



## Wayne Anthony Baumgardner

November 6, 1961 - January 10, 2016

DUE TO THE INCLIMATE WEATHER THE ARRANGMENTS HAVE CHANGED LOCATION AND WILL BE HELD AT MERCER FUNERAL HOME, 1231 WEST CUMBERLAND ROAD, BLUEFIELD, WV

Wayne Anthony Baumgardner, 56, passed on Sunday, January 10, 2016 at his home in Woodstock, Georgia. Born on November 6, 1959 in Bluefield, WV, he was the son of the late Clarence Oliver and Ernestine Law Baumgardner. He dedicated his life to Christ at an early age at Mount Zion Baptist Church and continued his faithfulness at First Baptist Church, Dr. Charles Stanley, pastor, where he, at one time, was also employed as a videographer. He attended public schools in Bluefield and graduated from Bluefield High School as an honor student in 1978. He was a star member of his Bluefield Beaver High School basketball and football teams and received an academic and football scholarship to Wake Forest University in Winston Salem, North Carolina. His football stats were outstanding and some of his records still stand today. He graduated from Wake Forest University in 1982 with a BA Degree in Speech Communications and Theatre Arts.

After trying out for the Dallas Cowboys' football team, Wayne was cut in the final round. He returned to Bluefield to work as a sportscaster at WVVA television station. Wayne had a great desire to expand his career; therefore, he decided to relocate to Atlanta, Georgia. There his career began to grow and flourish. His career involved being employed with or contracted by CNN,

ESPN, instructor at Alcorn State University, InTouch Ministries, filming for Tyler Perry, Primerica and Georgia Public Broadcasting, where he won two regional Emmys for documentaries in 2005 and 2010.

Married to his former spouse, Cindy Baumgardner in 1996, from their union two beautiful daughters were born, which was the love of his life, Brooke, 15 years old and Hannah, 11. When he began his own video/production company, he named his business after his two daughters: The Brooke and Hannah TV, Inc. All who knew Wayne will miss his warm smile, his constant talking and laughing, his work ethics and being a friend. He loved working and saw each job as a challenge to be achieved successfully. His mission was always to make a situation better than he had found it.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Ernestine Baumgardner. Cherishing his memory are his daughters: Brooke and Hannah, Atlanta, GA; sister, Cynthia (Frank) Wooten, Columbus, OH; brothers: John Thomas Baumgardner, Bronx, NY, William (Chuck) Baumgardner, Bluefield, WV; aunts: Vivian Baumgardner, Bluefield, WV; Yolanda (Murjan) Rasheed, Atlanta, GA; Yvonne Ealy, Cincinnati, OH; and Estelle Kearny, Philadelphia, PA; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services will be held on January 25, 2016 at Mercer Funeral Home Chapel at 2:00 PM with the Rev. J. Palmer, III officiating. The family will receive friends from 1 until 2p.m.at the funeral home with the celebration of life service following. Interment will follow at Maple Hill Cemetery, Bluefield, Virginia. Arrangements entrusted to the care of Mercer Funeral Home, 1231 W. Cumberland Road, Bluefield, WV 24701

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

Bluefield, VA 24605

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 25. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JAN 25. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Wayne Anthony Baumgardner

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ Wayne was such a fine man and a fine friend. I will deeply miss him, and I'll miss working with him. Rest well my friend, and I'm glad you belong to Christ. I would like to express my most sincere condolences to Wayne's family.

Ray H. Manley, Jr. -Nashville - January 26, 2016 at 09:07 PM



“ SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF A FELLOW TEAM MATE AND FRIEND WE PLAYED IN THE 1975 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL I WILL THINK OF HIM OFTEN PRAYES WITH THE FAMILY.

JEFFERY SIMMONS - January 26, 2016 at 12:18 PM



“ was sadden to hear of the passing of Wayne he had a lot to look forward too gone to soon a great person Wayne will be missed by all who knew him.

Diane Perry  
bldf wv

diane perry - January 26, 2016 at 12:15 PM

FM

“ Fredrick And Rebecca Martin lit a candle in memory of Wayne Anthony Baumgardner



Fredrick and Rebecca Martin - January 25, 2016 at 01:44 PM

CL

“ I was so shocked to hear of Wayne's passing. I hadn't seen him since 11th grade, but have fond memories of sharing classes with him, especially at Central High. My condolences to his friends and family. May he rest in peace.

CJ Law - January 24, 2016 at 01:45 AM

LA

“ My sincere condolences and sympathy to the family on the passing of Wayne Anthony Baumgardner. I was looking at some reunion pictures of him just the other day. Class of 1978; Wayne always had a beautiful smile on his face. May God comfort you all with HIS LOVE.



Linda Anderson - January 22, 2016 at 05:23 PM

LA

“ Linda Anderson lit a candle in memory of Wayne Anthony Baumgardner



Linda Anderson - January 22, 2016 at 05:14 PM

KH

“ I worked with Wayne at WVVA where he started out as a videographer. He was always a hard worker and was driven to do his absolute best everyday. He would strive to make every story I put on the air as a news reporter, beautiful and creative. He was upbeat, a blast to be around, charismatic, funny, confident and also humble. He was a fine human being and my heart is heavy just knowing he's no longer with us. My condolences to his family and love to all who knew him. Shine on bright spirit. You brought us all lots of joy.

*Karen Hillegass-Bryant*

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**Karen Hillegass-Bryant** - January 20, 2016 at 11:57 AM

AL

“ Wayne- thanks for your smile, words of encouragement and your big and sincere heart,  
You will be missed on this earth, but as Jesus said, " My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." John 14:2-4

*Albert*

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**Albert** - January 20, 2016 at 05:36 AM

YH

“ I like Rick am so very saddened to hear of Wayne's passing. My daughter and I were cleaning just before Christmas and came across photos of Wayne and I in an old album of mine. I have not seen him in years but we dated throughout high school and into college. After we grew apart we remained friends and spoke online periodically. I know he will be greatly missed by everyone who ever knew him. I also know those beautiful little girls will never forget their loving father. I saw many photos of them at their Grandma's house when I would visit my parents in Bluefield. My sincere condolences to Cynthia, Chuck and the rest of the family. I am not able to attend the funeral but I will be there in spirit. Rest in peace my dear friend Wayne. I know I will see you again.



Yvette Harris - January 19, 2016 at 09:23 PM

RM

“ I'm so sad to hear of Wayne's passing. He was a great friend and I will miss our phone calls catching up on what was going on in our lifes. I'm so grateful that last year Waynes work brought him here to Utah to film a BYU football game, it gave us the opportunity to welcome him into our home and for Vickie to finally meet the funny and kind man she had been talking to for so many years. He will be greatly missed by all those who were blessed to know him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Rick Marshall

Rick Marshall - January 19, 2016 at 08:31 PM

James Spicer

“ My prayers go out to the Baumgardner family. you will be missed my friend Toby Spicer!

James Spicer - January 18, 2016 at 05:04 PM

CM

“ You will always hold a place in my Video Production world. For every light that is erected on stand, for every lapel mic that is attached to a subject, for every shot that is established on set, I will think of you and everything you ever taught me. Keep teaching even in heaven and keep smiling.

*Love your friend, Sandi*

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**Cassandra McKibben-Dallas** - January 18, 2016 at 11:09 AM

RA

“ A teammate from the 1975 BHS State Championship team. Gone too soon but will never be forgotten. Rest in peace, Wayne and may God Bless your family.

*Randy Albert*

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**Randy Albert** - January 17, 2016 at 11:10 AM

TW

“ My Brother Wayne will TRULY be missed by ALL he knew. He was a gentle man who I will miss dearly.

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**Tom Williams** - January 17, 2016 at 04:56 AM

BH

“ Enjoyed many days at the lunch table sharing laughs with Wayne at In Touch. He will be missed. Look forward to seeing him and that smile in heaven.

*Brian Hume*

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**Brian Hume** - January 16, 2016 at 07:06 PM

