

Santos E. Machuca, 46, of Scaly Mountain, N.C., died Thursday, April 6, 2006, at Mission Memorial Hospital in Asheville, N.C.

He was born Nov. 19, 1959, in El Salvador to Maria Machuca of El Salvador and the late Jose Rosa Cedillda Cruz. He moved to Texas when he was 13 years old. He also lived in Georgia before moving to Scaly Mountain about 12 years ago. He was a caretaker for a cattle and horse ranch. He was a Baptist by faith.

Survivors include: his wife, Lexie McConnell Machuca; two sons, Jesse Machuca and Manuel Machuca, both of Scaly Mountain; two daughters, Kimberly Machuca of Scaly Mountain and Erica Machuca of Texas; his mother, Maria Machuca of El Salvador; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Belma Machuca and Raphael Honderas of Franklin, N.C., and Delmy Machuca of Maryland; a half brother, Phylis Machuca of Texas; and a sister-in-law and her husband, Elaine and Russell Tyler of Rabun Gap.

Funeral services were held Sunday at Scaly Mountain Church of God with the Revs. Alfred Sizemore and Samuel Montejo officiating. Burial followed at Scaly Mountain Methodist Cemetery.

Hunter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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