathleen Kuipers, both of Traveler's Rest, S.C., and Cassidy Kuipers of Clayton; two stepsons, Caleb Barnes and Dominic Bellinger, both of Clayton; two brothers, John Kuipers and Adam Kuipers, both of Clayton; a sister, Elizabeth JoAnn "B.J." Youngblood of Jackson County; and a brother-in-law, Lee Youngblood.

A memorial service was held Monday at Beck Funeral Home with the Rev. Larry Cannon officiating.

Memorial donations can be made to the Ben Kuipers' Fund c/o Community Bank & Trust, P.O. Box 1826, Clayton, GA 30525; or to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692.

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

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