



## Howard Lee Bostian, Jr.

May 5, 1937 - March 11, 2026

Howard Lee Bostian, Jr., 88, of Mooresville, passed away on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on May 5, 1937 in a log cabin on Linwood Road in Mooresville, NC, to the late Howard Lee Bostian, Sr. and Helena Ruth Gurley Bostian. He was raised in Davidson, NC, where he worked along with his dad raising cotton and cows on their farm. Mr. Bostian grew up in Hopewell Baptist Church in Davidson. He was a hardcore Duke Blue Devil basketball fan. He enjoyed working in the yard, going on cruises, traveling with John and Cynthia Bell, and every now and then going to casinos. Mr. Bostian was very wise and full of knowledge. He loved telling stories of his world travels to anyone who would listen. In his younger days, he enjoyed water skiing and windsurfing, being the first to wind surf on Lake Norman. There were many fond memories of beach trips to the Outer Banks. Every trip there was a themed party that never went unrecognized. His greatest joy was spending time with his beloved wife, who referred to him as her knight and shining armor.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his children, Diane B. Welcher, Howard L. Bostian III; daughter-in-law, Debra Bostian; and brother, Guy Bostian.

He leaves behind his loving and devoted wife of 31 years, Rose Flynn

Bostian; grandchildren, Danielle Hicks (Cameron), Robby Welcher (Hannah), Howard Bostian IV; great grandchildren, Chloe Welcher, Gage Welcher, Dantae Davis, Dray Davis, Knox Welcher; brothers, Bobby Bostian (Barb), James "Butch" Bostian (Donna); sisters, Louise Belk, Gail Cantrell (Doug); sisters-in-law, Kiwainia Stogner, Cynthia Bell (John), Angela Campbell; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family will receive friends on Monday, March 16 from 5:00-6:00 PM with a service following at 6:00 PM at the Chapel of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home. A private burial will be held to honor Mr. Bostian's wishes.

A special "thank you" to our wonderful neighbors over the years, Dustin and Beth, Doug Perkins, and Pete Rosenkrans.

Flowers will be accepted and memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 <https://www.stjude.org/>.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Bostian family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

MAR 16. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

## Funeral Service

MAR 16. 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall

NG

“ Aunt Rose  
You are In our thoughts and prayers. We love you  
Nick, Brandi & Zain Garner  
Deborah Rogers

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**nick garner** - March 16 at 10:16 AM

LH

“ Thinking of you Rose.  
Many fun memories of the OBX, memories we will cherish forever.  
Howard was always so kind to me. I know this is a profound loss for  
you, but I hope you feel the love and prayers!  
Linda & Marshall Hutchens

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**Linda Hutchens** - March 16 at 06:01 AM

BB

“ Bobby and Barb Bostian purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of  
Howard Lee Bostian, Jr..



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**Bobby and Barb Bostian** - March 15 at 08:32 PM

BB

“ Bobby and Barb Bostian planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Lee  
Bostian, Jr..

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**Bobby and Barb Bostian** - March 15 at 08:32 PM

AF

“ Angela Hoke and John Hoke Family purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Howard Lee Bostian, Jr..



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**Angela Hoke and John Hoke Family** - March 15 at 08:12 PM

AF

“ Angela Hoke and John Hoke Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Lee Bostian, Jr..

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**Angela Hoke and John Hoke Family** - March 15 at 08:12 PM

GC

“ Gail Bostian and Doug Cantrell purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Howard Lee Bostian, Jr..



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**Gail Bostian and Doug Cantrell** - March 15 at 08:03 PM

GC

“ Gail Bostian and Doug Cantrell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Lee Bostian, Jr..

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**Gail Bostian and Doug Cantrell** - March 15 at 08:03 PM

BB

“ *Butch(James) & Donna Bostian purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Howard Lee Bostian, Jr..*



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**Butch(James) & Donna Bostian** - March 15 at 02:06 PM

BB

“ *Butch(James) & Donna Bostian planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Lee Bostian, Jr..*

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**Butch(James) & Donna Bostian** - March 15 at 02:06 PM



“ *Kay Abernethy lit a candle in memory of Howard Lee Bostian, Jr.*



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**Kay Abernethy** - March 14 at 10:05 PM



*Sonny was my first cousin but he was a bit older than me but he was always extremely nice to me when I did see him. My condolences to his wife Rose and his sister Gail.*

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**Kay Abernethy** - March 14 at 10:05 PM

BA

“ *Bryant, Sawyer, JC, Angela purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Howard Lee Bostian, Jr..*



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**Bryant, Sawyer, JC, Angela** - March 13 at 09:44 AM

BA

“ *Bryant, Sawyer, JC, Angela planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Lee Bostian, Jr..*

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**Bryant, Sawyer, JC, Angela** - March 13 at 09:44 AM

AN

“ *To My Dear Sister Rose,*

*I am truly sorry for your loss. He will truly be missed. Thank You so much for staying right by his side til the end. Both of you cherished your time together. A great day for yall was spending time together, enjoying each others company.*

*Thank You Howard for being such a wonderful husband to my sister.*

*You will truly be missed. I know how serious you took your Duke Blue Devils, so I don't think I will ever be able to watch a Duke game without thinking of you & rooting them on.*

*Your Sister,  
Angela*

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**Angela** - March 13 at 09:12 AM