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GALE EUGENE MURCHLAND, 56, of New Haven, died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007, at his residence. Born Aug. 10, 1950, in Decatur, he was a member of Salem United Church of Christ and a Vietnam Army veteran. He loved cooking and gardening. His family is grateful to have had 16 extra years with him after his heart transplant, in 1990.

Surviving are his wife, Laura J. Murchland of New Haven; parents, Eugene "Hugo" and Mary Jane Worden Murchland of Decatur; son, Jeremy (Tammy) Murchland of Apex, N.C.; daughter, Lisa (Eric) Guy of Taylorsville, N.C.; stepson, Richard Petersen of Chicago, Ill.; stepdaughter, Tracy (Brian) Reincke of Fort Wayne; brothers, Dean (Karen) Murchland of Las Vegas, Nev., Max (Steff) Murchland of Markle and Kim Murchland of Ossian; sisters, Donna Nash of Craigville and Beverly Murchland of El Paso, Texas; and five granddaughters, Kylie, Kayla, Olivia, Abby, and Emily. Funeral service is 3 p.m. Sunday at Salem United Church of Christ, 7494 N. 600 W., Decatur, with visitation one hour prior to service. Visitation also from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Elzey-Patterson & Rodak Funeral Home, 120 West Mill St., Ossian. Burial in Salem United Church of Christ Cemetery. Memorials to Lutheran Transplant Patient Assistant Fund.

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