Burlington Businessman Takes Life

BURLINGTON — A prominent Burlington businessman, Relph E. Huey, died of a gunshot wound early Sunday morning.

Alamance County coroner Lewis Strickland ruled the death a suicide. The 48-year old Huey died from a 12-guage shotgun blast to his left chest.

Huey was alone at this home on the Hanford Brickyard Road, Rt. 3, Graham when he died, according to police reports. A neighbor heard a shot and notified the county Sheriff's Department.

Huey was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Graham and a member of the Burlington Exchange Club. He was president of Huey's Seafood, Inc., and Huey's Barbeque, Inc., both Burlington businesses, and King of the Sea in Danville, Va. He was treasurer of King of the Sea in Raleigh and vice-president of the Burlington Bank and Trust Co.

He is survived by widow, Mrs. Mildred Bradley Huey of the home; daughter Miss Debrah Elaine Huey of the home; son, Ralph E. Huey Jr. of the home; sisters, Mrs. Clarence Morton of Gibsonville, Mrs. David Yancey of Rt. 1, Mebane, and Mrs. Earl Sharpe of Burlington; brothers Virgil O. Huey of Rt. 4, George C. Huey of Rt. 1, Elon College, Carl Huey of Mebane, Frank and Alton Huey Rt. 1, Mebane, and Alvin Huey of Burlington.

The body is at Rich and Thompson Funeral Home in Burlington pending completion of funeral arrangements.