



## Byron Thomas "Chad" Blackburn

April 30, 1976 - July 11, 2020

Byron Thomas Blackburn, known by his friends and family as "Chad" passed away unexpectedly on July 11, 2020. He was 44 years old and lived in Bluefield, WV. He was born on April 30, 1976 in South Williamson, KY. Chad was the son of Harold "Connie" Collins & Carol Turner Collins of Bluefield, WV and Byron Blackburn of Williamson, WV.

Chad was previously from Welch, WV and had lived in Bluefield since 1992. He attended Welch Elementary School, Welch Jr. High School, and graduated from Graham High School in Bluefield, VA. He attended Bluefield State College where he was on the Deans List and Presidential List.

Chad was employed by Lawrence Brothers in Bluefield, VA as a HK laser operator. He was proud to be the main operator of their new fiber optic laser with smart cell technology that produced fabricated parts for their customers. Chad was also a certified welder and received diplomas for facilities maintenance courses, collision repair, and core curriculum.

He enjoyed attending the Bluefield Blue Jay baseball games with his buddy, Marvin Turley; his son, Cameron; and friend forever, Amanda Hager. Chad had a passion for Harley Davidsons and Jeeps, enjoyed his new 4 wheeler, hunting, and loved playing with his fur buddy, Riddick, a Siberian Husky.

Chad was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Harold and Doris Turner who loved him dearly and spoiled him terribly. Also, preceded in death by his (Granny June) June Blackburn of South Williamson, KY and his paternal grandfather, Robert Blackburn, of Williamson, WV.

Left to cherish his memory forever are his parents and his only child, Cameron Thomas Blackburn. Cameron was the light of his Daddy's life. Two uncles, Allen Turner and wife Joanne of Austin, TX and Robbie Blackburn of South Williamson, KY. Several cousins including three special ones, Ed Goodson, Scott Goodson, and Paula Hypes Asbury.

A private service will be held at Mercer Funeral Home in Bluefield, WV on Friday, July 17, 2020 at 11am with a short visitation prior to the service with burial following at Roselawn Cemetery in Princeton, WV. Chad will be laid to rest beside his loving grandparents, Harold & Doris Turner. Pallbearers will Ed Goodson, Scott Goodson, Ryan Turner, Steve Henegar, Brandon McCracken, Chad Lowrance, and Ronnie Collins.

Those wishing to share memories or leave messages of condolences with the family may do so at [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) or may be mailed to his parents at 700 Parkway, Bluefield, WV 24701.

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Byron Thomas "Chad" Blackburn.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery

Princeton, WV

# Previous Events

## Private Services will be held

JUL 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Byron Thomas "Chad" Blackburn*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Thank you to each of you that posted. Reading your words about our son have helped us so much. God bless you.*

**carol Collins** - July 21, 2020 at 11:01 PM



“ *We are so sorry for you loss. No words are enough at times like this. May God comfort you during the journey love and prayers. Charles and Sharon Miller*

**charles miller** - July 18, 2020 at 09:21 AM



“ *Carol and Connie,  
No words can express the pain and sadness! I remember Chad as happy little boy with white blond hair, running, playing and keeping you on your toes! My heart is broken for you and his son. Your family is in my prayers.*

*Winona Beverly*

**Winona Beverly** - July 18, 2020 at 09:18 AM

RL

“ Carol, Connie and Cameron.  
Words may not suffice to express the heartfelt  
sorrow that we feel for the passing of Chad.  
At this difficult time in your life, we pray that  
God will grant you the peace that you need to  
get through this. Our prayers are with you.  
Robin and Elmer



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**Robin Lee** - July 18, 2020 at 01:59 AM

SB

“ So sorry for your loss Carol, you are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Sending hugs and love. 🙏🏻🙌🏻🌹❤️

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**Sherri Bermingham** - July 17, 2020 at 07:28 AM

SB

“ Carol and connie  
I am so sorry. The loss of a child. Your in my heart and prayers.  
The little things that you remember, the quiet moments, smiles and  
laughter. In time these memories will push their way through the  
pain, like spring flowers through the frozen ground. Yes, your loss  
will always hurt, but in between there will be happiness again. With  
Deepest Sympathy for your loss. Love and prayers sherry

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**Sherry belcher** - July 16, 2020 at 07:47 PM

PE

“ To the family of Chad I send my deepest condolences. I'm glad I  
had the opportunity to meet him he was always respectful to me as I  
was to him he will be truly missed.

**PHILIP (BOO) ELDRIDGE**

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**Philip Eldridge** - July 16, 2020 at 06:23 PM

 Gayle Sangee

“ *Gayle Sangee lit a candle in memory of Byron Thomas "Chad" Blackburn*



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**Gayle Sangee** - July 16, 2020 at 04:07 PM

 Gayle Sangee

“ *I'd like to express sympathy from myself and from my mother, Gail Turner Gilliam. She wants you to know that she cares but cannot travel to be with family now. She sends her love. Sandra Gilliam Irby*

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**Gayle Sangee** - July 16, 2020 at 04:06 PM

**RH**

“ *Dear Carol & Connie,*

*I am very sorry about your loss. I didn't know Chad very well but I know how painful this event must be for you. Parents aren't supposed to bury their children. It should be the other way around. My mother felt the same pain and confusion when we lost Joe, III. My deepest condolences to the whole family. If I can help in any way, please call.*

*Sincerely,  
Ron Hassan, Welch*

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**Ron Hassan** - July 16, 2020 at 01:41 PM

CD

“ I'm so so sorry for your loss, this breaks my heart so much, I won't ever forget Patrick, Chad and I swinging on the grapevine and building that enormous snowman. Chad will forever be loved and missed by so many!

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**Cari Deal** - July 16, 2020 at 12:28 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Byron Thomas "Chad" Blackburn.



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July 16, 2020 at 10:29 AM

PS

“ Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you Carol, Connie, Cameron and Byron. When I think of Chad I remember the cute, little blonde-headed boy with a smile that would melt your heart!  
Our prayers are with you and your family.  
Love, Greg and Pat ❤️

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**Pat Staten** - July 16, 2020 at 09:41 AM

RM

“ The Bluefield blue jays extend our condolences to the family of Chad

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**rocky malamisura** - July 16, 2020 at 09:27 AM

CC

Thank you. Your message means so much. Chad loved the Blue Jays!

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**carol Collins** - July 21, 2020 at 10:39 PM

DE

“ With lots of love and prayers for the family.  
Rip Chad you will be dearly missed love  
Teresa Rick Aaron and Ray



dediree - July 16, 2020 at 08:22 AM

CC

Thank y'all so much. 💔

carol Collins - July 21, 2020 at 10:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Byron Thomas "Chad" Blackburn.



July 16, 2020 at 08:00 AM

DW

“ Connie and Carol, I'm so sorry for your loss. I didn't know him but  
I'm sure he was a good man. No one should bury a child, no matter  
how old they are. Prayers said for both of you...Deidre.

deidre hooker willix - July 15, 2020 at 11:02 PM

CC

Thank you so much for messaging us. Connie was so happy when I  
showed him this!

carol Collins - July 21, 2020 at 10:43 PM

DH

“ *Drema Hall lit a candle in memory of Byron  
Thomas "Chad" Blackburn*



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**Drema Hall** - July 15, 2020 at 10:26 PM

DH

*Chad had always been a great kid I've always enjoyed him coming down to his gran June's he sure did love her homemade vegetable soup and always had to have that butter in it I loved him so much RIP Buddy !!!! I enjoyed our talks over the years God has received another Angel*

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**Drema Hall** - July 15, 2020 at 10:29 PM

KL

“ *So sorry for your loss ! Chad was a great person and friend to me and Jason. Wish there was something we could do to take the hurt away. You and Connie had a beautiful son and Cameron had a wonderful daddy. Love and prayers for y'all.  
Kathy and Jason Lively.*

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**Kathy Live!y-Hamilton** - July 15, 2020 at 09:29 PM

AB

*So sorry Byron you have all my love...May God wrap his arms around you.love Amanda*

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**Amanda Stacy Brooks** - July 16, 2020 at 02:20 AM

VB

“ Carol/Connie - Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. God bless and comfort you.



Venetia Brand - July 15, 2020 at 08:52 PM

CC

Thank you, V.

carol Collins - July 21, 2020 at 10:53 PM

TL

“ My sweet cousin Carol, I am so very sorry for your tragic loss of Chad. I wish we could have gotten to know him. Time is precious and so is family. We love you and Connie and give our deepest condolences. We pray for peace, love, and comfort in the days coming for you and family. Heaven has gained another beautiful angel. R.I.P. Chad <3



Tammy Looney - July 15, 2020 at 07:36 PM



Connie and Carol,so very sorry ,praying for u,Rest in peace, Chad

Judy Lemasters - July 16, 2020 at 12:06 AM

LK

“ Love , Tommy , Tammy , Kristen , Karlie and Karsen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Byron Thomas "Chad" Blackburn.



Love , Tommy , Tammy , Kristen , Karlie and Karsen - July 15, 2020 at 07:20 PM

LB

“ I am heartbroken to hear the tragic news about Chad. Although we didn't know Chad well, we enjoyed seeing him walk his sweet husky Riddick whom he adored. He allowed us to feed him treats which we enjoyed. I am so very very sorry for his family, he was a great neighbor whom I wish we had had the opportunity to get to know him better. Praying for God's peace that passes all understanding for his parents, family and friends. Lindsey and Bruce Barilla



Lindsey and Bruce Barilla - July 15, 2020 at 04:57 PM

DH

I'm gonna Miss my Nephew RIP Chad !!' We could t wait for you to come to Granny June's for the summer we had so many memories we can look back on with you !!!! And I know when you came down here lol it's funny we just spoke about this you loved her homemade vegetable soup always had to put that butter in it too ... it's crazy Buddy I do the same too as we shred a few things not long ago about the soup 🍲  
Love you bunches ... ur Aunt Drema

Drema Hall - July 15, 2020 at 10:53 PM

SP

So very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Shelly Pack - July 16, 2020 at 02:46 AM

KM

Such devastating news. Knew this kid since grade school, always thought so much of him. I pray for comfort and peace for his Mom, Dad, and Son. I cannot imagine the pain from loosing a child, and I know how much his Mom and Dad love him.

Karen A MAYS - July 16, 2020 at 08:48 AM

SF

*We are so so sorry for your loss. We will miss Chad walking Riddick faithfully by our house everyday. May Chad rest in peace. Sally French, Memorial Ave.*

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**Sally B French** - July 16, 2020 at 11:12 AM

CC

*Thank you so much.*

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**carol Collins** - July 21, 2020 at 10:55 PM