

## Harlen Lee Blackburn

May 24, 1948 - July 2, 2021

Harlen Lee Blackburn, age 73 of Burkes Garden, VA went to walk with His Lord after an eleven and one-half years battle with brain cancer, on Friday, July 2, 2021. Born May 24, 1948 in Horsepen, VA, he was a son of the late Harlen and Katherine Nunley Blackburn. He was the oldest of ten children. Lee was a 1966 Graduate of Tazewell High School and received a Bachelor's Degree from Emory & Henry College and a Master's Degree from Marshall University. Mr. Blackburn was a retired safety man from Consol Energy. He was also a champion spit wad spitter, second best to his sister-in-law, Christy! Lee's life crossed many roads from playing football at Emory & Henry College, working cattle in the Cove, breaking horses, coaching Little League Football, wrestling and track. He trained in the mines for mine rescue and loved hunting, cooking BBQ, bee keeping, woodworking and a host of treasured attributes. Lee's main love was helping people find Jesus. Lee spent countless years studying God's Word to share it from the pulpit, Bible Studies, Church Camp, around a campfire or anywhere someone would listen. Lee served as Minister at Chestnut Grove Christian Church from 2003 until he couldn't find his words, even then he wanted people to know God's Grace by saying, "I'm a winner either way, if I go or if I stay." Lee shared in Baptisms, weddings, funerals, and celebrations of life with many; he loved deep and was committed to anything he got involved in.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Ray Blackburn; his sister, Shirley Mae Stinson.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory, his loving wife of thirty-six years, Tamra Norris Blackburn; three daughters, Melissa Lynch and husband, Mark and Leanne Moran and husband, Steve, both of Burkes Garden, VA and Zachlynn Lallande and husband, Adam of Abingdon, VA; one son, Jimmy Lee Blackburn of the home; seven grandchildren, Michael and Marie Lynch, Samuel Moran, Anderson, Chandler, Rylee and Landri Lallande; four brothers, Jerry Blackburn and wife, Darlene of Tazewell, VA, John Blackburn and wife, Lori of Pantego, NC, Jody Howery and wife, Sharon of Bath, NC and Ricky Blackburn and wife, Blair of Washington, NC; three sisters, Kathy Boyd of Pantego, NC, Drema Moore and husband, Glen of Bath, NC and Frances Wilkins and husband, Robert of Belhaven, NC; special friend who was like an angel, Pam Moss; a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends also survive.

Funeral Services for Mr. Blackburn will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. Monday, July 5, 2021 at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home Chapel in Tazewell, VA with Minister Ronnie Mullins officiating. Burial will follow at the Central Church Cemetery in Burkes Garden, VA. Friends and family will serve as pallbearers. The family will receive friends at the funeral home after 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 5, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that you help "Send a Kid to Camp" by sending memorial donations for camp scholarships to a place Lee loved: Christian Acres Service Camp: 1351 Evangelism Road, Bluefield, WV 24701. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Tazewell, VA is serving the family of Mr. Blackburn and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at [www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Burke's Garden Central Church Cemetery

Burkes Garden, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 5. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Hurst- Scott Funeral Home of Tazewell  
870 Main Street  
Tazewell, VA 24651  
(276) 988-7579  
hsfhtaz@outlook.com

## Funeral Service

JUL 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hurst-Scott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Harlen Lee Blackburn



Hurst-Scott Funeral Home - July 05, 2021 at 10:42 AM



“ Harlen Lee Blackburn

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ Harlen Lee Blackburn

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ Victory in Jesus! Honored to have known Lee, if only for a short time compared to many. Tamra, Jimmy and family - you have been in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you grace and peace for each moment. Hold onto the promise and hope of a heavenly reunion!

Jon and Michelle Langley - July 27, 2021 at 01:46 PM

BF

“ *A life well lived. I am proud to have known Lee as a classmate, Class of 1966.*

*Barbara Neel Fouche, Frederick, Maryland*

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**Barbara Fouche** - July 08, 2021 at 09:05 AM



“ *Heartfelt condolences to the family. Lee was a great man and a great man of God. He will be sorely missed, but earth's loss is heaven's gain. He is completely healed now and resting in the arms of our sweet Savior. Prayers to you all!*

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**Frank Horn** - July 07, 2021 at 02:05 AM

JH

“ *I first met Lee at Consol, he was the safety advisor. I enjoyed working with him and he always had very insightful conversations. I am truly sorry for his loss, not many good ones like him left.*

*Jackie Horn*

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**Jackie Horn** - July 05, 2021 at 11:56 AM

CK

“ *Hugs and prayers to all the family. May God fill the void in your hearts as only He can. I rejoice with Lee as he is now in his heavenly home.*



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**Christine Kinser** - July 05, 2021 at 11:32 AM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Harlen Lee Blackburn*



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**TonyanEdgar Wicks** - July 05, 2021 at 09:41 AM

TB

“ *Lee is remembered as being a great football coach and an all around good person. We will miss his kind spirit. You are in our thoughts and prayers!*

*Sending all of our love!  
Todd & Christine Barton*

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**Todd Barton** - July 04, 2021 at 07:15 PM

RP

*To all the family we are so sorry about Lee! You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Love Sidney & Rejohnda Puckett*

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**Rejohnda Puckett** - July 05, 2021 at 12:03 PM

RM

“ *I only met Lee once,he and Jimmy were having breakfast at the Coal Bucket and my sister(Carolyn Bowen) and I were there eating. He was very polite and godly man enjoyed talking with him. He left and we said our goodbyes only to find out he had paid for our breakfast. I have know Jerry his brother for several yrs and they are a great family. Please accept my sympathy and prayers.*

*Rita Gibson Murray*

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**Rita Murray** - July 04, 2021 at 03:39 PM

MH

“ Great co-worker and team mate on the Island Creek mine rescue team. Mac

McDonald Hagy - July 04, 2021 at 02:30 PM

DH

“ David Hawks lit a candle in memory of Harlen Lee Blackburn



David Hawks - July 04, 2021 at 01:48 PM



“ Lee was such a wonderful person. His kind words and presentation of the word of God doing funeral services for Mark brought comfort to all that attended.

Thelma Cochran - July 04, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ Thelma Cochran lit a candle in memory of Harlen Lee Blackburn



Thelma Cochran - July 04, 2021 at 11:59 AM

MM

“ Rest in paradise, Uncle Lee. The miles apart make it so difficult in times like these. I have so many amazing memories visiting y'all in the mountains with daddy and listening to y'all laugh and share stories. I wish it was possible to have more. Give daddy a big bear hug for me. Love you!



Megan Blackburn Myers - July 04, 2021 at 12:08 AM

HC

“ To the family of Lee Blackburn,  
Thoughts and Prayers are with you in the passing of your loved one.  
May God bless and comfort you! He left a wonderful testimony of his faith and love for God and family!  
Helen Vencill Custalow and Jerry Vencill

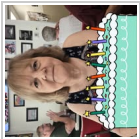
Helen Vencill Custalow - July 03, 2021 at 10:24 PM

VS

“ Vickie Stacy lit a candle in memory of Harlen Lee Blackburn



Vickie Stacy - July 03, 2021 at 09:19 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I will be praying for all of the family. May God bring you peace and comfort.

Tammy Hilt - July 03, 2021 at 09:04 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Harlen Lee Blackburn.*



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July 03, 2021 at 07:53 PM



“ *I was honored to care for Lee when he was first diagnosed. He was always positive and such a blessing to all who knew him. God bless all of his family and friends.*



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**Pamela Dunn** - July 03, 2021 at 07:24 PM



“ *I have no adequate words to express how sorrowful I am upon the passing of Lee. He was my classmate in high school. He was an accomplished athlete, had an excellent mind, and was kind and compassionate man. Godspeed, Friend.....*

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**Jeanne Hillman** - July 03, 2021 at 05:25 PM

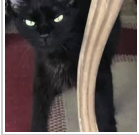


“ *Claude And Blaina Nunley lit a candle in memory of Harlen Lee Blackburn*



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**Claude and Blaina Nunley** - July 03, 2021 at 04:16 PM



“ R.I.P. HARLEN



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**Davie Horton** - July 03, 2021 at 03:40 PM

RM

“ *Tamra, Jimmy, and family:*

*What a grand blessing to know this "Samson" of a man--strong physically and spiritually, unlike the Samson in the Bible. When he served as dean at Christian Acres Service Camp in Bluewell, WV, the campus was always changed in some grand fashion because of the work projects he and the kids always did his week of camp. His testimony was always inspiring. Joanna and I would like to express our sympathy to all the family.*

*Rick and Joanna Mathena*

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**Rick and Joanna Mathena** - July 03, 2021 at 03:37 PM