

Earl Lawrence Ritchie, 61, of Mountain City, affectionately known as "Brother," died Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006.

He was born Oct. 11, 1944, in Mountain City to Willis E. and Paulette Keener Ritchie. He was a carpenter and of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include: his mother, Paulette Keener Ritchie of Mountain City; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Minnie Lou and John Cannon of Clayton and Mildred and Ray Peak of Otto, N.C.; two aunts, Rose Mary Kimsey of Franklin, N.C., and Gladys Gray of Mountain City; and several nephews, nieces and cousins.

Funeral services were held Friday at the Hunter Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. David Brown officiating. Burial followed in the Blue Heights Baptist Church cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Rabun Rescue Squad, 145 Syrup City Road, Tiger, GA 30576. Hunter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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