

## **Virginia Shuford "Jinger" Mullis**

*A school teacher with focus on NASA Space Program*

Virginia Shuford "Jinger" Mullis, 53, died Feb. 9, 2003. She was a graduate of Franklin High School and a graduate of Western Carolina University in Cullowhee. She taught in the Rutherford County School System for 10 years and the Wake County School System for 16 years, and taught science at Garner Middle School. She received certification at Langley Air Force Base through the NASA Space Program to teach students about the moon rocks that were recovered in an earlier space exploration.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. at McLaurin Funeral Home Chapel in Clayton, N.C., with Rev. Thomas H. Fouts officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Pinecrest Memorial Park.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry W. Mullis of Clayton; parents, J.P. and Lilla W. Shuford of Franklin; two brothers, Charles Raymond Shuford of Sarasota, Fla., and James E. Shuford of Bradenton, Fla.

Memorial contributions may be made to the North Carolina State Wildlife Fund.

McLaurin at Pinecrest Memorial Park, Funerals and Cremations, is in charge of the arrangements.

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