



Ernest "Ernie" Wayne Fowler

February 14, 1947 - June 10, 2018

Heading: Ernest "Ernie" Wayne Fowler

Dateline: Duncan

Ernest "Ernie" Wayne Fowler, 71, of Duncan, SC passed away on Sunday, June 10, 2018 at Spartanburg Regional Healthcare Center.

His family includes his beloved wife, Wanda Lawson Fowler; his son, Layne; his daughter-in-law, Missy; and his grandchildren, Will, Colton and Samantha. He was predeceased by a son, Ernest Forrest Fowler.

He was a son of the late Lavada Bragg and Theron Fowler. Additional survivors include his sisters, Barbara Burrell (Bob) and Frankie Pustaver (Rick); sister-in-law, Rona L. Burnett (Wayne); brother-in-law, Ernest Lawson (Judy); and he also cared deeply for his beloved nieces and nephews. He was also predeceased by his brother, Kenneth Fowler (Sue).

He is a graduate of JF Byrnes High School, Class of 1967. He was the owner of Fowler Drywall. He was a generous supporter of JF Byrnes Basketball and the District Five Youth Sports.

Ernie was passionate for his grandchildren and devoted to his family. He was known for his generosity, love of nature, wit, working with his hands, reading, sports, and spending time with family and friends.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at Lyman United Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. Brian Gilmer. Burial will follow in Wood Memorial Park.

Visitation will be held 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at The

Wood Mortuary.

Special thanks to the compassionate nurses on the 5th floor of the Heart Center of SRHS.

Memorials may be made in memory of Ernie Fowler to the inaugural Ernie Fowler "I Am My Brother's Keeper" Scholarship Fund that honors those who follow his lead in taking care of others. Make donations payable to JF Byrnes High School, Attn. Ernie Fowler Scholarship Fund, 150 East Main St., Duncan, SC 29334.

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

Cemetery Details

Wood Memorial Park

863 Gap Creek Road
Duncan, SC 29334

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Service

JUN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Lyman Methodist Church
106 Groce Road
Lyman, SC 29365

Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ernest "Ernie" Wayne Fowler*



The Wood Mortuary - June 12, 2018 at 02:42 PM

DW

“ *Wanda:
Wanted to let you know I'm thinking of you during this time.
May God comfort and guide you during the coming days*

Doug Waldrop - June 16, 2018 at 10:20 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family
of Ernest "Ernie" Wayne Fowler.*



June 12, 2018 at 05:22 PM

TB

“ *I have only great memories of Ernie. His generosity and humor was genuine. I remember him as a gentle giant. I will praying for your family during this difficult time! The world has lost a wonderful person. With love and sympathy, Tasha*

Tasha Burke - June 12, 2018 at 03:47 PM

KB

“ Wanda....I am so sorry for your loss. Always thought you & Ernie were so cute together. Precious grandchildren. Wish we had stayed in touch. Kay

Kay Fowler Brunson - June 12, 2018 at 01:45 PM



“ 40 files added to the album Life Tributes



The Wood Mortuary - June 12, 2018 at 01:37 PM

JB

“ To the entire Fowler family,
Mr. Fowler was such a big part of all of our lives whether he touched us directly or indirectly. He influenced so many an will continue to through his stories and his family. He will be greatly missed but also greatly celebrated.
Love,
Janson Brown



Janson Brown - June 12, 2018 at 11:43 AM

TF

“ I wanted to share my condolences to the family. I remember Ernie from when I was a little kid playing with Lane and Forest. Ernie was such a fun-loving, happy person and I loved visiting with him and the family. I will be praying for your family and may God bring you peace at this difficult time.

Love,
Tanya (Good) Fennington

Tanya Fennington - June 12, 2018 at 11:35 AM

CG

“ Dear Mrs. Fowler and family,

I am so sorry for your loss. I pray in the days ahead that God will bring you peace and comfort. May your memories of your life together carry you forward and put a smile on your face and in your heart.

In Christ,

Candace Green
(former student)

Candace Green - June 12, 2018 at 09:58 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ernest "Ernie" Wayne Fowler.



June 12, 2018 at 08:52 AM

TL

“ Thinking of you and sending prayers 🌸

Tina Sue Lindsey - June 12, 2018 at 07:07 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ernest "Ernie" Wayne Fowler.



June 11, 2018 at 10:35 PM

JS

“ My heart is heavy with the loss of a husband, a father, a grandfather, a friend. Wanda Fowler has always been a special friend and co-worker. I know how much she loved this dear man and how much he cared for his family.

When I lived in Duluth, MN, Ernie and Wanda stopped by for a wonderful afternoon in my home. I offer condolences to family and friends of this dear man. June Stephens




June Stephens - June 11, 2018 at 07:54 PM

DH

“ Barbara (and family),
So sorry to hear about your loss. Praying that
God will comfort your heart in your time of
grief. Praying for you and your family, may
you find peace in knowing you will meet
again, and may loving memories carry you forward.
Sincerest sympathy,
Dana & Dexter Henson



Dana Henson - June 11, 2018 at 07:44 PM

 Brandy
Johnson
Murray

“ Dr. Buck, Theresa, and I send our sincere condolences to you Mrs.
Fowler. Praying for you and your family at this time.

Love, Brandy Murray

Brandy Johnson Murray - June 11, 2018 at 07:39 PM

BO

“ So sorry for your loss. You and Ernie have always been so kind to
Brandon and Maranda.

With sympathy,
Dan and Betty Olds

Betty Olds - June 11, 2018 at 07:03 PM

BB

“ Wanda, Layne, Missy and family, my heart is saddened because we will miss Ernie here on earth, but as beautiful as Heaven must be, it has to be more beautiful with Ernie. I've never known another person who could light up a room and fill it with laughter like Ernie Fowler, he was the "very best" story teller. I could not begin to remember all the fun times we had as "Rebels" and friends. As adults, each time I built a house, he would always call and say, "when are you going to be ready for the drywall?" To which I would always reply, "how do you know I'm going to use you?" That's when I would hear his unforgettable laugh, I will always miss Ernie Fowler, he was my friend.

*Barry Brockman
Johns Island, SC*

Barry Brockman - June 11, 2018 at 04:24 PM

PK

“ Dear friend, the world was a bigger, better place with you in it. You were indeed a gauge by which to measure the worth of a man.

Patricia Kingsmore

Patricia Kingsmore - June 11, 2018 at 03:21 PM

CD

“ I had the privilege and honor of knowing both Ernie & Kenneth during my early years as a drywall salesman for their account. I can say without doubt both Kenneth & Ernie taught me more about drywall business than any other person or seminar could ever do. They also made sure that family came before work, and that is how they lived their lives. Ernie will be missed by many and I'm sure he had the same impact on many others just as he did on my life. Although the days ahead will have peaks and valleys, we must never forget that Ernie is where we all hope to be someday and he will be waiting there with that big smile and those famous words he always would say when he was giving me an example of something that I could learn by " do you hear what I'm saying" . I will pray for the family during this sad time and will always remember the Fowler Brothers and the impact they had on me about living life everyday and making family first.

Capt. Jeff Dismukes
Charleston, South Carolina

Capt Jeff Dismukes - June 11, 2018 at 01:45 PM

KW

“ Wanda,

Bob and I will always remember Ernie as a kind, sweet, gentle man who was always so sweet to our Ashley. We pray that God will keep you close at this difficult time and that the wonderful memories you made with Ernie will be a constant source of consolation for you.

Kathy Weathers

Kathy Weathers - June 11, 2018 at 12:29 PM

MT

Knowing Earnie since grade school was a privilege. Knowing him and Wanda again in Adulthood was an honor. What a sweet dedicated pair, always doing something for someone else. I love you both and pray for your comfort and peace.

Mary Driggers Turner

Mary Driggers Turner - June 11, 2018 at 05:15 PM

SH

“ *There are so many happy memories of Ernie in high school and then later becoming friends with Wanda. The world has definitely lost a shining light of kindness and goodness. God Bless you Wanda. My heart and prayers go to you. Sherrill Harrison Boyce*

Sherrill - June 11, 2018 at 11:30 AM

RG

“Ernie was my best friend in high school. I'll never forget all the great times and laughter we shared growing into manhood. My Dad used to say I would start fights and Ernie would finish them. This would always get my goat and Dad/Ernie had a great time laughing. Our nick names in high school were "Big" and "Little" Ripper. His brother Kenneth gave us the names after unusual Saturday night. How great it was being so young and care free with a best friend like Ernie.

We shared many things throughout the years but I was most proud of him when he told me how being a husband and father was his greatest achievement.

Wanda, you, Forrest and Layne were his pride and joy. He never missed an opportunity to brag and say how much each of you meant to him.

I loved and respected Ernie. I will always cherish our friendship and the special bond we had together. Here's to a great friend and who will be missed.

Your friend,
Richard Good

Richard Good - June 11, 2018 at 09:49 AM

LT

Wanda, so sorry to hear about Ernie!!! He was a very special man to all of us. He always cared for others. Rest In Peace Ernie. You will be missed. Love and Prayers to All. Felix and Linda Turner

Linda Turner - June 11, 2018 at 11:25 AM

NK

“ Wanda, Layne, Missy and children,
I am saddened to hear of Ernie’s passing. He was a wonderful
person and will be missed by all who knew him. I enjoyed speaking
with him when he would bring Will and Colton to visit me at school.
May the good Lord comfort you all.
Nona Krena

Nona Krena - June 11, 2018 at 09:47 AM

CP

“ I have so many memories of time spent with you and Ernie. Joe
loved you both, and he and Ernie could talk for hours without ever
being bored. Our trips together were fun. I will always look back on
them with a huge smile if not an actual laugh. Ernie “rescued” me
from several situations, always with good humor. His many talents
were impressive. His woodworking was that of an artist and his
barbecue was the best I’ve ever eaten. His love for others and his
warm humor were sincere. We have lost a gem. I love you.

cheryl ponder - June 11, 2018 at 08:15 AM

BW

Wanda, Layne, Missy and sweet kiddos, I’m so sorry to hear this news.
I wanted to let you know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Lots of hugs to all of you!

Becky and Paul Williams - June 11, 2018 at 11:05 AM

ME

“ Mallory Echols lit a candle in memory of
Ernest "Ernie" Wayne Fowler



Mallory Echols - June 11, 2018 at 07:39 AM

RW

“ *Wanda and Layne,
Being surrounded by your unwavering love and tireless efforts to
make Ernie well again comforted him through this long and painful
journey.*

*Sending our deepest sympathy.
Fletcher and Resa Walch*

Resa Walch - June 11, 2018 at 07:37 AM

TE

“ *The Enoses - Joey, Sabrina, Cary & Evan
purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of
Ernest "Ernie" Wayne Fowler.*



The Enoses - Joey, Sabrina, Cary & Evan - June 11, 2018 at
01:09 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the
family of Ernest "Ernie" Wayne Fowler.*



June 10, 2018 at 11:13 PM

SS

“ *Sonia Shelton lit a candle in memory of
Ernest "Ernie" Wayne Fowler*



Sonia Shelton - June 10, 2018 at 11:04 PM

JH

“ *Janelle Hunton purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ernest "Ernie" Wayne Fowler.*



Janelle Hunton - June 10, 2018 at 09:36 PM

DB

“ *I've known you all of my life. You will be missed tremendously by so many. But, what a celebration you are having in heaven my friend. See you again one day. Love, Denise Smith Barbare*

Denise S. Barbare - June 10, 2018 at 09:19 PM

CF

“ *Cassie Fowler lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Ernie" Wayne Fowler*



Cassie Fowler - June 10, 2018 at 09:08 PM

TA

“ *So so sorry to hear of Ernies passing. He was always the friendliest, kind-hearted man with such a genuine smile and big bear hug for all. He will surely be missed by our family. You and your family will remain in our prayers during this difficult time.*

Tom and Teresa Allen

Travis and Jennie Allen Harrison, Karsyn, Katie, Kaden

Brock and Tori Allen,

Aidan, Presley, and Mavis

Tommy and Teresa Allen - June 10, 2018 at 07:19 PM

SF

“ I will miss my brother-in-law deeply. Loved our conversations. You were blessed with a wonderful family and you were so proud of them. Cassie will miss her Uncle Ernie calling her "hey girl". Our prayers and thoughts to your family.

Cassie and Sue Fowler

Sylvia Fowler - June 10, 2018 at 07:07 PM

KG

“ Such a wonderful human being - - full of love, wit, and dedication. Prayers to you Wanda, Layne, and Missy and the grandchildren.

Kathy Good - June 10, 2018 at 06:16 PM

JB

“ He had a heart as big as his birthday! Quickest wit in the south!

Jim Byars - June 10, 2018 at 06:01 PM

SF

“ Sue Fowler lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Ernie" Wayne Fowler



Sue Fowler - June 10, 2018 at 04:15 PM

SF

“ I will miss my brother-in-law deeply. I loved our talks together. Cassie will always love her Uncle Ernie and she loved when you called her hey girl.

Sue and Cassie Fowler

Sue Fowler - June 10, 2018 at 04:15 PM

MJ

It is with deep regret that I never was blessed to know Ernie, but knowing his family and how he took care of them should be an inspiration to us all. Rest in GOD'S bosom Ernie

Mike Johnson - June 14, 2018 at 09:16 PM