

John Randall Martin Jr., 56, of Lakemont, died Wednesday, May 10, 2006, in a private plane crash in eastern Alabama.

He was born Nov. 28, 1949, in Waycross to John Randall Martin Sr. and Jane Hughey Martin. He was a graduate of the University of Georgia School of Pharmacy. He worked as a pharmacist for 26 years and later was a real estate developer and an entrepreneur. He was a co-owner of Davis and Martin Well Drilling and owned Hometown Storage Inc. He was the owner of John Martin Construction Inc. and served as senior advisor to Martin Capital LLC. He was a veteran pilot of 21 years, an avid outdoorsman, world traveler and adventurer. He enjoyed woodworking, hunting and fishing.

His pharmaceutical career included positions with Revco Drugs in Martinsville and Danville, Va. He owned Ray's Pharmacy in Hayesville, N.C. He served as director of pharmacy at Ridgecrest Hospital, Woodridge Hospital and Rabun County Memorial Hospital and as interim director of pharmacy at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital in Highlands, N.C.

He was a founding director of First Clayton Bank and Trust, for which he served as chairman of the board. He was a member director of United Community Bank Holding Company in Blairsville and served on its board of directors.

He was a member and trustee of the Clayton First United Methodist Church. He was a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, Georgia Pharmaceutical Association, Rabun County Chamber of Commerce, Scottish Rite of the Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction, USA, Aircraft Owners and Pilot Association, Lake Rabun Association, Kingwood Resort and Walnut Flats Hunt Club. He served as past president of the Home Builders Association of Rabun County and was a member of the National Homebuilders Association, Rabun County Water Task Force, Erosion and Sedimentation Control Advisory Committee and Georgia Water Well Drillers Association.

Survivors include: his parents; his wife, Jamie Carroll Poss Martin of Lakemont; two sons, John Ashley Martin and Christopher Ryan Martin, both of Clayton; a brother, George H. Martin of Waycross; and four grandchildren, Quillen Ashley Martin, Sadie Rabun Martin, Brooksie Tate Martin and Miles Ryan Martin.

A memorial service was held Monday at the Clayton First United Methodist Church Family Life Center.

Memorial contributions may be made to the John R. Martin Memorial Fund established for Jackson and Evans Palmer, c/o United Community Bank, P.O. Box 1250, Clayton, GA 30525.

Beck Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. An online memorial register is available at www.beckfuneralhome.com.

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