Mitch Correale, age 55, of 26 J.L. Lane, Newland, passed away Friday, May 31, 2013, at his home.

Mitch was born June 26, 1957 in Meriden, Connecticut, a son of the late Gene David Correale and Jean Love Correale. He was a self-employed carpenter, whose handy work can be seen all over the High Country. Mitch loved fishing, his dog, and all types of woodworking.

Mitch is survived by two sisters, Chris Correale of Parkville, Maryland, and Lisa Correale of Banks, Alabama; one niece, Laurie Jo Correale of Banks; his best friend, Hope Harvey of Linville, and a close friend, Barbara Grider of Parkville. He is also survived by three aunts and numerous cousins.

An informal gathering, to honor Mitch's life, will take place Sunday afternoon, June 9, 2013, from 3:00 until 5:00 o'clock, at the Pavillion at The Farm in Banner Elk.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Avery County Humane Society, PO Box 1213, Newland, North Carolina, 28657.

Online condolences may be sent to the Correale family at www.hamptonfuneralnc.com.

Hampton Funeral and Cremation Service is in charge of the arrangements.