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Eric Bryan Duckworth

June 30, 1975 - Aug. 15, 2026

Eric Bryan Duckworth, 51, of Morganton, NC, passed away on Saturday, August 15, 2026.

Born in Burke County, NC on June 30, 1975, Eric was the cherished son of Jerry Lee Duckworth, Sr. (Ruth) and Janice Linda White Duckworth. He was an outgoing, fun-loving individual, who brought joy to those around him. He showed his deeply caring nature by tenderly looking after his mother, Janice, during her illness.

A proud veteran, Eric served his country with distinction in the U.S. Army Reserves, completing two tours of duty in Iraq. After his military service, he pursued higher education and earned an associate's degree in business. Eric worked at both Broughton Hospital and the local prison system.

Outside of work, Eric was a kid at heart who loved the strategy and fun of playing sports games and board games. He also loved the outdoors and found peace hiking through the beautiful trails of North Carolina.

In addition to his parents, Eric is survived by his devoted brother, Jerry L. Duckworth, Jr. (Delores); his beloved nephews, Jerry L. Duckworth, III, David M. Duckworth, and Kaleb "Forest" Duckworth; and a large, loving circle of extended family members.

No services are planned at this time.

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

Tribute Wall

—Kenny Hall

I served with Duck for a while. I was the SFC or the RAT PATROL as we called our selves. I though the world of Duck he was a good man. I am very sorry for you loss.

—stephen jones

—Craig Overton

So sorry about the passing of Eric he did not die. He just changed addresses. He is now experiencing all the joys of heaven,Our minds can only imagine what he is experiencing prayers and hugs for all the family and friends. Eddy and Brenda Huffman

—Eddy and Brenda Huffman

Heartfelt condolences to Eric's family and friends. From a neighbor who remembers sitting and chatting with him on our apartment porches 2020/21.

—William M.

So sorry to hear this! Eric was a great guy!

—Jason Eric Bowman

I'm truly sorry to see this news. It's always hard for a parent to lose a child no matter their age. We have you in our thoughts and prayers with those being God's peace and comfort come to you all.

—Bob Duckworth

Jerry and Ruth, I cannot begin to fathom the depth of your pain over the loss of your beloved son. Just know that there are a lot of people who share your sorrow and are surrounding with prayer and healing thoughts. God bless you and your family.

—Mark Selm

I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts & prayers are with you.

—April Arrowood

I’m saddened to see this! I went to school with Eric; Glen Alpine Elementary through Freedom, High, we graduated in the same class. He was such a great

guy and always willing to help others! Your family will be in my prayers! Mandy Smith Hice

–Mandy