The Rev. Richard Carl Zoellner Jr., 49, of Dillard Road, Highlands, died Friday, May 19, 1995, in an Asheville hospital. He was a native of Macon County and the son of Ella Mae Keener Zoellner and the late Richard C. Zoellner Sr.

He was pastor of Shortoff Baptist Church for six years and attended Western Carolina University and Toccoa Falls College. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Highlands, the Blue Ridge Masonic Lodge No. 435 in Highlands, and the Carolina Hunting Club. He was also a U.S. Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Patricia Phillips Zoellner; one daughter, Cindy Zoellner of Athens, Ga.; one son, Carl Zoellner of Highlands; and two brothers, Bob Zoellner of Highlands, and Bill Zoellner of Jacksonville, Fla.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 1995, at the First Baptist Church, Highlands, with the Rev. Lewis Gibson officiating. Pallbearers were Billy Tate, Johnny Tate, Harris Elmore, Benson Picklesimer, Woodrow Wilson and Wade Wilson. Honorary pallbearers were the Carolina Hunting Club. Burial was in the Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

The family received friends on Sunday, May 21, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home, Highlands, where his body remained until placed in the church 30 minutes prior to the service. Memorials may be made to the Highlands Scholarship Fund, c/o the Town of Highlands.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.