



Brett Barksdale

March 26, 1959 - March 11, 2020

Brett Barksdale, an angel from heaven, died peacefully on March 11, 2020 in Conyers, Ga. Brett was born March 26, 1959, to Kathlyn Flynt and A.R. (Gus) Barksdale. At his birth, doctors said to institutionalize him and that he would not live past seven years old. Instead, his parents brought him home where he became the greatest teacher and moral compass of the Barksdale Family. With an ever-present smile and a voice of complete honesty, Brett exemplified the true meaning of love. Brett possessed a keen emotional intelligence, street smarts, wit, humor, a sense of justice and was a master of organization. Brett attended Fairhaven School and graduated from Dekalb Training Center. He had a high work ethic and rarely missed a day of work during his jobs at: Davis Gas Station, Foam Industries, Peggy's Hair Fashions, Piggly Wiggly, and Professional Affairs Corporate Events. He loved Kenny Rogers, Dolly Parton, Batman (TV Series only), Rifleman, Bonanza, Miracle League Baseball, rides on the farm, bowling, music and singing. Brett competed in Georgia Special Olympics in swimming, basketball and track, and appeared in one of the first TV advertisements for Special Olympics. Brett is survived by his devoted and loving Mother, Kathlyn, his brothers Wales and Randolph (Gail), and sister Katy, nieces and nephews, Blair Barksdale, Guinn (Clayton) Shropshire, Flynt (Dana)Barksdale, Kathy(Stephen) Giles , Reagan (Taylor), Jay (Lisa) Barksdale, Kathlyn, Gus and Ali Pattillo, 16 great nieces and nephews, his Aunt Margaret and many caring cousins. Many have said that he was the best thing that has ever happened to our family! The Barksdales

are grateful for the kindness and generosity of the special friends Brett made over the years. Brett taught us strength and perseverance and that while everyone is uniquely different, we are all the same. Our world is better when we all respect, appreciate and learn from each other. His siblings agree that Brett will continue to be our anchor, and being his sibling was the greatest gift and privilege of our lives. Brett's life will be celebrated Saturday morning, at 11:00 at Conyers Presbyterian Church. Afterwards, the family will greet everyone at the Barksdale Farm for Barbeque ribs (Brett's favorite!) In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Soaring Heights Communities, 2250 Wren Road, Conyers, Ga. 30094 or Conyers Presbyterian Church, 911 North Main Street, Conyers, GA. 30012.

Cemetery Details

East View Cemetery

1127 East View Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Previous Events

Service

MAR 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Conyers Presbyterian Church
911 N. Main Street
Conyers, GA 30012

Tribute Wall

CB

“ Greetings, I remember Brett occasionally visiting the Courtesy Ford Dealership where I worked for several years. He was always positive and full of life. My condolences and prayers to the entire Barksdale family, regards Christopher Byrd and family.

Christopher Byrd - November 08, 2025 at 10:08 PM



“ I was Brett's bus driver when he attended Dekalb Training Center and it was a privilege. He was always delightful and was a great help. It was a blessing to have known Brett . He always had a smile on his face.

Mary Lott - March 29, 2020 at 08:18 PM

RM

“ Bretts work ethic and sense of humor will always set the standard for many other men to follow. Never a dull moment when We visited. Please know the Randy Morris family has all of your family in our hearts and prayers and we know how severely Brett will be missed by all.

Randy Morris - March 13, 2020 at 04:37 PM

SB

“ Susan Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Brett Barksdale



Susan Blankenship - March 13, 2020 at 04:02 PM

NA

“ *New Calhoun Auto Auction purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Brett Barksdale.*



New Calhoun Auto Auction - March 13, 2020 at 12:00 PM

CF

“ *Courtesy Chrysler Dodge Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Brett Barksdale.*



Courtesy Chrysler Dodge Family - March 13, 2020 at 10:49 AM

RK

“ *Ronald, Kay, Matt and Karen purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Brett Barksdale.*



Ronald, Kay, Matt and Karen - March 13, 2020 at 10:29 AM

TR

“ *The Miracle League of Rockdale purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Brett Barksdale.*



The Miracle League of Rockdale - March 13, 2020 at 10:23 AM

JL

“ *We are sorry and send our prayers. He has lived longer than I thought he would. Our thoughts are with all of you at this time.*
Jeanette J.
& Bob Lackey

Jeanette Johnson Lackey - March 12, 2020 at 09:16 PM