



E. Darryl Bickford, Sr.

March 21, 1939 - November 30, 2023

E. Darryl Bickford, Sr. was welcomed peacefully into the arms of his loving Savior on Thursday, November 30, 2023, at Duke University Hospital with his family by his side.

Darryl was born on March 21, 1939, in Pike County, Kentucky, to Charles Randall Bickford and Wanda "Merk" Adkins Bickford.

On August 4, 1961, Darryl married Gloria Dean Atkinson and they spent 55 happy years together until her passing on November 10, 2016.

Darryl's childhood and teen years were spent in the hollers of Kentucky until he moved to Danville and was hired as one of the original 12 employees at Goodyear Tire & Rubber. After a long, successful career in management with Goodyear, Darryl retired in 1998 to become a full-time papa and fisherman.

In addition to his parents and wife, Darryl was predeceased by a brother, Brice Bickford.

Survivors include his children, Eugene Darryl Bickford, Jr., Tracie B. Potojecki (Kevin), and Kelly Bickford; his grandchildren, Zachary Michael Potojecki (Heather), Andrew Dean Potojecki, Adam Gale Cheung, and Jeri Elizabeth Cheung; and his siblings, Chuck Bickford, Rose Griffin and Kathy Bickford.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 2:00 P.M. at the Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel with the Reverend Butch Robinson officiating. Interment will follow the service in Danville Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends prior to the service on Monday from 12:30 P.M. to 1:45 P.M. at the funeral home.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the Bickford family.

Cemetery Details

Danville Memorial Gardens

510 Church Ave
Danville, VA 24541
(434) 822-1617

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel
5858 Riverside Drive
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of E. Darryl Bickford, Sr.*



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - December 03, 2023 at 10:33 AM

JM

“ *Praying for you all. So very sorry for your loss.*



James Ray Marlow and Christy Marlow - December 04, 2023 at 08:27 PM

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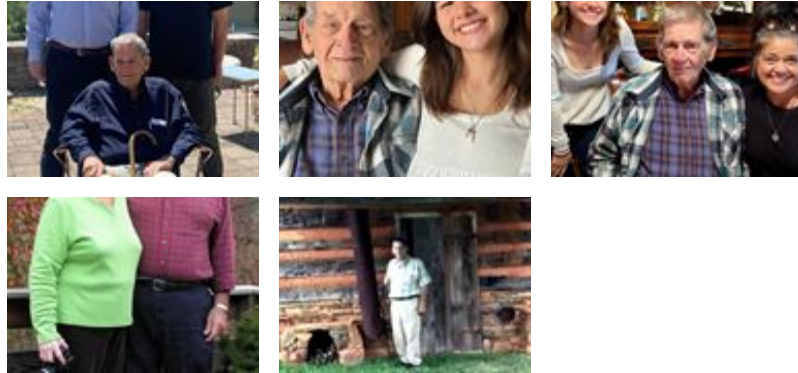
“ *Larry Snead lit a candle in memory of E. Darryl Bickford, Sr.*



Larry Snead - December 03, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ 65 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - December 03, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ So sorry for Darryl's passing. He was a very special man. Praying for the family.
Jim and Merica Curran

Jim Curran - December 02, 2023 at 07:16 PM



“ *Joe Doss lit a candle in memory of E. Darryl Bickford, Sr.*



Joe Doss - December 02, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - December 02, 2023 at 10:08 AM

DF

“ So sorry to hear about Darryl. He was a great man strong in his faith and a family man. He was also one of the top people in the Goodyear Danville Plant. Well respected by all and a very hard worker. He was also a good friend. Our prayers will be with the family during this time.

Darrell Finney - December 01, 2023 at 06:43 PM

BD

Darryl was a long time friend to our family and a very good man, Donnie passed in March of this year so Darryl and Donnie will see one another again ,prayers to the family

Brenda DeVall - December 02, 2023 at 09:38 AM

JD

Daryl was a good friend of mine as He was a Member of The RedMen. I always enjoyed talking with Him at our meetings. Daeyl was also a fishing buddy of a neighbor of mine. He will be missed by all that had the pleasure of knowing Him. MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF HIS FAMILY AT THIS TRYING TIME.

Joe Doss - December 02, 2023 at 10:17 AM

JM

I was sorry to this. I worked with and for Daryl for over 30 years. Thoughts and Prayers for his family and friends.

Jerry W. McElhenney - December 02, 2023 at 04:37 PM

MH

Mike and Tonya Hughes

*So sorry to hear of the loss of your Father. Daryl was a good
guy. Thoughts and Prayers for your family*

Mike and Tonya Hughes - December 02, 2023 at 08:55 PM