

Don Edward Payne, 52, of Asheville, passed away on Saturday, May 12, at his home.

Born Nov. 22, 1954, and raised in Fairview, Don bought a home in West Asheville, where he has since resided. His biggest passion was his work, whether he was selling Christmas trees with his family, selling family portraits all over the country, selling lumber in the Macon County area, tearing down and restoring old buildings and homes, or laying flooring. Don was passionate about his work. Don loved his family.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lewis Edward Payne; a brother-in-law, Carl Harrell; and a nephew, Michael Harrell.

He is survived by his mother, Mildred Payne of Fairview; a son, Jared Edward Payne and fianc/ Catherine Allen of Durham; three sisters, Shirley Harrell of Skyland, Illa jean Ingle of Fairview and Una Gail Banks of Mars Hill; a brother, John Payne of Weaverville; his special beloved friend, Teresa Christenbury of Asheville; eight nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, May 16, at 11 a.m., in the Chapel of Groce Funeral Home at Lake Julian on Long Shoals Road.
Burial followed in Tweeds Chapel Cemetery.

The family received friends Tuesday, May 15, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mountain Area Hospice, P.O. Box 25338, Asheville, NC 28813.

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

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