



Gary Lee Bumgarner

August 20, 1956 - February 8, 2022

Gary "Bucky" Lee Bumgarner, 65, of Troutman, North Carolina, passed away on February 8, 2022. He was born on August 20, 1956 in Huntersville, NC to the late Ralph and Margie Fleanor Bumgarner.

Bucky had worked for Joe Gibbs Racing for over 30 years and was considered an icon there. He loved golf and always enjoyed being with his many golf buddies. He was a man that was full of life. He had a big heart, made great pancakes for his grandkids, and would always help anyone he could. Bucky was always laughing, smiling, and had a witty sense of humor. He was a good friend to everyone. He enjoyed camping and coaching his son's teams as they were growing up. He was a good mentor to a lot of young people. Bucky was always a hard worker and an honest and loyal man. He was loved by all his family and friends and will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Rhonda Joyner Bumgarner; children, Josh Bumgarner (Lara) and Dustin Bumgarner (Hayley); grandchildren, Levi, Lyla Gray, Brayden and Mallory Bumgarner; siblings, Mike Bumgarner (Debbie), Nancy Bumgarner, Billy Bumgarner (Pam), and Tony Bumgarner.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2022 at 11am at Rocky Mount Church, Mooresville, NC with Pastor Byron Wicker officiating. The family will receive friends after the service from 12 - 1pm in the narthex of

the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to JD Gibbs Legacy Fund, www.giving.younglife.org or mail to c/o Joe Gibbs Racing, 13415 Reese Blvd West, Huntersville, NC 28078.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Bumgarner family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Rocky Mount Church
1739 Perth Rd
Mooresville, NC 28117
(704) 528-5525

Receive Friends

FEB 12. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM.

narthex of the church

Tribute Wall

GF

“ Gail Bumgarner Foerster lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Bumgarner



Gail Bumgarner Foerster - March 01, 2022 at 12:17 PM

DL

“ Rhonda I was so sorry to hear of Buckys passing. I remember hanging out with yall when you first started dating. He was your soul mate and you had a love like some people never find. So glad we ran into you guys a couple of years ago and ate together at Whataburger. Hold onto your beautiful memories to help you find some peaceful days. Love you always. Dianne

Dianne Lawing - February 14, 2022 at 12:56 PM

DL

“ Dianne Lawing lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Bumgarner



Dianne Lawing - February 14, 2022 at 12:22 PM

DM

“ SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSE-I MET BUCKY WHEN JOE GIBBS CAME INTO RACING--BUCKY WAS A GREAT PERSON AND VERY FUN TO BE AROUND ,HEAVEN HAS GOT A GREAT ANGEL !!!!!!!- BUT MUCH TO EARLY!!!!!

DOUG SHAW -X PAINT MAN - February 14, 2022 at 09:18 AM

JF

“ I will cherish the time we worked together and the many, many rounds of golf we played. May you and God enjoy eternal life together.



John furino - February 13, 2022 at 10:31 AM

VI

“ Rhonda, I am so sorry to hear this sad news about Buck. I know your heart is breaking but I also know Buck is in a better place. Sarah and I will be holding all of you up in our prayers. I remember how Kenny loved coming to your house to hang out with you all, especially playing soccer with Dustin and Josh. Scouts and pinewood derby cars are also great memories,

Vicki - February 12, 2022 at 09:04 AM

DP

“ My deepest condolences for the entire family. May all the beautiful memories bring you peace and comfort in the days to come. Love and prayers for you all.
Debbie Prado

Debbie Prado - February 11, 2022 at 09:36 PM

GB

“ I haven't seen Buckwheat in 40 years but I remember seeing him walk greenway drive in huntersville, wearing a pair of burmuda shorts, a white tee shirt, new haircut, and barefooted. He possessed a hilarious sense of humor. God bless you Buckwheat! Grier b

Grier Bradford - February 11, 2022 at 06:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Bumgarner.*



February 11, 2022 at 05:39 PM



“ *Keith and I are so sad for the passing of Bucky. We send our deepest condolences. I pray God gives all the family and friends peace and comfort and strength to go through this time..*

Sherry and Keith. Harris - February 11, 2022 at 05:16 PM



“ *MY CONDOLENCES TO THE BUMGARNER FAMILY, GARY WORKED FOR ME AT FREIGHTLINER TRUCKS MT. HOLLY, HE WAS SUCH A FREINDLY LIKEABLE MAN, HE GAVE ME A TOUR OF JOE GIBBS RACE SHOP 20 PLUS YEARS AGO. RIP BUCKY...BILL BUFF.*

BILL BUFF - February 11, 2022 at 03:05 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Bumgarner.*



February 11, 2022 at 10:57 AM

DB

“ Rhonda, My hear hurts for you. Will be praying for peace and healing for you and your family.

Debbie Booker - February 10, 2022 at 05:06 PM

RC

“ Ron & Virginia Moss, Amy & Scott Cummins purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gary Lee Bumgarner.



Ron & Virginia Moss, Amy & Scott Cummins - February 10, 2022 at 04:44 PM

YM

“ Your neighbors Justin & Christine Morgan purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Gary Lee Bumgarner.



Your neighbors Justin & Christine Morgan - February 10, 2022 at 04:31 PM

LC

“ Always remember how willing Bucky was to help anyone who needed it. His wit kept all around him lighthearted. Kept him in golf balls for the whole time I was associated with JGR...he loved the game. RIP Bucky! You're home now and I'm sure the golf course there is immaculate.

Larry Camp - February 10, 2022 at 04:16 PM

KC

“ *What a loss. Bucky was an awesome teammate at JGR. He always cracked us up with his phrase "You have to start out slow and then ease up." Godspeed my friend.*

Kelly C. - February 10, 2022 at 03:13 PM

RT

“ *Reese Tadlock lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Bumgarner*



Reese Tadlock - February 10, 2022 at 12:48 PM

DW

“ *Remembering what a Great Friend Bucky was. He lit a room up with his laughter and wit.
May God wrap his loving arms around his family. Love David and Willie*



David and Willie Wagner - February 10, 2022 at 10:58 AM

YS

“ *Your friends at Stewart purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Gary Lee Bumgarner.*



Your friends at Stewart - February 10, 2022 at 09:30 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Bumgarner.



February 10, 2022 at 09:08 AM



“ I didn't know Bucky very well but every time I saw him, we had a conversation like we were lifelong friends. He was witty, funny, and his easy going personality would immediately put you at ease. Bucky was cherished by many at JGR, including me. He will surely be missed. Godspeed Bucky!

Steve Cole - February 10, 2022 at 08:40 AM



“ Pamela Byers lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Bumgarner



Pamela Byers - February 10, 2022 at 01:31 AM



“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers! Bucky's light will always shine bright!

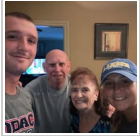


David and Jennifer Holden and Girls - February 09, 2022 at 09:28 PM

JW

“ Bucky was a great joy to be around. His laughter and smile was contagious. Working with Bucky will remain a highlight and cherished memory for the rest of my life. I will miss him dearly. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Jon Williams - February 09, 2022 at 08:58 PM



“ Gary, "Buckwheat" was such a fun person to be around. He will be missed, but I have a lot of memories of him growing up, and seeing him at Doc and Margie's. Rhonda, Dustin, Josh, Mike. Billy, Tony, Nancy, and the rest of family I will be praying for all of you. May God Bless each one of you.



Sending Love and Hugs

Jock, Patricia ,& Jeff Irvin

Patricia Irvin - February 09, 2022 at 07:57 PM

KK

“ prayers for the family. bucky will be greatly missed. were a lot of good times on the lake nextdoor to daddy. Kathy stubbs keightley

Kathy stubbs keightley - February 09, 2022 at 07:43 PM



“ I will always be thankful to Bucky for the knowledge he shared, the love he showed, the time he spent and the encouragement and friendship he gave to my brother Kevin.

Love and prayers for Rhonda, the boys and the rest of the family 🙏



Kathy Wilson - February 09, 2022 at 06:54 PM

DB

“ *Deepest sympathy to all of the Bumgarner family, prayers for comfort and healing during this difficult time 🙏🙏❤️*

Donny Brown

Donny Brown - February 09, 2022 at 06:21 PM

VC

“ *We take comfort in knowing that Heaven exist, for we know that Bucky is already there (on the back nine)*

We miss you man and will never forget you

Comfort and condolences to Rhonda and the rest of the Bumgarner family

Vinnie

Vincent Cline - February 09, 2022 at 05:40 PM

PC

What a great man. Loved his wit and honesty. Will miss him as a friend and fellow golfer.
Paul Callaway

Paul Callaway - February 09, 2022 at 06:44 PM

WS

“ *Bucky was a awesome man! Working with him the passed 20 years has been a joy and a blessing. Thoughts and Prayers for the family in this time of loss. May GOD comfort you all. He will be missed by his JGR family.*

Wesley & Michelle Sherrill - February 09, 2022 at 05:34 PM

FL

“ Bucky was a good man and great neighbor. Our family was blessed by his life. Praying for the family. Farrell Lemings

Farrell Lemings - February 09, 2022 at 05:02 PM

NS

“ Ned And Sandy lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Bumgarner



Ned and Sandy - February 09, 2022 at 04:47 PM

NS

Prayers for his beautiful family

Ned and Sandy - February 09, 2022 at 04:48 PM

VE

“ Virginia Evans-Moss lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Bumgarner



Virginia Evans-Moss - February 09, 2022 at 03:43 PM

VE

“ We are so sad for you. Bucky was a great guy. Ron and I offer our deepest sympathies to his family and all who loved him. We will miss him. Virginia and Ron Moss

Virginia Evans-Moss - February 09, 2022 at 03:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Bumgarner.*



February 09, 2022 at 03:41 PM



“ *The Bumgarner Family, so sorry for your loss, my heart breaks for you all. Thoughts and prayers for the family.*

Shelia Bryenton - February 09, 2022 at 03:36 PM



“ *We have you all in our thoughts and prayers so sorry for everyones loss rest in power Gary...
Vicki James and Tyler James and Linda Ann Washam James*



Victoria James - February 09, 2022 at 03:07 PM