



## Dr. Latta Michel Baucom

February 10, 1965 - July 28, 2019

Davidson Day School Headmaster Latta M. Baucom passed away Sunday afternoon at the age of 54 after an almost three-year battle against liver cancer.

Before his time as headmaster at the Davidson private school, Latta had held positions at three schools in Florida. He began as the first head of school at North Ridge Christian School in Haines City, then he worked as high school principal at All Saints Academy in Winter Haven, and later as high school principal at The Benjamin School in Palm Beach.

Latta's positions in education were less about the job than they were about forming connections with the families, faculty and students. He was an educator at his core and followed his passion for learning and teaching others, whether that be from a textbook or the priceless pieces of wisdom and advice he shared with many.

Before becoming an educator, he had attended and graduated from Camden Military Academy in 1982. He went on to earn his undergraduate degree in economics at Wake Forest University in 1987, then received his master's in business from Baylor University in 1992, and finally his Doctorate of Education in organizational leadership from Nova Southeastern University in 2016. In 2001, Latta founded the North American International School in Pretoria,

South Africa, with his father.

His dedication to the field of education was merely one example of his compassionate and selfless morale. He enrolled in the United States Army after graduating from Wake Forest and served three years of active duty from 1987 to 1990. Then, while earning his masters at Baylor, he was in the Army National Guard. After this, he served a two-year active duty tour with the North Carolina National Guard from 1996 to 1998. Even prior to his positions as an educator, he worked to help children and families as the Head of Children and Family Services for the North Carolina National Guard; this was his last act of duty.

His time serving our country was recognized and awarded through several honors. These included a National Defense Service Medal, an Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, an Army Service Ribbon, and his Parachutist Badge.

Latta was preceded by his late mother Henrietta Baucom in 2017. He is survived by his father Kenneth Baucom, brother Ian Baucom, and sister Christianne Nieuwsma. Latta's legacy continues through his wife Gina Baucom and his six children: Steven VanMeter, Jodi Waters, Danielle Baucom, Rachel Baucom, Abigail Baucom, and Joel Baucom. He is also succeeded by four grandchildren, three nephews, and four nieces.

Latta's most important passions and parts of his life were his family, his faith, and his service to his country.

The memorial service will take place at Davidson College Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m. this Wednesday. Latta will be buried with military honors in Mount Zion Cemetery immediately following the service.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Zion Community Cemetery

Smith Road  
Cornelius, NC 28031

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

JUL 30. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JUL 31. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Davidson College Presbyterian Church  
100 N Main Street  
Davidson, NC 28036

# Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I was in the process of attempting to reconnect with Latta when I learned of his passing. I had the honor of working with him at All Saints. What a treasure he was! A dear person who was devoted to his students and colleagues. He made an impact on so many of us. Please accept my deepest condolences.

Blair Lowry - January 09, 2024 at 06:57 PM



“ Dr. Latta Michel Baucom

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ Dr. Latta Michel Baucom

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ Dr. Latta Michel Baucom

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



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July 30, 2019 at 11:34 PM

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“ Sending thoughts and prayers to the Baucom family during this very difficult time. We are so very sorry for your loss. Hope, Paul and Nicholas Henry

Hope Henry - July 30, 2019 at 08:20 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Latta Michel Baucom.



July 30, 2019 at 06:23 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Latta Michel Baucom.



July 30, 2019 at 04:52 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Dr. Latta Michel Baucom.



July 30, 2019 at 03:22 PM

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“ Dear Gina and family,

*It is with a heavy heart as I write these thoughts of remembrance. I very much respected Latta as a leader, mentor, and friend at The Benjamin School. He was always fair and stood by his convictions. He was dedicated and I enjoyed working for and with him. He loved his family and was a devoted father and husband. He was also a man of great faith and high morales. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you. RIP Latta.*

*Coach Ream*

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**Coach Ream** - July 30, 2019 at 01:31 PM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Dr. Latta Michel Baucom.*



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July 30, 2019 at 12:51 PM

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“ *The Clancy Family purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Dr. Latta Michel Baucom.*



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**The Clancy Family** - July 30, 2019 at 11:06 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dr. Latta Michel Baucom.



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July 30, 2019 at 10:38 AM



“ *The UVA Arts & Sciences Dean's Office* purchased the *Tranquil Seas* for the family of Dr. Latta Michel Baucom.



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**The UVA Arts & Sciences Dean's Office** - July 30, 2019 at 08:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Dr. Latta Michel Baucom.



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July 29, 2019 at 09:58 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Dr. Latta Michel Baucom.



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July 29, 2019 at 09:08 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Latta Michel Baucom.*



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July 29, 2019 at 07:29 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Latta Michel Baucom.*



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July 29, 2019 at 04:31 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Baucom family. Latta was a wonderful school leader and mentor to many. I feel blessed to have known him in the short time he was at All Saints after he hired me. I always respected him and I know many feel the same. His family is a beautiful testimony to all he loved and accomplished.*

*In sympathy,*

*Annette Campbell*

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**Annette Campbell** - July 29, 2019 at 03:33 PM