

Alan James Martin, 49, of Sapphire, died suddenly on Monday, April 9, 2007, in an airplane accident.

He was born in Hamlin, Maine, and raised on a farm in Caribou, Maine. He was the son of Ronald and Della Deveau Martin.

Alan served in the U.S. Army for 10 years. He was property manager for E.L.D. Properties.

Alan will be remembered for his love of life and adventurous spirit. He enjoyed many hobbies including scuba diving, boating, dirt bike and Harley riding. Alan was of the Catholic faith. Alan died alongside one of his closest friends, Damien O'Neill.

In addition to his parents, Ronald and Della Martin, he is survived by his faithful Boykin spaniel, Rosco; three brothers, Ronald P. Martin of Boca Raton, Fla., Kevin Martin and wife Denise of New Britain, Conn., and Carl Martin and wife Jodi of Hiram, Ga.; three sisters, Jean Martin of Caribou, Ruth Morrow of Rochester, N.H., and Monica Bearden of Presque Isle, Maine; 10 nieces and nephews; and one grand nephew.

A memorial service will be held Friday, April 13, at 2 p.m., in the Chapel of Macon Funeral Home. Rev. Vic Greene, Father Matthew Kauth and the VFW Post 7339 and the American Legion Post 108 will officiate. An Honor Guard from the 101st Airborne Division will be present.

A memorial Mass will be held at a later date in Van Buren, Maine. Burial will be in Hamlin, Maine.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice.

Macon Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences are available by visiting www.maconfuneralhome.com.

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