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Dawson Timothy Whisenant

Aug. 22, 2007 - May 19, 2026

Dawson Timothy Whisenant, 18, of Morganton, NC, unexpectedly went to be with the Lord in heaven on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

Born on August 22, 2007 in Burke County, he was the son of Timothy Floyd Whisenant and Kristen Lynn Patton (Justin).

Dawson was a bubbly young man who was loved by many and will be dearly missed.

In addition to his parents, those left to cherish his memory include his brother, Austin Raymond Whisenant; grandparents, Bill and Donna Patton; maternal grandmother, Lois Smith; paternal grandmother, Carol Whisenant; uncles, Brian Whisenant (Kim) and Andrew Whisenant (Judy); aunt, Lena Moody (Cecil); and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

Dawson was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Raymond Whisenant; and maternal grandparents, Harold and Linda Patton.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., Thursday, May 28, 2026 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of Sossoman Funeral Home and burial will follow at Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery on Dysartsville Road.

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

Tribute Wall



—Anonymous



—Anonymous



—Anonymous



—Anonymous



—Anonymous



—Anonymous



—Anonymous



Dawson, I didn't know you like the others do but i have heard stories from the people that did know you, I hope your flying high , your in a better place now though. Your no longer in pain or suffering , you did leave people down here hurting but they do have someone they can come to talk about you to , your truly and deeply loved always and forever.

—Rayne



—Anonymous





Hey Bubba, I just wanna say thank you for the life you gave me. Thank you for the friendship you gave me. Thank you for everything you gave me even if we didn't talk that much. It's still the friendship that counted and I know my birthday is next week and I really wish you were here to see it. I'm gonna be turning 22. I know your mom is devastating. I'm devastated everybody's devastated for what happened just know we will always take revenge for the enemies that hurt you and every single day ever time a song that comes out reminds me of you. I start breaking down because of them light you brought into everyone's life just stay strong up there Bubba and you got one of my friends and my grandpa up there with you right now on my side just fly high bubba I love you, Bubs

—Raziel Cornils

Rip lil bro. Now u ain't suffering no more. Fly high my boy

—Pa



—Bobby



—Austin Whisenant





It's almost 5 months bubba. I look after Austin just like you would as a younger brother. But he's not doing okay. He talks about you all the time baby bro. I can't believe they did this to you bubba. You had a whole life to live man. I found the girl of my dreams bubba her name is Jean and shes 21 and she's only 4 hours away from me. She came in my life when I wasn't looking for love and now I can't get enough of it bubba Dawson. I love you so much. I got a chain with your picture in it just to remember you bubba. You always knew how to make me smile. But remember this Bible verse. John 3-16 "for God so lived the world that whoever believeth in him shall not perish but have eternal life through Christ" your still alive in our hearts bubba. We haven't forgotten you. Rest easy my baby brother. I love you.

—Hayden Vasquez



you passed away 149 days ago ur death date is 05.19.2026 i miss you so much these past 149 days been hard... i miss you my love

—your lil sister tay dawson



hey bby dawson, i meant can. not cant sorry bby but i miss you...

—taeya





hi.. Dawson its your LIl sister Taeya i miss you so much i cry all the time wishing you cant come back i miss you more then anything words can describe how much i miss you and think about you its not easy knowing that your not ever coming back i cant believe your gone forever i pray i see you on the other side someday now i have to live life the way you taught me bubba Dawson i wish you was still here with us its not the same without you i looked up to you i celebrate you everyday my love.. even tho your no longer here with us in this world i know your shining brightly up in heaven and i know your at peace and i miss you deeply we will keep your memory alive and someday we will meet again i promise imma run to you in heaven i miss you more and more everyday and thank you for making the sky pretty for us we will never forget you i hope you rest easy my heart hurts without you you didnt deserve any of this bs this bs stresses me out bc i lost you for ever my heart feels empty theres a hole in my heart that cant be fixed ever again it feels like eternity since i had you here with me you was only 18.. now i have to keep walking this world alone..... i cant i need you dawson..... its been 5 months already im turning 17 soon bubba dawson my birthday is next sunday ill be 17... i miss your hugs ur laugh everything my heart hurts for you i cant believe william, heathen, scooter, cold hearted, killed you and shot you.. all over a female we will meet again someday i promise my love i cant i need your hugs so bad right now i cant do this without you i will keep your name alive and i will always scream L.L.D

–your lil sister tay dawson



I miss u so much bubba and thank for making the world beautiful up there for us



—Raziel Cornils

Today, I celebrate you, my dear friend, even though you're no longer here with us in this world. I know you're shining



brightly in heaven, and I believe you're at peace, surrounded by love and light. On your birthday, I remember the moments we shared, the laughter, the kindness, and the friendship that meant so much to me. Though I miss you deeply, I take comfort in knowing that you are in a better place, watching over us with a smile.Happy birthday in heaven, my friend. May your soul be filled with joy, and may we continue to carry your memory in our hearts always. Until we meet again, rest peacefully, knowing you are loved and missed dearly.

—Raziel Cornils



Hey Brother It's Been 2 Months and It Feels Like Just Yesterday You Were Here. I Wish You Didn't Have to Leave Us So Early. Rest Easy LLD And I Love and Miss You. Fly High in Paradise. I Will Make Sure Your Never Forgotten. Wish You Were Still Here Brother. Still can't believe your gone.

—Bella



hi dawson its yur lil sister tay again.. i write everyday on this... i miss uu dawson pls come back i need uu more then anything uu aint deserve any of this shit, this shit kills me it feels like an eternity since i had uu here with me.. fly high bby boy i need uu more then ever uu was my brother i miss uu nb understands how much i need uu this shit aint fair this shit kills me uu aint deserve any of this shit bubba uu was

only 18. im suffering like crazy now i have to keep walking this world alone... i cant i need uu ...

—taeya



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—Jimmy Stanek



I miss you bro its ur brother steppaghost I cant believe this happend bro ill always stand tall for u nd keep my head up I love u man

—Donnie



—Bobby gathings



hey dawson.. it's ya lil sister tay I miss uu everyday there's not a day that goes by that i don't miss uu this hurts more then anything you was only 18 i miss you alot more then wrds can describe long live dawson timothy whisenat im sorry uu hadda go dis soon it wasn't ya time to go my heart breaks without uu i need uu more den anything right now I

cry everyday i miss the phone calls the sleep calls uu will forever be my brother no matter what .. i love you more then anything dawson. please come home the family misses uu i miss uu more den life itself my heart is broken without uu LLD forevaaa 18 long live in the gangster paradise long live

dawson timothy whisenat im sorry that ur brothas did this to u dis wasn't okay im sorry forever and always in my heart

–Taeya



It hurts my heart to see that you left us so young. Many a times you would tell me about the your dreams and hopes. Although you weren't able to achieve them all the biggest reward was getting a set of wings. I will always remember your charm and that smile. R.I.P

–Zae



Dawson was not only my best friend but a brother to me. I miss him everyday. His smile lit up my world and I'll never forget him. He will forever be in my heart and memory and I'll make sure my kids know that Dawson would have been their friend too. I wish this had never happened. He had a bright future ahead of him. I love Dawson with all my heart. Rest easy lil bro. You may not have been my blood brother but your definitely my brother by choice. I love you baby bro. Fly high man. Rest easy sweet angel

–Ayden banks



Hey Dawson it's your little sister Tay. I miss you everyday people say I cannot consider you my brother and that messes with my head. I can't believe you're gone this fast I



miss you everyday Dawson I watched you grow up I watched you become the amazing person that you become I've known you my whole life you was my you wasn't just my brother you was my best friend my protector and now I don't have you anymore I cry everyday knowing and realizing you're not going to come back it hurts your funeral

destroyed me the most but at least I was able to say goodbye but I do miss you Dawson I miss you more than anything there's not a day that goes by that I don't think about you or miss you because damn it's a struggle not having you and I realize nowadays I'm not going to be able to call you again your last words to me was like I love you Sissy forever and always and just hearing you say that I broke my heart at the same time I felt like I was going to lose you now this happens I would do anything to bring me back Dawson I wish you were still here right now and I'm not going to lie I wish heaven had visiting hours because I would ask if I could take you home but I know what they would say so I'm going to live life like you told me and do it on my own but Dawson Timothy whisenat live long Dawson forever 18 live long in the gangster paradise Dawson whisanat I love you... -Taeya your younger sister

–Taeya



–Dakota miller



–Cora





–Abby



–OG Daughter



I miss you so much n it hurts me that ur gone n ur forever my world i love u forever now u may rest in peace forever Dawson world

– bugs



We all love you Dawson it’s still don’t feel that your gone you didn’t deserve that shit man everyone finna keep yo name live forever it’s always finna be yo world your missed by everyone dawsonnnnnnn

–Mads and ally

Dawson I love you brother you were my big brother and my support my protecter but you weren't just that your were way more you may not have been family by blood but you are definitely my family by heart i choice you as my family I



miss you Bubba and I love you Bubba RIP Bubba you will forever be in my heart and thoughts I'm sorry this all happened to you i wish it never happened to you Bubba you never deserved any of this rest in peace fly high big brother I love you so much and will forever and always love you

—Myah



In the quiet moments, we feel your absence, Dawson, yet we also feel your presence in the gentle whispers of the wind and the warmth of the sunlight. Heaven has gained a shining star who illuminated our lives with kindness, laughter, and love. Though our hearts ache to hold you again, we find comfort knowing you are free from pain, watching over us with a peaceful smile. Your spirit remains forever etched in our souls, guiding us through darkness and reminding us of the beauty of a life well-lived. Until we are reunited, we carry your love with us, forever and always.

—Raziel



You're very loved an will forever be missed

—Tabitha Peters



Hey Dawson I already miss you so much you had the biggest heart and loved everyone mawmaw wishes she could trade places with you I'm so sorry I can't I know that you believed in God because me and you had talked about it the plans was you was going to come stay the night with

mawmaw on Saturdays and you was going to go the church with me but you left before we even got to do that there was several things we was going to do I love you so much Dawson you have so many people that loves you go rest easy now Dawson justice will be served you can bet on that because God is in control. Gone but never forgotten Forever 18

—Christine Smith



Dawson whisenant you are going to be missed so bad if mawmaw could take your place I would do it in a heartbeat I'm so sorry I can't just know mawmaw loves you very very much and mawmaw is praying that you get justice I love you Dawson until we meet again rest easy sweetie Gone but never forgotten For ever 18 love mawmaw

—Christine Smith



Losing you so young has left all of us heartbroken. At just 18 years old, you had so much life ahead of you and brought so much laughter, love, and light to the people around you. You will always be remembered for the memories you gave us and the impact you made in such a short time. Rest easy Dawson, you will forever be missed and forever loved. #forever 18

—Haley Whisenant



We are going to miss you so much sweet boy , I remember us always being excited when you an your brother was at grandmas to play with us an when we would run around the trailer park with all the other kids . I wish you could have

met my daughter , she would have loved you ! We love you Dawson #forever18



Fly high brother you will always be missed and will never be forgotten. I love you brother rest easy

—Jimmy Stanek

Still feels so unreal. Dawson buddy you are going to be missed so very deeply. You are and will forever be loved. We love and miss you

—Nicole Crane



—Shelly Jones



Toot Toot, May god give you the biggest and brightest wings so you can fly high. Watching over everyone until we all see you again. Although you're gone your spirit will live on with everyone you will be missed we love you. FLY HIGH TOOT TOOT! Love ya, Calvin, Savanna and Elijiah

—Calvin-Savanna-Elijiah

We are going to miss you sweet boy, you had so much more life to live and so much more time to give. Rest easy sweet boy,until we meet again... Love ,Aunt Judy Uncle Drew

–Aunt Judy and Uncle Drew



–Aunt Judy Whisenant



Dawson this so hard to except. We both wish that we could turn back the hands of time and do more help more. I will always remember your laugh and the way you would look up at me. Fly High and I will keep you in my prayers you will always be on my mind. Love Always, Philip Hux

–Philip Hux



–Jay



–Annamae



Dawson was like a brother he was there no matter what time it was he would always be willing to talk he always

told me look for the light Even when it's dark he will always be considered a brother we miss you bubs fly high

–Maddie



I’m so sorry to the family of Dawson. He was a good man, a good friend, and a good brother to all. We will all miss him so much...LLD

–Maddie Pineda



Dawson I am still I'm shock that your really gone. I can remember you as a baby you and Austin and when I took care of yall you 2 boys made my day and was always so happy. I hate this happened to you it just isn't fair you had a whole life in front of you but I know you will rock it in heaven and we will all see you again until then just keep being yourself little man.

–Steph



Condolences and prayers for the family.

–Betty Sumlin, Becky Dobson



I love you man fly high

–Brother



Hi. Dawson its taeya your sister i miss you so much and everyday feels unreal this isn't ok i miss you more than anything you meant the world to me it was amazing watching you grow up I knew you my whole life i love you so much Dawson forever 18 you didn't deserve this live long in the gangster paradise bubba i don't know what to do without you... I'll be at your funeral with one of my friends because i can't do it by myself if its an open casket that is gonna break my heart i miss you everyday i hope to see you on the other side or at least see you again someday fly high my angel...

–Taeya



I'm so sorry bubby I miss our conversations and the laughs we had hope one we get to see each other again I love you dawson I wish this never happened Forever#18

–KillaKane aka Kane



I don’t even know where to start Dawson u was my very best friend u always was so kind and sweet we had our ups and downs but in the end u were the only one who understood what i was going through u always called me when things wasn’t going right bc u knew i would answer u were only 18 but can tell ur life story like u lived 100 years old and no

one knows how much it’s hurting me to know ur gone before me u were supposed to outlive me u were supposed to have lil demon of children running around u were my rock and now ur gone there so much more i would say if i knew our last messages would’ve been our last no one understands u like i did

—Cheyenne jones

for the family rip Dawson you will be missed

—Terry Whisenant



—Nani/ghost



My condolences sweet dawson gone to soon sending hugs to heaven from all your family that loves you

—Peggy Benfield

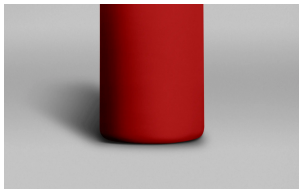


I love you baby boy

—Lena Moody



Dawson was like a bio brother to me it hurts not hearing his calls not seeing him text I miss bro a lot rest in peace fly



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–Twister



I love you dawson i wish this never even happened to you i love yoy and i hope to see you on the other side

–Austin Whisenant



Prayers for the whole family!

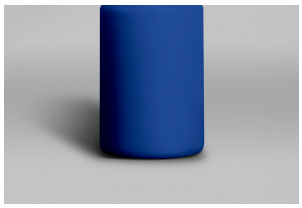
–Christina Ward



Dawson, I can’t find the words to say how much you are already missed and so very loved. You were taken way too early. You are truly truly gonna be missed. That smile of yours made a forever memory. I will never forget about all the times we laughed and had fun! You always made sure to turn my frown upside down. I miss you more than words could ever say’ I love you Dawson, until we meet again! Fly High Baby Boy!!

–Stephanie





—Kelsey



I love you Kristen and Austin.. So sorry for everything that's happened

—Heidi Gunn



—Kathy Franklin



Thinking of you during this difficult time. Our prayers are with you and the family

—John Christina Chase Burdette



Dawson you was my best friend and like a little brother to me. I wish this didn't happened to you because you had so much hope. You was a great guy and a great person. Forever gone but never forgotten. RIP Dawson. May your spirit live on forever.

—Skylar Woody

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—Anonymous



Praying for the families. God bless you

—Jessica DuBois



—David parr



You will forever be missed you was the light of many's life I hope you rest in heavenly peace.

—Haley Belton