

Raymond G. "Buzz" Phelps III, 52, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Franklin, on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007.

Ray was born in Auburn, N.Y. He was a 1972 graduate of Skaneateles Central School, where he lettered in golf, football and wrestling, and attended Auburn Community College. In his junior year, he participated in a Methodist missions trip to South America.

He was an Eagle Scout; archery counselor at Camp Woodland; and a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church, where he joined the Air Scouts program, utilizing their link trainer.

Ray was with New York Telephone and Bell South Systems for 32 years as a facility technician and was involved in the installation of the first fiber optics system.

He was predeceased by his brother, Lee; and two aunts, Ida Secaur and Hazel Chamberlain. Surviving are his parents, Jeanne and Ray Phelps Jr. of Franklin; his sisters, Cynthia MacNeil and husband Joseph of Greensboro, Jody Rogers and husband Mark of Auburn, N.Y., Penny Neno and husband Sam of Groton, N.Y., Sharmon Phelps of Fort Myers, Fla., and Holly Edgar and husband Tim of Cobbtown, Ga.; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be private. Internment will be in Soule Cemetery in Auburn, N.Y.

Macon Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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