



Blakely W. McConnell

November 8, 1985 - July 22, 2025

Blakely Wilburn McConnell, 39, passed away July 22, 2025.

A native of Raleigh, North Carolina, he was a son of Cindy Annette Wright Harkness and Kenneth William Harkness, and the late Gary Wayne McConnell, Sr.

Also surviving is a brother, Gary Wayne McConnell, Jr.

A memorial service will be held 4:00 p.m. Saturday, August 9, 2025, at The Wood Mortuary Chapel conducted by Rev. Anthony Shetley.

Visitation will be held 2:30-3:45 p.m. Saturday, August 9, 2025, at The Wood Mortuary.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 9. 2:30 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

TB

“ Cindy, how my heart goes out to you and the family. I'm so sorry for such a next that is sometimes difficult. I can hear your sweet voice reminding me of how we're connected. Distance in relationship keeps us apart, but the love of family and JESUS keeps us forever connected. My heart just goes out to all for such a great loss. I would have loved to have known more of such a fine young man that God blessed you with as a son. How i pray his brother also gets comfort from many praying and God's Word to be all of your anchor. 39 was when became ill with a 14-year journey. (There we go...cousins I believe) How I loved my husband of 33 years. I know Mom (Lela) would certainly desire you to know of her condolences. We love you and will continue to keep you in our prayers. GriefShare.org



Teresa S. Brown - January 13 at 09:33 AM

JS

“ Joshua Sarkela purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Blakely W. McConnell.



Joshua Sarkela - August 07, 2025 at 08:46 PM

JS

“ Joshua Sarkela planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Blakely W. McConnell.

Joshua Sarkela - August 07, 2025 at 08:46 PM

EL

“ Eddie and Laura purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Blakely W. McConnell.



Eddie and Laura - August 07, 2025 at 04:46 PM

MC

“ Blake,
I truly am going to miss you, brother. Playing basketball, wiffle ball, and every sport under the South Carolina sun with you and everyone else in the Crestview Hills Crew was the best of times when we are all young. Seeing you grow up to be the most chill and cool person ever was a pleasure. You were truly a great brother, friend, and man.
McKenzie



McKenzie - August 06, 2025 at 04:52 AM

TA

“ Blake you were one of a kind. You will truly be miss. Until we meet again RIP..



Tarue - August 04, 2025 at 06:39 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Blakely W. McConnell.*



August 04, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ *Allison Price lit a candle in memory of Blakely McConnell*



Allison Price - August 02, 2025 at 12:58 PM



“ *Dear Cindy,*

I am deeply saddened to hear about Blakey's passing. It was truly a privilege to know such a wonderful young man. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this incredibly challenging time. Sending you all my love and support.



Melissa Nalley - August 01, 2025 at 04:15 AM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Blakely W. McConnell.*



July 31, 2025 at 10:36 AM

BW

“ *Brooke waldrop lit a candle in memory of
Blakely McConnell*



Brooke waldrop - July 30, 2025 at 01:20 PM

ES

“ I miss you buddy. You are/were one of the most genuine good, nice, happy people I have met in my life. I never ever heard anyone speak badly about you. You had this happy-go-lucky presence about you. Everyone was happy to meet you and better for it. You had a way of making people happy and bringing joy, laughter, and love. You were a gentle soul and a great friend. I know life got in the way these last few years and we didn't see each other as much as I would have liked, but I will always cherish our past memories and our more recent random encounters. I remember running into you and Tiny on me and Laura's first date. She literally met you the same day she met me, in person. I remember when we ran into you at Wild Aces and then Los Mayos when you had quit your job and we all had dinner together and drank tequila from that giant rifle looking glass bottle in the top shelf. I will never forget pool days and football game days, even though we weren't on the same side. I will never forget visiting you in the hospital and yelling at you to fight and praying over you at the same time. I love you Blakely. You are an amazing person and while we don't understand God's plan in the moment, we will one day. He had a reason to call you home...I dont know why, but I have thought a lot about this recently. Perhaps it was so you could touch so many other people's lives, including mine, and remind them/me how precious life is and how quickly and randomly it can end. I don't pretend to know the reason, but I believe there is a reason, a grander plan. I know you are with Jesus now and you are happy and making everyone around you happy, as you always did. I miss you and I love you.

Eddie Smith - July 29, 2025 at 03:47 PM

SH

“ No parent should have to bury one of their children . Prayers for everyone.



Sara Haney - July 29, 2025 at 03:34 PM



“ We love and miss you Blakely! Copper River family wont be the same without you! Our conversations while you were there and just your all around good personality will be highly missed!!! We love and miss you!



Julie Reynolds - July 29, 2025 at 09:19 AM

AW

“ Amy Wilson lit a candle in memory of Blakely McConnell



Amy Wilson - July 24, 2025 at 04:53 PM

CP

“ Candice Perkins lit a candle in memory of Blakely McConnell



Candice Perkins - July 23, 2025 at 08:19 PM

WE

“ Wendy Elder lit a candle in memory of Blakely McConnell



Wendy Elder - July 23, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ Amanda Swafford lit a candle in memory of Blakely McConnell



Amanda Swafford - July 23, 2025 at 07:24 PM

MM

“ Misti McCuen Moore lit a candle in memory of Blakely McConnell



Misti McCuen Moore - July 23, 2025 at 07:14 PM

BB

“ My brother, my friend, my go to.. you will always be in my heart. Forever family, I love you Blakely. Cindy and Gary, you will always be family to us. Love you



Brittany Brooks - July 23, 2025 at 06:37 PM

TC

“ Gonna miss you bro ! Blakely was one the most down to earth people I have met in my years on this earth. We had a lot of great times growing up in Crestview together. This truly breaks my heart. Praying your family.

Tim Cline - July 23, 2025 at 05:43 PM

TB

“ Tiffany Brown lit a candle in memory of Blakely McConnell



Tiffany Brown - July 23, 2025 at 04:09 PM