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Wayne Bumgarner

July 20, 1979 - June 8, 2023

Wayne Bumgarner, 43, of Morganton, NC, passed away Thursday, June 8, 2023.

Born in Burke County, NC on July 20, 1979, he was the son of Sue Patton Bumgarner and Dewey Gene Bumgarner.

Wayne was a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church. He loved his family and children and enjoyed music of all kinds. He was a lover of all Dodge vehicles and enjoyed taking trips to any beach. He enjoyed driving on the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Mt. Mitchell overlook was his favorite mountain destination.

In addition to his mother, Wayne is survived by his wife, Shay Bumgarner; children, Ezra Bumgarner, K.J. Laye, and Zachary Bumgarner; sister, Chesley Bumgarner; brother-in-law, Michael Lail (Heather); sister-in-law, Brittany Lail; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Wayne was preceded in death by his father and grandparents, Don and Louise Patton and Charles and Tennie Bumgarner.

The funeral will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, June 10, 2023 at Mt. Olive Baptist Church with Rev. Michael Gantt officiating. A private graveside service will be held at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sossoman Funeral Home, P.O. Box 2608, Morganton, NC 28680 to assist with expenses.

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

Tribute Wall



He was very dedicated to Del

–AV

I’m gonna miss him he was the best soccer and baseball coach I’ve ever had

–Kamon preston



Wayne You died on Thursday at forty-three An entire seven months younger than me. I couldn't see you before you died I just hope you know that I tried. I went to your funeral yesterday I have so many things left to say. I will miss the adventures and stories galore I already miss that there will be no more. I sat in the back, hearing story after story So many instances of unbridled glory. The hardest part was watching your boys The tears, the shock, and their poise. You would've been proud of just how strong I'm not sure I would've last that long You were my partner in crime and number one When we were young and chasing the fun. We both loved to find the humor in things So allow me to share some of the happenings. Elvis Presley came and he was preaching It's hard to focus staring at the hair of the King.

The circus of family, friends, and the like Would have had you smiling with delight The same old crew, one more or one less I will miss only you, I must confess. Dearest cousin, I love you and know You'll be healed and happy when you go. So, safe travels to you for your journey away And I will be missing you every day.

–Veronica

Wayne was a good man. I coached alongside Wayne and knew him personally. My heart goes out to Shay and the boys, and we will be praying for you all.

–Chris D

Wayne touched countless lives of all the kids he coached through the years. He was a great coach who truly cared for his kids. We will be praying for his family during this difficult time.

–Andrew and Misty Bryant



Shay, I am so very sorry to hear the loss of your husband! Your in my thoughts and prayers! May God give you, your children and the rest of the family peace and comfort during this time and days ahead. Losing a loved one is heartbreaking and you never stop missing and seeing their faces daily! God Bless!

–Cynthia Owensby (McDowell County Finance Dept)



I'm so sorry yall. Wayne was a great man. Praying for yall.

–Christina Patton



Our thoughts and prayers are with you for your loss. May God comfort you with his Love. I went to school with Dewey and I remember your family at Pleasant Hill Baptist.

—Benny & Barbara Childers



So sad to hear of Wayne's passing. My deepest sympathies to the family. Wayne was a great friend and encourager. Truly one of the "good guys" in this world. His warmth and kindness will be surely missed. Praying for his family as they mourn his loss and celebrate his life.

—Russ Lee



Sorry for your loss shay and family. Not sure if I will make it to service anniversary of mikes death and I broke my foot. My thoughts and prayers are with you guys love you

—Renee Rogers



—Pam Coleman

Sue, I am so sorry to read of the passing of your son, Wayne, may God give you and all your family peace and comfort in the days ahead, Love and Prayers

—Ozelle Sotelo





Walked the sidelines in a many of sports with Wayne! You will be missed and I'm grateful you coached Kevin. Rest easy big guy. GOCATS!

–David Holbrook



Our most sincere condolences to Wayne's family. We have known him and his family even before he was born. Sue and Dewey were so proud of him and his sons and bragged often. Chesley adored her brother and visited him in the hospital at Asheville every chance she got. Our hearts are broken but God knows what is best. May God bless each of you during this most difficult time in your lives. You all remain in our most sincere prayers.

–Diann and Oscar Tate

Our hearts go out to Shay, Zack, Ezra and KJ and his family, friends and employees who will truly miss their husband, father, son and friend. Love doesn't stop at a loved ones passing, it waits stronger than ever to be united again. Much love, prayers and peace for the family in this time.

–Denise and Gary Lail

Shay, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your husband. You and your family will remain in my prayers during this difficult time.

–Shane Dotson

So painful for those of us left behind that knew him, but oh how glorious for him to be in the arms of Jesus. Wayne and Shay are the first people I met after meeting my fiancé and moving to North Carolina. A loving and welcoming couple, their doors were always open for us. Our corner of the world won't be the same without Wayne. He will be deeply missed.

—Donna

I'm sorry I couldn't be there. Just think of me with this candle and don't ever feel alone/ I love you

—Brittany Lail



There are no words to describe Wayne, he was a special person and loved by so many. His boys, mother and sister will be lost without him. RIP we love you

—Doris and Larry Seeger



—Amanda Watson



I never knew Wayne unfortunately, but I did know his sister and she always talked EXTREMELY high praise about him. I never knew him but I knew that he was a great man and deeply cared for his friends and family.

—Jesse Snelson

Shay, I'm so very sorry!! You are in my prayers. God Bless

—Alan Haire