



Mr. Elbert Lamar Bailes Jr.

April 10, 1935 - July 13, 2023

E. Lamar Bailes, Jr., 88, husband of Rosemary Fort Bailes, of Walhalla, passed away Thursday, July 13, 2023, at Cottingham Hospice House.

A native of Anderson, SC, Mr. Bailes was the son of the late Elbert Lamar Bailes, Sr. and Margaret Linley Bailes. Lamar was a civic leader in Walhalla and Oconee County by being on the Board of Directors of Joint Regional Oconee Sewer Committee, Chairman and longtime member of the Oconee County Council, and former Mayor of the City of Walhalla. He was also a member of the Walhalla Rotary Club and a member and former Elder of Walhalla Presbyterian Church.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Bailes is survived by his daughter: Carol Garland (Tony); sisters: Margaret Seigler (Mike) and Annie Brown (Bill); grandchildren: Austin (Rainey), Walt (Rayelle) and Camp Garland; and special family friend: Robert S. Zeigler.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Bailes was preceded in death by his son: Tres Bailes.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM, Monday, July 17, 2023, at Walhalla Presbyterian Church, with burial to follow at Oconee Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 9:00-9:45 AM, Monday, prior to the service, at the church.

Memorials may be made to Prisma Health Hospice of the Foothills, Cottingham Hospice House, Attn: Foundation Office, 298 Memorial Drive, Seneca, SC 29672 or to the Walhalla Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall Fund, P.O. Box 917, Walhalla, SC 29691.

Cemetery Details

Oconee Memorial Park

1923 Blue Ridge Boulevard
Seneca, SC 29672
<http://oconeememorialpark.com?>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (ET)

Walhalla Presbyterian Church
600 East Main Street
Walhalla, SC 29691
<https://sites.google.com/site/walhallapresbyterianchurch/>

Funeral Service

JUL 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

Walhalla Presbyterian Church
600 East Main Street
Walhalla, SC 29691
<https://sites.google.com/site/walhallapresbyterianchurch/>

Tribute Wall

TH

“ *Deepest condolences*



Teresa L Hightower - September 21, 2023 at 09:20 AM

JS

“ *We have lost a leader who has been well known and respected for decades but Lamar's family has lost much more. Great love and compassion to Rosemary and Carol and every family member.*

Janet R Smalley - July 19, 2023 at 09:13 AM

RB

Thank you, Janet.

Rosemary Bailes - November 03, 2023 at 08:05 PM

RB

“ *Sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.*

Renee Burkett Butts

Renee B Butts - July 19, 2023 at 08:47 AM

RW

“ Rod Winkler lit a candle in memory of Elbert Lamar Bailes



Rod Winkler - July 18, 2023 at 09:26 AM

MJ

“ Margaret James lit a candle in memory of Elbert Lamar Bailes



Margaret Short James - July 17, 2023 at 01:27 PM

KL

“ Kathy Ladd lit a candle in memory of Elbert Lamar Bailes



Kathy Ladd - July 17, 2023 at 12:14 PM

RB

Thank you, Kathy. Lamar loved your family.

Rosemary Bailes - February 03, 2024 at 01:53 PM

DS

“ Dear Rosemary, I am so sorry to hear of Lamar's passing. His dedication to Walhalla was profound and deeply appreciated. I'm holding you and your family in my thoughts.

Dena Smith - July 17, 2023 at 10:58 AM

RB

Dena, thank you so much for your sweet comment about Lamar, and for your prayers.

Rosemary Bailes - August 20, 2023 at 09:37 PM

JT

“ *Julie Thompson lit a candle in memory of Elbert Lamar Bailes*



Julie Thompson - July 17, 2023 at 10:12 AM

RB

Thank you so much!

Rosemary Bailes - February 03, 2024 at 01:54 PM

DL

“ *Lamar was a leader who loved Walhalla. He helped set the stage for a lot of the great things that are happening in our city today. He will be missed!*

Judy and I send our condolences to Rosemary, Carol and all of his extended family.

David and Judy Lyle - July 17, 2023 at 06:20 AM

RB

Thank you both for your kind words, David. You probably know better than many just how much Lamar loved Walhalla and Oconee County.

Rosemary Bailes - December 04, 2023 at 06:08 PM

LP

“ Lamar was a man of true character and respect. Prayers for the family at this sad time.

Lita Pettit - July 17, 2023 at 03:15 AM

RB

Thank you so much, Lita.

Rosemary Fort Bailes - December 27, 2024 at 08:01 PM

PH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time.



Patricia Graham Holcombe - July 16, 2023 at 11:02 PM

SK

“ Stefi Kis lit a candle in memory of Elbert Lamar Bailes



Stefi Kis - July 16, 2023 at 10:44 PM

RB

Stefi, thank you so very much for your sweet comments. Lamar and I spoke together of you from time to time, wondering how your life has unfolded. I would love to hear from you and /or see you! with much love, Rosemary

Rosemary Bailes - November 03, 2023 at 07:54 PM

RB

Stefi, thank you for your comments. I don't know how you found Lamar's obituary, I'm grateful that you did. He and I learned to love you almost as a daughter -- and it was because of you and Walt M. that we had the opportunity of a lifetime to visit Romania.

Rosemary Bailes - December 04, 2023 at 06:11 PM

JL

“ Jess &marcella



Jess Langston - July 16, 2023 at 07:39 PM

TP

“ Tammy Patterson lit a candle in memory of Elbert Lamar Bailes



Tammy Morton Patterson - July 16, 2023 at 05:35 PM

KJ

“ Such a staple to the community..As they say -he had a life well lived.. Rosemary and Carol and Camp, I know you will miss him greatly.. Prayers for your family. Karen and Dave Johnson

Karen and Dave Johnson - July 16, 2023 at 09:09 AM

RB

Thank you so much, Dave. Lamar had great respect for you and your many abilities, both in church and at WHS.

Rosemary Bailes - November 03, 2023 at 07:56 PM

RA

“ Rod, Katherine & kristy Albertson lit a candle
in memory of Elbert Lamar Bailes



Rod, Katherine & kristy Albertson - July 16, 2023 at 07:51 AM

EM

“ Eddie Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Elbert Lamar Bailes Jr.



Eddie Moore - July 16, 2023 at 07:10 AM

TM

“ Tina Martin lit a candle in memory of Elbert
Lamar Bailes



Tina Alexander Martin - July 16, 2023 at 03:41 AM

JC

“ Jerry Frieda Cobb lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Elbert Lamar Bailes Jr.



Jerry Frieda Cobb - July 15, 2023 at 09:32 PM

KH

“ Kay & Pat Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elbert Lamar Bailes Jr.



Kay & Pat Hall - July 15, 2023 at 07:32 PM

LT

“ So sorry for your loss! He was a great man and did so much for the City of Walhalla! Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you! ❤️🙏
Leland and Richadene Talley

Leland and Richadene Talley - July 15, 2023 at 04:46 PM

DA

“ Don Darlene Albertson sent a virtual gift in memory of Elbert Lamar Bailes



Don & Darlene Albertson - July 15, 2023 at 04:29 PM

BJ

“ I have many memories of Lamar, when he was President of the Walhalla Chamber and Oktoberfest. We have lost a great person. Prayers for Rosemary, Carol and the family in the days to follow. God Bless!



Barbara Justus - July 15, 2023 at 04:00 PM

RB

Thank you so very much, Barbara. I'm sure you know how special you were to Lamar and how much he appreciated you.

Rosemary Bailes - February 03, 2024 at 01:56 PM

LT

“ *Leland And Richadene Talley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Elbert Lamar Bailes Jr.*



Leland and Richadene Talley - July 15, 2023 at 03:57 PM

BB

“ *Barbara Burrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elbert Lamar Bailes Jr.*



Barbara Burrell - July 15, 2023 at 03:23 PM

JC

“ *John (Johnny) E. Collins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elbert Lamar Bailes Jr.*



John (Johnny) E. Collins - July 15, 2023 at 01:05 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Elbert Lamar Bailes Jr..*



July 15, 2023 at 12:49 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Elbert Lamar Bailes Jr..*



July 15, 2023 at 12:49 PM



“ *Chris Hamor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elbert Lamar Bailes Jr.*



Chris Hamor - July 15, 2023 at 12:05 PM



“ *Our thoughts and Prayers are with the family. Doug & Linda Hornick*



Douglas E. E Hornick - July 15, 2023 at 11:53 AM

BJ

“ I have many memories of Lamar, working with him as President of the Walhalla chamber and Oktoberfest. We have lost a great leader. Prayers for Rosemary, Carol and family in the months to follow.



Barbara Justus - July 15, 2023 at 11:24 AM

RB

Thank you so much, Barbara. You and Lamar were a great team working together in/for the Chamber of Commerce.

Rosemary Bailes - November 03, 2023 at 07:55 PM

JL

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Walhalla and the entire county has lost a great leader. Prayers for your family at this difficult time. Jerrie Bell Lusk



Jeerrie Bell Lusk - July 15, 2023 at 10:34 AM

SL

“ Praying for You and your Family. Randall and Sandra Lee



Sandra Lee - July 15, 2023 at 10:19 AM

KB

“ Rosemary, Carol and family, my sincere condolences during this time of loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Kristy Blair Billingsley - July 15, 2023 at 08:26 AM

JR

“ John Reid lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elbert Lamar Bailes Jr.



John Reid - July 15, 2023 at 08:19 AM

PG

“ Phil Garrett sent a virtual gift in memory of Elbert Lamar Bailes



Phil Garrett - July 14, 2023 at 11:54 PM

CL

“ Cathy Littleton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elbert Lamar Bailes Jr.



Cathy Littleton - July 14, 2023 at 10:46 PM

CB

“ *Mrs. Bailes,
I am so sorry for your loss. I will be praying for you and your family.*

Christy Blackwell - July 14, 2023 at 10:22 PM

RB

Thank you so much, Christy. I appreciate your prayers.

Rosemary Bailes - November 03, 2023 at 07:59 PM

MW

“ *Rosemary and family: Mary and I will remember you all in our prayers during this difficult time. It has been our honor to know you and Lamar as we invested ourselves into this community. You both have been great role models. It was my blessing and challenge at times to provide care for Mr Bailes. I will miss him too. You will remain in our prayers. Monte and Mary Wright*

Monte Wright - July 14, 2023 at 10:12 PM

RB

Thank you so much, Monte. And thank you for helping (pushing!) Lamar to stay physically active for a long time!

Rosemary Bailes - December 04, 2023 at 06:11 PM

BT

“ *Brian & Rhonda Tippett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elbert Lamar Bailes Jr.*



Brian & Rhonda Tippett - July 14, 2023 at 10:10 PM

NO

“ Rosemary, I was deeply saddened to hear the news of Lamar's passing. Please accept my condolences. You both have been a loving part of my family for years and I know the community was better for you and Lamar being a part of it. He was a great man and he will be missed. Sending you love and peace.
Nancy Owens



Nancy Owens - July 14, 2023 at 09:47 PM

BL

“ Bobbie Jean Ledford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elbert Lamar Bailes Jr.



Bobbie Jean Ledford - July 14, 2023 at 09:40 PM

WS

“ Warren Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elbert Lamar Bailes Jr.



Warren Smith - July 14, 2023 at 09:16 PM



“ *Jamey White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elbert Lamar Bailes Jr.*



Jamey White - July 14, 2023 at 08:28 PM

RB

Thank you so much Jamey. ❤️

Rosemary Bailes - December 04, 2023 at 06:16 PM

LL

“ *Leonard Loudermilk sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Elbert Lamar Bailes Jr.*



Leonard Loudermilk - July 14, 2023 at 08:12 PM

SG

“ *Lamar was so kind to me and my family as is Rosemary. I enjoyed hearing his stories and he was a very good cook ! My memory of him is full of fondness and joy. My prayers are with you all.*

Steve Garrett - July 14, 2023 at 07:19 PM

RB

Thank you for being part of our "extended family", Steve.

Rosemary Bailes - December 04, 2023 at 06:17 PM

BL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you family.*



Burgess (Bird) Laye - July 14, 2023 at 06:57 PM

KJ

“ *Kenny and Katie Johns*



Kenny Johns - July 14, 2023 at 06:21 PM

KH

“ *Kay & Pat Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elbert Lamar Bailes Jr.*



Kay & Pat Hall - July 14, 2023 at 05:27 PM

LH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this difficult time. Love and prayers!*



Larry and Wanda Laye Harden - July 14, 2023 at 05:19 PM

OM

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you all in this time of great loss and sorrow. God's blessings to you. Love, Ouida

Ouida McDow - July 14, 2023 at 04:43 PM

JK

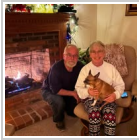
“ Lamar truly lived the Rotary 4-Way Test with his drive to serve others, his town, county, state, and nation. He left behind a powerful legacy that should be reflected upon often by all who knew him, My condolences to you Rosemary, Carol, and family.

John Kelley - July 14, 2023 at 04:43 PM

RB

Thank you so very much, John.

Rosemary Bailes - December 04, 2023 at 06:18 PM



“ Susan Crane lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elbert Lamar Bailes Jr.



Susan Crane - July 14, 2023 at 04:20 PM

TS

“ Terry & Kay Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elbert Lamar Bailes Jr.



Terry & Kay Sanders - July 14, 2023 at 04:16 PM

SD

“ Praying for you all and thank you for the memories at lunch for life, Scott and Angie Durham.

Scott Durham - July 14, 2023 at 03:58 PM

RC

“ I came to know Mr. Bailes quite well during the years I covered Oconee County for first the Journal and then the Anderson Independent-Mail.

He was always a straight shooter in everything he said and every conversation with him was a history lesson in local politics and civic issues.

My sincerest condolences to the family.

He was a good man and I will miss him.

Ray Chandler
Elberton, Georgia

Ray Chandler - July 14, 2023 at 03:56 PM

RB

Thank you, Ray. Lamar had great respect for you as a journalist of great integrity.

Rosemary Bailes - November 03, 2023 at 08:02 PM

LH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Larry and Carol Hendrix - July 14, 2023 at 03:55 PM

DB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May God comfort you during this time.
Debbie Alexander

Debbie Alexander Bolin - July 14, 2023 at 03:30 PM

SH

“ Prayers for the family 🙏 Steve & Debbie



Steve Harvey - July 14, 2023 at 03:29 PM

DN

“ Rosemary, Carol and family we are so sad to learn of Lamar passing. We have lot of fond memories of Lamar. He was a good man and he will be missed! May God give you strength in the days and weeks ahead. Love and prayers,
Doug and Linda Reese Nic



Doug and Linda Reese Nix - July 14, 2023 at 03:23 PM

ML

“ Mr. Bailes was a giant of a man and leader. He was our company Commander for years at the Seneca SC National Guard Unit. He always treated people fairly and Walhalla was fortunate to have him and his family. May he RIP after a job well done along with a big salute.



Marshall Loudermilk - July 14, 2023 at 02:53 PM

RB

Thank you so much, Marshall. I know that you've always known how much he loved and respected his Nat'l. Guard friends. The Guard was one of his major passions.

Rosemary Fort Bailes - January 14, 2025 at 12:35 AM

RS

“ *Rae Ted Smith lit a candle in memory of Elbert Lamar Bailes*



Rae & Ted Smith - July 14, 2023 at 02:51 PM

HA

“ *Harold Alexander lit a candle in memory of Elbert Lamar Bailes*



Harold Alexander - July 14, 2023 at 02:42 PM

AA

“ *Thinking of your family during this time.*



Alton Kathy Alexander - July 14, 2023 at 02:35 PM

Cathie
Nowell

“ *Cathie Nowell lit a candle in memory of Elbert
Lamar Bailes*



Cathie Nowell - July 14, 2023 at 02:34 PM

SK

“ *Rosemary,
Sending my condolences to you and your
family.
Sandy King*



Sandy King - July 14, 2023 at 02:24 PM

BJ

“ *Becky Johnson lit a candle in memory of
Elbert Lamar Bailes*



Becky Johnson - July 14, 2023 at 02:24 PM

KF

“ *Kathy Fitzgerald sent a virtual gift in memory of
Elbert Lamar Bailes*



Kathy Fitzgerald - July 14, 2023 at 02:10 PM

RC

“ *Ray Jan Cobb lit a candle in memory of Elbert Lamar Bailes*



Ray & Jan Cobb - July 14, 2023 at 01:55 PM

LC

“ *Louis Carver lit a candle in memory of Elbert Lamar Bailes*



Louis Carver - July 14, 2023 at 01:32 PM

LC

“ *To Rosemary, Carol, and family: I am so sorry for your loss.*

Louis Carver - July 14, 2023 at 01:32 PM

RB

Thank you so very much, Louis.

Rosemary Bailes - November 03, 2023 at 08:03 PM

AK

“ *Amanda Kelley lit a candle in memory of Elbert Lamar Bailes*



Amanda Kelley - July 14, 2023 at 01:31 PM

JU

“ Too many wonderful memories of Lamar and his family to list here. Praying for peace & comfort for the family. 🙏🙏



Julian&Deweena - July 14, 2023 at 01:28 PM

RT

“ Reg Tatum lit a candle in memory of Elbert Lamar Bailes



Reg Tatum - July 14, 2023 at 12:53 PM

RB

“ Renee Butts lit a candle in memory of Elbert Lamar Bailes



Renee Burkett Butts - July 14, 2023 at 12:51 PM

AB

“ Prayers for Rose Mary and her family.



Audrey A Barker - July 14, 2023 at 12:38 PM

SC

“ *Scenic Chevrolet lit a candle in memory of Elbert Lamar Bailes*



Scenic Chevrolet - July 14, 2023 at 12:37 PM

DS

“ *Dave Donna Stephens lit a candle in memory of Elbert Lamar Bailes*



Dave & Donna Stephens - July 14, 2023 at 12:37 PM

IR

“ *Dink&Iris Duncan Lit a candle for Mr.Elbert Lamar Baileys Jr.*



irisduncan - July 14, 2023 at 12:30 PM

GL

“ *Gregg Cathy Link lit a candle in memory of Elbert Lamar Bailes*



Gregg and Cathy Link - July 14, 2023 at 12:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Elbert Lamar Bailes Jr..

July 14, 2023 at 12:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Elbert Lamar Bailes Jr..



July 14, 2023 at 12:03 PM



“ Kay, & Jan Abercrombie lit a candle in memory of Elbert Lamar Bailes



Kay, Harrison & Jan Abercrombie - July 14, 2023 at 12:03 PM



So sorry for your loss!

Teresa Smith Fuller - July 14, 2023 at 12:16 PM



So sorry for you loss

Renee Burkett Butts - July 14, 2023 at 12:53 PM



Rosemary and family, you are in our prayers! He made a difference in so many people's lives, a dedicated fellow.
Danny & Sherry Edwards

Danny Edwards - July 16, 2023 at 01:43 PM

RB

Thank you so much, Danny. He had great love and respect for you and your entire family. (And thank you for a lifetime of good automobiles!)

Rosemary Fort Bailes - January 14, 2025 at 12:38 AM

JQ

“ *Judy Quarles lit a candle in memory of Elbert Lamar Bailes*



Judy Quarles - July 14, 2023 at 11:48 AM

KG

Tally and Katherine Grant send condolences to Rosemary Bailes and Carol Bailes Garland.

Katherine Grant - July 15, 2023 at 09:43 AM

RB

Lamar was my closest friend at Georgia Tech and was a groomsman at my wedding in New York in 1964. Sincere condolences to Rosemary and Carol.

Raymond Baker - July 31, 2023 at 10:23 AM

RB

Thank you so much, Raymond. He loved telling RB stories and the fun times you two shared at Ga. Tech!.

Rosemary Fort Bailes - January 14, 2025 at 12:40 AM