



Jeffrey William Baird

May 4, 1957 - May 14, 2025

With deep sadness and enduring love, we announce the passing of Jeffrey William Baird, who died on May 14, 2025, at the age of 68. Jeff was born on May 4, 1957, and lived a life defined by integrity, service, humility, and unwavering devotion to his family and country.

Jeff proudly served in the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged a chapter of his life that reflected his deep sense of duty, discipline, and patriotism. After his military service, Jeff returned home and spent over 35 years working side by side with his brother Steve in the family business, Bairds Drywall, trade handed down from their father, Lester Baird. Together, they built not just walls, but a reputation for hard work, trust, and craftsmanship that stood the test of time.

He was a devoted husband, father, stepfather, grandfather, brother, and friend someone whose quiet strength and steadfast heart left a lasting mark on everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Jeff lived by example always steady in both calm and storm, always ready with a kind word, a helping hand, or a calm presence. His humility, wisdom, and sense of humor made him beloved to many, and his influence was quietly profound.

He is survived by his loving wife, Shirley Carswell, and his two sons: Eric Baird (fiance Leigh Wingo) and Matthew Baird (wife Jaylee), who carry forward his legacy of love, resilience, and integrity. Jeff took tremendous pride in being a father, guiding his sons with patience and strength.

He was also a proud stepfather to Shonta Powell (husband Danny), Kannan Shew, and Chris Blankenship (husband Scottie) all of whom he embraced as his own.

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Jeff's legacy lives on through his cherished grandchildren: Caslin Baird, Will Baird, Ethan Baird, Caroline Baird, Kindred Wilson, Ace Baird, Madison McCall, Shelby Blankenship, Gavin Powell, and Lana Foss. Each of their lives has been shaped by his love, quiet leadership, and unwavering example.

He is also survived by his brothers: Robert Baird (wife Terressa), Steve Baird (wife Toni), and Bryan Baird (wife Brenda). Jeff shared a deep bond of loyalty and family with each of them, especially Steve, with whom he spent decades building and continuing the family trade.

Jeff was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Lester Calloway Baird and Ruth Elizabeth Johnson Baird, as well as his dear sisters, Connie Minton and Dianne Setzer. Their spirits now reunite with his in peace.

Jeff's life was one of quiet impact measured not in accolades, but in the countless ways he faithfully showed up for the people and causes he loved. He gave of himself generously and without hesitation.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date, to be determined. Family and friends will be invited to gather in Jeff's honor, to share stories, laughter, and the love he left behind.

Though he has left this world, Jeffrey William Baird will live on in the hearts and lives of those he loved so deeply and served so well.

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

Visitation

N/A

Service

N/A

Committal

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June 7, 2025

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Morganton Community House

Service

June 7, 2025
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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Committal

N/A

Tribute Wall

Dearest Matt, Eric, Shirley,Family We are so sorry for your dear loss of your wonderful father. Jeff was such a kind strong man. He loved his family dearly and always showed this. He loved life he was always pleasant to be around. We always enjoyed his company anytime we saw him. Your very special loss is surely heavens gain. God called a good soul home with Him. Someday we will all rejoice to be together again for eternity. Until then may God Almighty comfort, give you strength and peace to live life to the fullest for your father, grandfather, brother, brother in-law, friend. Our deepest heartfelt Sympathy, Blessings, Love and Prayers for you all. David & Jennifer Coffey

—David and Jennifer Coffey

Uncle Favorite, you were a great man. I remember you and your Chevelle at Pawpaw's house and the times we worked on your truck or you fixing my house. Just drinking Sun drops and no complaints from either of us. Eric and Matt are the great men and fathers they are today because of you man! I love you uncle Favorite!!!

—Wes Baird



God truly blessed me when he chose you to be William and Ethan's grandfather. I can't remember a moment you didn't get to cherish with us. I'll forever hang on to those memories. I'm sorry I didn't get to say goodbye or tell you how much you meant to me. Your the worlds best Dad and

Papaw! I love you and I'm glad that you're no longer in pain. Till we meet again....my Condolences to Shirley and the Baird family. Jennifer Baird- William and Ethan Bairds mom

—Jennifer Baird Halstead



—Gene Blocker

My prayers go out to Jeff's family.. Jeff was a good man. He always treated me with kindness. I know this will be hard for his son's and his grandchildren. I know my grandsons Will and Ethan will feel his loss for years to come. RIP Jeff.

—Donna Hughes

I miss and love you cuz I know you and Tina are having a blast in Heaven can't wait to see you again Prayers for all the family it hurts deeply.

—David Stout



Our heart breaks to loose Jeff but we are so Blesses to had him as family and a friend! He brightened this world with his love and kindness! Eric and Matt our prayers are with you. Losing a Dad is so tough but the special memories you have of him will carry you through a lifetime as you share them with your children. Bryan , Steve and Bob . You were so blessed to have the memories of childhood with Jeff and the friendship as an adult and now one day you can share

Heaven with him. Shirley we will be praying for you as you try to navigate each day without out your lifetime partner! We pray for each family member and love you all.

—Terressa and Bob



My Deepest Condolences. Prayers for Peace and Comfort for the family during this difficult time. Trilyon Boone

—Trilyon Boone



Many condolences to the family of Jeffrey Baird. I know he will be missed so much by so many. My heart goes out to you as you all grieve the loss of a wonderful man.

—Leigh Wingo

Jeff was always a great friend to me and he will be greatly missed. Jeff and I served together in the US Air Force from approximately 1977-1981 in California. We became very close friends during this time and Jeff was the Best Man at my wedding in 1980 to my wife Brenda. The distance and time difference between North Carolina and California have separated us some over the years but we have stayed in close contact with one another and have had the opportunity for a few visits together over the years in Georgia, North Carolina and Missouri. Our prayers and condolences go out to Shirley, Eric, Matthew and the entire Jeff Baird family, and his friends. We know you all miss Jeff and so do we. God's Blessings and Grace to you all! John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Gene Blocker

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Our hearts are broken to loose Jeff but we are so Blessed to have known him as family and as a friend. A caring and loving heart to everyone he knew! To Eric and Matt and the grandchildren our prayers and love to You all. We are never prepared to loose our Parents but God has left you with the wonderful memories and love of your Dad! Everyone knows how much he loved each of you! Our prayers to the brothers, Bryan, Steve and Bob. Your bond is not broken with Jeff , when your heart aches just remember you will see him someday in Heaven. Shirley we Pray for you as you try to maneuver each day without him. To all of the family, Our prayers and love to all of You! Jeff will be missed but we will all look forward to seeing him again in Heaven! Our Love Bob and Terressa

—Terressa and Bob