



Robert "Butch" Lee Bennett Jr.

January 25, 1950 - April 10, 2020

Robert Lee Bennett, Jr., 70, of Sutherlin, VA departed this life on Friday, April 10, 2020.

Butch was born in Portsmouth, VA on January 25, 1950 a son of the late Robert Lee Bennett, Sr., and Hazel Williams Bennett.

Butch was the owner operator of Butch's Body Shop and was a member of Kentuck Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon and where the children knew him as the "The Juicy Fruit Man".

Survivors include his fiancé, Ellen Hargis, three sons, Robert Michael Bennett (Connie), R.P. Strader (Michelle), Jarrett Lee Bennett, a daughter, Danielle B. Boaze (R.T.), three sisters, Gayle B. Becker, Priscilla B. Phillips, Karen B. Delia, a brother, Rodger Bennett, two grandchildren, Alysson Warren, Holden Boaze, and two great-grandchildren, Athena Rose Warren, Maverick Elijah Warren.

The family is aware that there are many people who would like to attend his funeral, however, due to the constraints of public gatherings during the COVID-19 outbreak, there will be a private graveside service on Tuesday April 14, 2020 at Highland Burial Park with The Reverend Allen Mahan officiating. For the time being, the family encourages you to leave your memories and

condolences online at www.wrenn-yeatts.com. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is serving the Bennett family.

Tribute Wall

SH

“ Sue Bennett Harrah lit a candle in memory of Robert "Butch" Lee Bennett Jr.



Sue Bennett Harrah - April 15, 2020 at 12:12 AM

SH

I am so so very sorry for the loss of Butch , I LOVE BUTCH very much ; my thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time and in the future too !!!!! I LOVE YOU ALL !!!!! I have so very many wonderful and precious memories with times that I was thankful to spend with Butch , he was unique and awesome !!!!

Sue Bennett Harrah - April 15, 2020 at 12:17 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Butch" Lee Bennett Jr..



April 14, 2020 at 09:41 PM

CS

“ Carolyn Stainback lit a candle in memory of Robert "Butch" Lee Bennett Jr.



Carolyn Stainback - April 14, 2020 at 01:31 PM

CS

Prayers. So sorry for your loss.

Carolyn Stainback - April 14, 2020 at 01:32 PM

LM

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to Butch’s family from the Smith-Marshall family. Butch was a dear friend of our family. He will be greatly missed in this community.*



Lisa Marshall - April 14, 2020 at 02:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Butch" Lee Bennett Jr..*



April 13, 2020 at 07:19 PM

DW

“ *My dear cousin I haven't seen you since I was a teenager. I am so sad to hear about your passing. All I've heard about you is that you are such a Godly man. You will be greatly missed.*

Debi Wilson - April 13, 2020 at 03:54 PM

DG

“ *To the Bennett family. I am so sorry to hear of your great loss. Prayers for peace and comfort.*
Dona Gayle

Dona Gayle - April 13, 2020 at 01:33 PM

Jl

“ I am so sorry to the family, friends and loved ones. Butch was a good man! I thought alot of him and I know he will truly be missed. Many good memories I have over the years of knowing him as with many people that knew him I am sure. Love and hugs to all!!!



Jayne Inman - April 13, 2020 at 10:13 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Butch" Lee Bennett Jr..



April 13, 2020 at 09:56 AM

RS

“ Roy & Joyce Strader purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert "Butch" Lee Bennett Jr..



Roy & Joyce Strader - April 13, 2020 at 08:57 AM



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April 13, 2020 at 08:41 AM

JM

“ *To the Bennett Family,*

Thomas and I are so sorry to hear of Butch's passing. He was a wonderful man and he will truly be missed in the community. He knew how to bring joy to all that were in his presence. Please know that we are thinking of you and wish we could be with you at this time.

*In Christian love,
Jane and Thomas Barker.*

Jane Barker/Lisa McDaniel - April 13, 2020 at 06:47 AM

CL

You have lost someone who will always be remembered as a wonderful influence in this world. My condolences to the entire family.

Cousin: Carole Ledane - April 16, 2020 at 10:42 AM

MC

“ *My Condolences are with the Family. Butch always made my day when he came into the 41 Goodwill store. He always had a smile, and always made you laugh. My heart is very Heavy, he was a wonderful person and he will be missed.*

Michelle Covington

michelle covington - April 13, 2020 at 06:06 AM

DB

Michelle thank y'all so very much for the beautiful peace lily you sent for my Daddy. He loved shopping at your store and got such a kick out of telling us about his Goodwill deals. He definitely will be missed so very much. It warms my family's heart to know how much you all thought of our sweet Daddy.

*Love to you all,
Danielle Bennett Boaze*

Danielle Bennett Boaze - April 15, 2020 at 11:48 PM

RO

“ My condolences to Ellen and the family. Butch was inspirational to me to get my life straight and taught me a lot about god and the bible. He was a great man and a great friend that I will miss

Rick owen - April 12, 2020 at 08:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Butch" Lee Bennett Jr..



April 12, 2020 at 07:46 PM

HM

“ So very sorry to hear the passing of Butch,, All our love to family.
Harold & Bonnie

Harold Manasco - April 12, 2020 at 06:39 PM

JD

“ Butch and to your family. I know you are in a far better place and that you did not have to suffer. However, your departure was a true shock but that is what you are. Thank you for the kind things you did for many and your dedication to your duties in the church. No one will be able to compete with your impeccable ways of dress. Vibrant colors which painted a wonderful personality of kindness. Always lifting others up and man your prayers truly rocked the rafters of heaven.! A very humble man with a quick wit and ready smile. Your presence has been felt and will missed by all that your kindness touched. Joe and Connie Davis

Joe Davis - April 12, 2020 at 05:53 PM

RW

“ Roger & Terrie Webb lit a candle in memory of Robert "Butch" Lee Bennett Jr.



Roger & Terrie Webb - April 12, 2020 at 05:34 PM

RW

We are so saddened by the passing of Butch. He has been a friend for decades. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his children, grandchildren and family. RIP Butch. Roger & Terrie Webb

Roger & Terrie Webb - April 12, 2020 at 05:39 PM

RL

“ Our most sincere sympathy to each of you during this most difficult time. There are so many precious memories for us all to hold on to. May God bless each of you. Roger and Lawana Lewis

Roger and Lawana Lewis - April 12, 2020 at 04:05 PM

TF

“ Teddy and Crystal Nguyen & Family purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Robert "Butch" Lee Bennett Jr..



Teddy and Crystal Nguyen & Family - April 12, 2020 at 02:36 PM

CB

“ I remember Butch’s devotion to Christ and how lovingly he brought new persons into our church leading many to Christ. My husband, Donald Barbour, when he dressed on Sunday mornings, always made the fun comment “will I outdo Butch today”. My family and I will miss him greatly, especially my grandson Jacob who is now a teenager but a former “juicy fruit kid”.



Carol Barbour - April 12, 2020 at 01:07 PM

TO

“ Mke and Connie,
Prayers and Sympathy to you all
Tony and Lyn Hill

tony - April 12, 2020 at 12:10 PM

LF

“ Butch was such a wonderful man who could light up any room with his smile, laugh, and those awesome suits. He will be missed by so many. Jarrett, Danielle, and the rest of the family- you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Lindsey Fortin - April 12, 2020 at 12:06 PM

JA

“ He was good man friend and neighbor. Was always smiling. He will be missed. One of the fine people I met through my grandfather. Fly high Butch.

joey Adkins - April 12, 2020 at 10:57 AM

LB

“ Sending our thoughts and prayers to all.....

Lucy Ellen Barringer - April 12, 2020 at 10:52 AM

RH

“ I thought a lot of Butch, he was a friend to everyone he met , he will be missed by all.

Richard Holbrook - April 12, 2020 at 09:26 AM

DP

Butch was my buddy when I used to work at Goodwill on Westover Drive He made my day when he walks in even though I don't work there now he still was my friend Rest in peace buddy 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Diane powell - April 12, 2020 at 10:39 AM

SB

“ I remember when Ellen started dating Butch. One day at work she shared a story about the first time she met him. It was obvious to me that meeting was the start of a love story. I always loved hearing about their amazing travel adventures! Butch was a really great guy. I'm so sorry for your loss. Truth is it is a loss that goes beyond his family.

Suzie Bohannon - April 12, 2020 at 09:02 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Butch" Lee Bennett Jr..



April 12, 2020 at 08:51 AM

KG

“ Jarrett,

Please accept my deepest sympathy. Hold your memories close ❤️
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Kay Gammon - April 12, 2020 at 06:49 AM

DW

“ *Danielle and family, So sorry to hear of your loss. Sending love, peace, and prayers! Love, Danielle Wiles*

Danielle Wiles - April 12, 2020 at 06:22 AM

JW

“ *Mike & Connie, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of loss. May God surround you all with loving arms.*



Johnny Walker - April 12, 2020 at 05:41 AM



“ *My heart is broken at the loss of this great man and old friend.*

Terry McGhee

Terry McGhee - April 12, 2020 at 03:20 AM

CS

“ *A very easy thing to say. Butch was a good man. RIP .*

Craig Saunders - April 12, 2020 at 12:22 AM

NA

“ *Rest In Peace Butch, to the family I'm sorry for your loss. What a great guy he was*



Naser Abuiznied - April 11, 2020 at 11:26 PM

NG

“ *I send my condolences to the family and friends! Butch was a good fellow! We always had good laughs/jokes! May he rest in heaven!*

Nicole Gatewood - April 11, 2020 at 10:06 PM

LA

“ *Lisa Alderson lit a candle in memory of Robert "Butch" Lee Bennett Jr.*



Lisa alderson - April 11, 2020 at 08:21 PM



“ *Colorado Spruce Tree was purchased for the family of Robert "Butch" Lee Bennett Jr..*



April 11, 2020 at 07:51 PM

MO

“ *Playing golf, joking with him at their pool house, never had a bad memory of Butch. Whenever I saw him he always smiled and joked with me. He leaves behind an amazing legacy through his family, and I am lucky to be able to call his son Jarrett my best friend.*



Mason Osborne - April 11, 2020 at 07:34 PM

PW

“ *I have had the pleasure of having a friendship with Butch for 45 + years. I know how much he loved his children and Ellen. He was so proud of his family and loved you all so deeply. And my heart sincerely breaks for each and everyone of you. I am so very sorry for your loss. What a precious guardian angel you have now to watch over you!*


Pam Wilmoth-Fritz - April 11, 2020 at 07:30 PM

DD

“ *I will always remember Butch with his big smile and the stories he loved to tell. He was such a kind hearted man. He will truly be missed by many!*



Diane Davis - April 11, 2020 at 07:09 PM

 Bobby Childress

“ *May God's blessings of comfort be with the family. While working as a collision appraiser I had the opportunity to call on Butch at his body shop on many occasion. He was always cordial, helpful and most of all honest in dealing with customers and handling insurance claims.*

Bobby Childress - April 11, 2020 at 06:58 PM

TG

“ I met Butch when I was working at the Corner Cafe, and also thru his daughter, Danielle. Always a great man, could make you smile and laugh in a heartbeat. It's been years since I worked at the cafe, and he never forgot my face; if he seen me out he would ask how I had been and how the family was and never said bye without a hug. My love and prayers go to the family. Danielle, if you need anything please let 'tewie' know. With Love, Tiffanie Gibbs

Tiffanie Gibbs - April 11, 2020 at 06:37 PM

KY

“ We are sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed playing pickleball with him at bonner. KEITH AND LINDA YEATTS

Keith Yeatts - April 11, 2020 at 06:13 PM

AP

“ So sorry for your loss . I knew him all the years I worked as secretary at the church. Sympathy to all the family.

ann porch - April 11, 2020 at 04:53 PM

RM

Butch was always a good friend I have alot of memories with him and my ole buddie Roger Cook who has also past on God Bless you Butch you will always bring memories of our youth tour day on earth is done so go rest high on the mountain ril we meet again one fine day.

Ricky Meadows - April 11, 2020 at 06:32 PM

EM

“ I’m one of the kids who knew Butch as the “Juicy Fruit Man”, but he was so much more than that. I’ll always remember going to get a stick of gum and hug from him every Sunday before “big church” started. He always asked how I was doing, if I was doing well in school, what things I was looking forward to, and he always made me laugh. I miss his bold, fun suits: they matched his personality perfectly. He always wore something extra special for Easter. I will be thinking of Butch tomorrow and imagining the colorful suit he’s wearing this year.

Erin B. Miller - April 11, 2020 at 04:34 PM

BW

Church league golf will never be the same. RIP my friend. Prayers for the family 🙏🙏

Brian Wilson - April 12, 2020 at 01:53 PM

JF

“ I’ve known Butch since that first day we met in coach Key’s eighth grade gym class. We instantly hit it off and became friends. So, for fifty seven of our seventy years, I have been able to enjoy Butch’s wonderful laugh, sense of humor, and overall gentle spirit. What a great guy!
Jerry Franklin

Jerry Franklin - April 11, 2020 at 04:33 PM

RP

“ Sorry for your loss, prayers for all. Thomas and Rachel Patton



Rachel Patton - April 11, 2020 at 04:14 PM

JH

“ Would do anything for the kids at church. Loved to hear him do closing prayer at end of Sunday worship. His personality and humor were as bright as his colorful suits. Love you and miss you my friend. Prayers to the family and his loved ones. In Christ's Love,
Joan Haymore

Joan Haymore - April 11, 2020 at 04:06 PM

TS

“ Prayers for the family. He will be very missed. A good teacher and mentor. So sorry.



Tanya Adkins Saunders - April 11, 2020 at 03:17 PM

CS

“ i am so sorry you are having to say goodbye to butch. May the good Lord help you through this difficult time.

CYNTHIA d SEAMSTER - April 11, 2020 at 02:58 PM

AD

“ I have so many great memories of my uncle butch. My favorites have to be the summers I spent at his house with my family and his. We always had pool party's and ate every meal outside, it was the best! I miss him so much already, I'm very thankful I have his children (my cousins) to remind me of him everyday. Love and miss you uncle butch!



ariel delia - April 11, 2020 at 02:31 PM

BB

RIP 

Brenda Barts Bryant - April 11, 2020 at 04:24 PM

TC

My heart is with you all Butch was a dear friend to me and my husband Roger who passed last May May God bless him as he crosses into heaven

Teresa Cooke - April 11, 2020 at 05:01 PM

KB

I can't imagine what it will feel like to go back to church and not see Butch there. I always got a hug every Sunday when I greeted him at the door. Our girls loved Butch and he loved them. We have a lot of great memories of church pool parties at his house. Between the pool and the assorted 'critters' to play with, our 'city girls' loved going to Butch's house. We always felt welcome. I will miss you, Butch, with all of your bright suits and brighter laughter. 'Til we meet again!

Kristie Ballard - April 11, 2020 at 07:03 PM

KM

Butch was a wonderful person. My sympathy to Ellen & Family

Kenneth Merricks - April 12, 2020 at 09:25 AM

BH

Butch was such a good, kind man..He always had a smile for everyone he met..Our condolences to all his family and friends

Bob & Cheryl Holland

Bob & Cheryl Holland - April 12, 2020 at 10:54 AM

DM

*Our hearts are filled with sorrow for the loss of a great man. Butch was a gentle & soft spoken man that anyone would like. He certainly will be missed. Our condolences for all the family & friends.
RIP BUTCH , You are not forgotten.*

Don mitchell - April 12, 2020 at 06:25 PM

CH

I am compelled to share my experience in knowing a wonderful man by the name of Butch Bennett. I first met Butch when I was the band director at Dan River High School where I taught his two youngest children. Butch was the one dad our students could always count on attending our fall competitions and driving our equipment truck to every band competition. He was also the only dad who would travel with us on our spring trips with destinations including Orlando, Florida and Montreal Canada. Butch served faithfully with our booster club; not only as an officer, but he was officially every band students' dad! His home was the official site for the end of the summer band camp pool party for many years. After his children graduated, I was honored to consider Butch not as a former parent but a friend. He could always be found at our "favorite hangout place - Goodwill located on Westover Drive where many times my 5 minute walk through would end up being 45 minutes because we would engage in conversations about cars, and politics. We would blame each other for treasures we missed out on while talking and someone picked up right under our noses. I visited his shop about six weeks ago. He was so proud of his new toy, a motor coach RV, that he had recently purchased. He was looking so forward to getting it on the road this summer. Any conversation with Butch always included how proud he was as a dad and grandfather and the love he had for his church and church family. On Friday morning, I woke with one objective on my mind; to finally force Butch to look at my 66 Thunderbird that I wanted him to paint for me this spring as we had talked about for almost a year. Friday evening, I was sad to learned that Butch had left us to be with his best friend. To Jarrett and Danielle; please cherish the wonderful memories of a great father who has now joined his Heavenly Father. Butch lived as a happy man, now he is happy with Jesus alone. With Deepest Sympathy—Cedric J. Hairston

Cedric J. Hairston - April 12, 2020 at 09:12 PM

BT

Butch was a wonderful man. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. With all my sympathy---Bobbie Tate

Bobbie Tate - April 13, 2020 at 02:35 PM

LS

Butch was a highlight always with his beautiful, colorful suits and big smile every time we visited Kentuck. He was also such a great friend always willing to help us out when we needed help for the family down there auto wise... Our heart goes out to the family and Daniel and Jarrett. Knowing we'll see him again one day comforts but also know the days ahead will be hard at times. Lou and I will be praying for all the family. Lou and Deborah Shannon

Lou and Deborah Shannon - April 13, 2020 at 09:37 PM