



Henry "Butch"
Anderson, Jr.

May 1, 1942 - April 17, 2023

Henry "Butch" Anderson, Jr., passed away at his home on Monday, April 17, 2023 at the age of 80. Butch was proud to have been a lifelong resident of Burke County. His battle with serious medical issues in recent years revealed his courage in facing challenges with a smile.

Butch was born on May 1, 1942 to the late Henry Anderson, Sr. and Myrtle Moss. After graduating from Morganton High School, Butch attended Hargrave Military Academy and East Tennessee State University. Butch enjoyed the challenge of being a local entrepreneur which allowed him many opportunities to build lasting friendships in the community. Butch loved to recount his "glory days" of playing football for Morganton High School. His passion for bass fishing and Carolina Panthers Football was known by all who loved him. The simple pleasures in life brought great joy to him, such as tending to his wildflower garden and reminiscing about old times with friends.

In addition to his parents, Butch was preceded in death by his sister, Marsha Anderson; and nieces, Laura and Beth (Buffy) Anderson.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Carolyn Anderson, whom the family wishes to thank for caring for our Dad during his illness; twin daughters, Kate Foster

(Paul) of Hickory, NC and Ellen Settlemyer of Morganton, NC; and step-daughter, Ashley Castle (Elijah) of Sanford, NC, (whom Butch loved as if she were his own daughter); and grandchildren, Dalton, Sam, Jack, Celia and Phifer.

Butch will be honored in a Celebration of Life graveside service at 11 a.m., Friday, April 21, 2023 at Forest Hill Cemetery in Morganton. Family will receive friends immediately following the outdoor service.

Our family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff at Magnolia Lane Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center in Morganton for providing such loving care to our dad during his illness.

In addition, our family wishes to express our gratitude to the wonderful staff at Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center for assisting us with the funeral arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Burke United Christian Ministries.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

I was a few years older than Butch, but we had some great times working together at Optimist Park when we were in high school. Each summer Butch and Jerry Houck, though three years younger helped at the Park. To his family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Butch, rest in peace my friend. Oval Jaynes

—Oval Jaynes

Butch was always extremely nice to me as a little girl of Howard and Patsy Gray!!! My grandmother, Marguerite Yount, would take me by his store, and he'd stop what he was doing to smile and talk to me!!! As an adult, he'd welcome us in to his home no matter how he was feeling!!! Butch you will be missed until we see you again at the feet of Jesus!!! Elizabeth

—Elizabeth Brown

To Carolyn and family; my deepest condolences for your loss. I hope and pray that you find comfort in the many wonderful memories of Butch and the time that you shared with him. Though I was not fortunate enough to make his acquaintance I recall Elijah, Ashley and Dalton speaking so very fondly of him on numerous occasions. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. With heartfelt sympathy, Tim Wisner

—Tim Wisner

We will truly miss our friend at our monthly luncheons. We know he's resting

peacefully and we'll see him again one day. Number "24" the swift running back was a friend to all that knew him. R.I.P. Class of 1961 Bill and Roberta

—Bill and Roberta Williams u

I worked with Butch many years ago and he was the best. Some of the best laughs I ever had was with him, he will be missed. He was a great person to know.

—Tim Capps



Such a good soul. He treated everyone with kindness and respect-someone impossible not to like. He had a great smile and seemed to be a friend to all. I will miss our chats about the Panthers. My heart goes out to Carolyn, his daughters, and grandchildren. I am so sorry for your loss.

—Melissa Wilson

Butch I watched you and learned a lot of football moves from you !! Always admired the way you ran the ball, and of course your mohawk----- We were buddies--I'll miss you my friend-- Doug

—Doug Golightly


An old friend will be missed but his laugh still rings in my head. So many hours of joy well spent.

—George Bailly



Worked with Butch for a while at Lowe's...top notch guy... Prayers for the family...

—David Kiser



I knew Butch in high school and adored him. He was fun and kindhearted and one of those lovely people you fondly remember when you look back on your teen

years. He always had a way of making you feel special. What a great legacy. My heartfelt condolences for your loss.

Sorry to hear about Butch's passing he worked for me many years ago, and the insurance business along with his father. Sorry I will not be able to attend the graveside. I have a doctors appointment at that time. My prayers and thoughts are with the family.

—Brice Mcglamery

Butch was truly one of a kind. We loved talking sports together. I'll miss his smile and his laugh.

—Betsy Blatz

So sorry for your loss of "Butch". Have known him for many years. From Ervin and Jean Simmons.

—Jean simmons

So sorry to hear about Butch passing such a likeable friend will miss our chats when he came into dollar general

—Gary Brown