

Union Mills, died Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2000 at his residence. Born July 13, 1964 in Avery County, he was the son of James Edward Piercy and Verna Sue Vance.

A devoted husband, father and friend, David was an avid hunter, camper and fisherman and enjoyed horseback riding with his daughters. Mr. Piercy was owner of Dave's Roofing and a former member of Rain Hill Wesleyan Church in Brindletown.

Survivors include his wife, Tammy Piercy of the home; daugh-

*Lake money a lock, officials say

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International own thousands of acres of land around Lake James and are willing to sell key tracts.

"This is a great day for Lake James," said Susie Hamrick Jones, executive director of the Foothills Conservancy. "The undeveloped

watershed and lakeshore lands on the north side of this scenic and clean lake deserve protection. Rep. Taylor, Sen. Edwards, Rep. Ballenger and the Burke and McDowell county commissioners have all worked hard to build support for federal funding for this important land acquisition project. The thousands of local citizens who have spoken out in favor of this also deserve many thanks.

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the democratic form of government operates."

and Perry Franklin, correctional unit manager.

The state correction officials also took the group to Lake James State Park where they witnessed inmate

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