

John Kerby Lathrop

John Kerby Lathrop, 40, of Shelby, formerly of Franklin, passed away in peace with his family at his bedside on Monday, Sept. 11, 2006.

He was born Oct. 23, 1965, in Florida. He was 8 years old when he and his family moved to Franklin. He graduated from Franklin High School in 1984, and continued his studies at Durham Tech. He was a longtime resident of Shelby and a successful and recent owner of North State Dental Lab.

He is survived by devoted wife, Kris Morrow Lathrop and their three children, John Keatley, Alex Christine and Jamie Ann; his mother, Dee Vito and husband Edward of Shelby; his father, John M. Lathrop and wife Lois of Franklin; oldest brother, Greg M. Lathrop and wife Judy and children of Asheville; twin brother, R. Kerry Lathrop and wife Kimberly and children of Waynesville; sister, Amy K. Lathrop of Franklin; beloved son-in-law of Frank and Linda Morrow and Jesse and Barbara Williams of Shelby.

As a member of the Cleveland Community he met and made many loving friends. He was introduced to the "B.N.O." boys by his mentor, Joop Bakker and wife Mary Ann. He was described by many as very artistic, a spiritual and loving father. He was also gifted with a beautiful singing voice and truly loved his church, Mountain Home Primitive Baptist Church, where he was a devout member. He was well attended by the Hospice of Cleveland County.

A funeral service was held Thursday, Sept. 14, at 11 a.m., at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer with Elder Marvin Loudermilk presiding, pastor of Faith Primitive Baptist Church of Toccoa, Ga. The family received friends 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday Sept. 13, at Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home.

Burial followed at Sunset Cemetery.

The family has established a college fund with UBS Financial Services. They ask memorial gifts be made to J. Kerby Lathrop Memorial, UBS 320-1 East Graham St., Shelby, NC 28150

The family will be at the home at 105 Cider Dr., in Shelby.

An online guest registry is available at www.cecilmburtonfuneralhome.com.

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