



Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner

March 2, 1959 - March 6, 2021

Gregory Bryan Baumgarner, 62, husband of Karen Kirby Baumgarner, of Walhalla, passed away, Saturday, March 6, 2021, at Oconee Memorial Hospital.

A native of Oconee County, SC, Mr. Baumgarner was the son of the late Hosea Dryman and Kathleen Stewart Baumgarner. He retired from Duke Energy as an SRO Instructor and was of the Baptist faith. Greg loved hunting, fishing, good music and spending time with his family.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Baumgarner is survived by his son: Ethan Baumgarner (Abby Lancaster) of Nashville, TN; sisters: Tamyla T. Baumgarner and Paula B. Grogan (Greg) both of West Union, SC; mother-in-law: Sue Q. Kirby of West Union, SC; aunt: Ruby Aileen Collins of Walhalla, SC; cousin: Duayne Stewart (Denise); and nephew: Ian K. Grogan.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM, Thursday, March 11, 2021, at Davenport Funeral Home Chapel. In honor of Greg's love of the simple things in life, casual attire is welcomed.

Flowers are accepted or memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or www.alz.org.

The family is at the home.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Greg was my best friend growing up. We built forts walked up creeks, played Daniel Boone went fishing together. We grew apart but kept in touch over the years. God, I wish we had went fishing or could meet for lunch at the Steak House one more time. Our prayers are with his entire family. Greg was a good family man and a true friend. God bless..Phillip*

Phillip Carroll - March 23, 2021 at 09:46 AM



“ *Howard And Janie Wilbanks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner*



howard and janie wilbanks - March 13, 2021 at 10:28 AM

IG

“ My uncle Greg. You were like no other. Too many good memories to count, from letting me job shadow you in 7th grade and seeing you crack jokes on everyone you worked with, to you running down the hall in whitey tighties and diving into the mountain of pillows Kyle and I had stacked up in the condo at Tybee one morning. From the classic “Hey, pull my finger” jokes to walking in the room saying “Hey Goob!” and all three of us (Ethan, Matt, and myself) would turn and look and you’d bust out laughing. You were the textbook definition of “fun uncle”. I’ll never forget the Sunday afternoon we’d had a family dinner up at y’all’s house and Ethan and I decided to sneak off and walk down the road and play in a creek. When we got back you were waiting outside looking “mad” as could be and we thought we were in big trouble with you giving us a lecture on this and that. When we finally made it inside you let out a huge laugh and the gig was up, you were just pulling our chains the whole time. I can honestly say you taught us how to love, how to laugh, and how to love laughing. Thank you for being a light in our family and in my life. - Your favorite nephew, “Iner”.

Ian Grogan - March 12, 2021 at 07:59 PM

LH

“ Larry And Wanda Laye Harden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner



Larry and Wanda Laye Harden - March 11, 2021 at 07:31 PM

HC

“ HENRY & IRENE CHAPMAN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner



HENRY & IRENE CHAPMAN - March 11, 2021 at 03:54 PM

KW

“ The hours we spent talking guitar. I'll miss you buddy..



Keith Welchel - March 11, 2021 at 11:28 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner.



March 11, 2021 at 10:47 AM

SP

“ Greg like to play jokes on people especially me when we were in the kitchen on D shift. There are too many to list. We had lots of fun back then and did lots of work. Even with all he did I would take him fishing and hunting. Even got him back on a hunting trip when in the dark I said this should be a good tree to climb. When daylight came he would find that the tree wasn't in good shape. Greg said I did it on purpose.

Stan Phillips - March 11, 2021 at 08:18 AM

GH

“ I remember Greg very well during the years that I worked at ONS. Deepest Prayers to the family.



Gailyn Housley - March 10, 2021 at 10:33 PM

DL

“ Dennis Lusk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner



Dennis Lusk - March 10, 2021 at 09:49 PM

VC

“ Van & Angie Chapman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner



Van & Angie Chapman - March 10, 2021 at 08:40 PM

RW

“ Do sorry for your loss. I worked with Greg on shift years ago. He was one of the good ones. Rick Winchester

rick winchester - March 10, 2021 at 07:26 PM

MB

“ Mike And Robin Burns lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner



Mike and Robin Burns - March 10, 2021 at 03:21 PM

TT

“ The TCTC Physical Plant Team purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner.



The TCTC Physical Plant Team - March 10, 2021 at 03:05 PM

LG

“ Josh and Ethan recording music at Greg's house, hiking the waterfall near the house, teaching license class together, camping together at the Mustard ground above Jocassee near Bad Creek in the middle of winter freezing our Butts off.....LOL. So many memories....

"Then Aslan turned to them and said: 'you are - as you used to call it in the

Shadowlands - dead. The term is over: the holidays have begun, The dream is ended:

this is the morning.....And for us this is the end of all the stories, and we can most

truly say that they all lived happily ever after. But for them it was only the beginning of

the real story. All their life in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only been

the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great

Story which no one on earth has read: which goes on forever: in which every chapter is

better than the one before. CS Lewis

God Speed Greg, Don't look back.

Larry Gentry

Larry Gentry - March 10, 2021 at 02:19 PM

TC

“ Teresa Crunkleton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner



Teresa Crunkleton - March 10, 2021 at 01:35 PM

PB

“ Karen I am so sorry to hear of your loss.
Praying for you and your family.



Pamela Burrell - March 10, 2021 at 01:35 PM

KA

“ Kathy Addis lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Gregory Bryan Baumgarner



Kathy addis - March 10, 2021 at 12:46 PM

RB

“ I didn't get the opportunity to meet Greg until later in my career at ONS. In late 1997 I was able to participate in a training class with Greg while he was upgrading his license to SRO. It was during that time frame, early in the morning before class, where I got to know Greg well. I had an opportunity to see the soul of a true man, who loved life and made the best of everything and who spoke highly of his family Karen and Ethan. These memories and many more, especially a very funny one, will remain forever etched in my heart and soul. My life has been enriched knowing Greg. He will be missed.

Rodney Brown - March 10, 2021 at 10:00 AM

RB

“ Rodney Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner



Rodney Brown - March 10, 2021 at 09:51 AM

TB

“ Sorry for your loss.



Teresa Burrell - March 10, 2021 at 04:38 AM

LM

“ Prayers for all the family and friends



Lillian & Donnie Murphy - March 09, 2021 at 09:16 PM

WS

“ Warren Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner



Warren Smith - March 09, 2021 at 07:11 PM



“ Karen, so sorry for your loss! Love and prayers for the family!
Doug and Linda R. Nix



Linda Nix - March 09, 2021 at 06:38 PM

SG

“ I finished my Duke career in Operator training with Greg, and always enjoyed our Sunday afternoon chats at the training center, more often philosophical than work related. When they say “if you want something done, give it to a busy guy”, Greg was that guy, to a fault. He was a reliable nuclear professional, but that wasn’t even his strong suit. He always had a story to make you laugh, and that kept a lot of us going through the hard stretches. You could tell a story was coming from the twinkle in his eye. Greg was at the back of the line at Hardee’s one morning when a coworker tried to order breakfast with a chaw in his mouth. After the third try, the employee told him, “sir, we don’t serve chilly biscuits”. Hence the ongoing question asked of Sam M for the duration of his career, “why do they call you Chilly Biscuit?” Greg impacted a lot of lives in a special way. He lived a good life and leaves a big hole. Peace and love.
Steve Godfrey

Steve Godfrey - March 09, 2021 at 05:48 PM

GP

“ Karen,

I was sadden to learn if your husband's death and you have my sympathy. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Gloria Richey Prater



Gloria Richey Prater - March 09, 2021 at 03:52 PM

JC

“ John Collins purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner.



John Collins - March 09, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner.



March 09, 2021 at 01:31 PM

JC

“ Karen, I cannot begin to tell you how much I thought of and loved Greg. From our first day at Duke on June 20, 1983, I knew that Greg would be a lifelong friend. We shared so many good times at work, particularly when we were NEOs on “D” shift, early in our careers. I will never forget scaring him so bad one day in the Aux building that he put his foot through the paper coveralls (sack suit) that he was putting on. We spent many hours laughing until we cried around the old “kitchen” table. I was so glad that we got to work together again in Work Management at the end of our careers. Greg was always a great spiritual and personal inspiration to me throughout our careers. My prayers go out to you and Ethan and the entire family during this hard time. While we will miss him, thinking about him up in Heaven, with a totally renewed mind, worshipping his savior, brings both a smile to my face and tears to my eyes.
John Collins

John Collins - March 09, 2021 at 01:23 PM

RS

“ Greg and I worked together on same shift at Oconee. I'll always remember Greg's sense of humor which certainly made the workday more enjoyable. My sympathy and prayers go out to the family. Ron Strickland

ron strickland - March 09, 2021 at 01:08 PM

RE

“ So very sorry to hear about this. You'r family is in my thoughts and prayers

Renee - March 09, 2021 at 12:57 PM

JW

“ Dearest Karen, I am so saddened to hear of Greg's passing. God be with you and the family in the days ahead.



Jeanette Wilson - March 09, 2021 at 12:26 PM

SD

“ Sonya Dobson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner



Sonya Dobson - March 09, 2021 at 12:14 PM

EZ

“ Edgar, Anna and Zach Zelaya purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner.



Edgar, Anna and Zach Zelaya - March 09, 2021 at 09:48 AM

MP

“ Greg, you helped me through all those God forbidden night shifts with your humor. Duct taping Stanley to the chair and sending him off in the elevator was a classic. Marlon

Marlon G Powell - March 09, 2021 at 09:27 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner.*



March 09, 2021 at 06:34 AM



“ *Bill Hanvey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner*



Bill Hanvey - March 08, 2021 at 11:46 PM



“ *I always enjoyed the conversation and visits with Greg over the years when he would come eat Hot Dogs at Mom's cafe! I know she thought the world of Greg and that he was one of her favorite cousins! Sending love and prayers to the family!*

Kristen Stevenson Fallon

Kristen Stevenson Fallon - March 08, 2021 at 09:58 PM

LT

“ Greg was a student in my very first class of third graders at South Pine Street School back in 1968-69. He is proof positive that teachers remember the good ones. His sense of humor and great attitude were already visible at that young age. He made that year a very memorable one. The next year Tammy was in my class, and I found that great attitude and helpfulness were shared family traits. To Greg's family, our prayers and love are being sent to you. Simply put, I loved that kid!!

Louise Lee Towe



Louise Towe - March 08, 2021 at 09:23 PM

RA

“ Rod, Katherine & Kristy Albertson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner



Rod, Katherine & Kristy Albertson - March 08, 2021 at 07:37 PM

WD

“ Wilma Dain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner



Wilma Dain - March 08, 2021 at 07:15 PM

DW

“ *Tammy, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this sad time.* ”



Doris Wilson - March 08, 2021 at 06:43 PM

MQ

“ *Mike And Judy Quarles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner* ”



Mike and Judy Quarles - March 08, 2021 at 06:37 PM

DM

“ *Karen, Sending prays. Thinking of you both brings a smile. We treasure the memories of our trip together to Ireland.* ”



Deb Steve Morehead - March 08, 2021 at 05:56 PM

KH

“ *Kenneth Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner* ”



Kenneth Harrison - March 08, 2021 at 05:43 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner.



March 08, 2021 at 05:36 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner.



March 08, 2021 at 05:34 PM



“ *Burgess (Bird) Laye* lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner



Burgess (Bird) Laye - March 08, 2021 at 05:29 PM



“ *Rick And Tina Robinson* lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner



Rick and Tina Robinson - March 08, 2021 at 04:59 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner.*



March 08, 2021 at 04:56 PM



“ *Karen, I am so sorry for your loss! I cant even begin to imagine how you are feeling. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Travis and Laura Blakely*



Laura Blakely - March 08, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ *Bill Cook lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner*



Bill Cook - March 08, 2021 at 04:50 PM



“ *Lit a candle in memory of Mr Greg Baumgarner.*



Mike Chapman - March 08, 2021 at 03:29 PM

LB

“ *Linda Baldwin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner*



Linda Baldwin - March 08, 2021 at 03:21 PM

KE

“ *Our prayers, thoughts, and love are with you all. He had the sweetest smile and I know he will be missed. All our love, Jared, Andrea (Jackson), Brad, Kelly (Emma Kay)*



Kelly - March 08, 2021 at 03:17 PM

ES

“ *Rest In Peace Greg.*



Edgar Scott - March 08, 2021 at 02:38 PM

ML

“ Greg was such a fun loving guys with so many stories that he could keep you laughing for hours. I'll share a short one. Greg is playing golf with his buddies and one guy was off the green down a hill and couldn't see where the golf hole was. So Greg being the clown he was takes the pin out of the hole and walks to the other end of the green and holds it so his buddy can see it. Of course his buddy shoots toward the flag and not the real hole. That was Greg in a nutshell on having fun. He will live in our minds forever.



Marshall Loudermilk - March 08, 2021 at 02:30 PM

TN

He was a lover of music, especially the Eagles. He taught me the correct lyrics to “po da water on me do da water stone me.” Greg and a few others on D shift know what I mean. A better man or shift mate you will never meet. Rest well my friend, you will be missed.

Tommy Nelson - March 08, 2021 at 07:48 PM

LT

“ Leland And Richadene Talley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner



Leland and Richadene Talley - March 08, 2021 at 02:29 PM

GF

“ May the Lord bless your family in this sad time. I was glad to have known Greg from working at the nuclear station.

Gary D. Forrester

Gary Forrester - March 08, 2021 at 02:17 PM

DD

“ Daniel Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner



Daniel Duncan - March 08, 2021 at 02:09 PM

PA

“ Philip Addis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner



Philip Addis - March 08, 2021 at 02:06 PM

TS

“ Terry & Kay Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner



Terry & Kay Sanders - March 08, 2021 at 02:02 PM

LP

“ Lisa Peden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner



Lisa Peden - March 08, 2021 at 01:27 PM

ID

“ *Dink & Iris Duncan lit a candle for Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner*



iris duncan - March 08, 2021 at 01:18 PM

DS

“ *Dave & Donna Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner*



Dave & Donna Stephens - March 08, 2021 at 01:08 PM

JK

“ *Jimmy Nickie King lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner*



Jimmy Nickie King - March 08, 2021 at 01:06 PM

JM

“ *Jim & Becky Manley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner*



Jim & Becky Manley - March 08, 2021 at 12:57 PM

MR

“ *Marshall And Debbie Rowland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner*



Marshall and Debbie Rowland - March 08, 2021 at 12:48 PM

EB

“ *Elaine Baumgarner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Bryan Baumgarner*



Elaine Baumgarner - March 08, 2021 at 11:58 AM