



## Mark Lawrence

June 5, 1953 - March 20, 2020

Mr. Mark Lawrence, age 66 of New Middleton, TN, passed away Friday, March 20, 2020.

Mr. Lawrence was born June 5, 1953 in Carthage, TN, a son of Maryanna Gibbs Lawrence and the late Kenneth Irving Lawrence. He married Mary Ellen McHugh on May 26, 1977.

Mr. Lawrence was a 1971 graduate of Gordonsville High School. He worked at the Gordonsville Zinc Mine for 29 years. Mark was a licensed electrician, and also worked at the City of Lebanon Water Treatment Plant for ten years. Mr. Lawrence and his wife, Mary Ellen, and his parents owned and operated the Woodjammer Restaurant in Gordonsville, TN for ten years. He was an accomplished banjo player. Mark loved fishing, caving, and arrowhead hunting. He was a member of the Gordonsville Church of Christ. Mark loved helping people, always willing to lend a helping hand.

Mr. Lawrence is survived by Wife of 42 years; Mary Ellen Lawrence of New Middleton, TN. Four Children; Ken (Janae) Lawrence of New Middleton, TN, April (Teddy) Burress of Lebanon, TN, Aaron (Stephanie) Lawrence of Walter Hill, TN, and Lori (Eric) Ramey of Old Hickory, TN. Mother; Maryanna Lawrence of Stonewall, TN. Brothers; Phil Lawrence of Gordonsville, TN, and Chris (Justina) Lawrence of Lebanon, TN. Grandchildren; Oakley Lawrence,

Willow Lawrence, Molly Burress, Avery Burress, Wrigley Burress, Logan Lawrence, Carly Lawrence, Hudson Ramey, and Ruby Ramey. Several nieces and nephews.

The Family will hold private funeral services and visitation.

A Celebration of Life will be planned and announced at a later time.

The Family requests memorials be made to the Gordonsville Church of Christ or Smith County Right to Life.

**BASS FUNERAL HOME, GORDONSVILLE CHAPEL, DIRECTORS**

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss. Went to school with Mark. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Glenn & Judy Young Bush** - March 25, 2020 at 09:58 PM

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“ Mary Ellen, I'm sorry to hear about Mark's passing. You two worked so well together. I will miss him  
I'm keeping you and your family in my prayers. Love,  
Barbara Dildy

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**Barbara Dildy** - March 24, 2020 at 06:54 PM

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“ So sorry for the loss of Mark. He and Mary Ellen always made me feel so welcome at some of the Lawrence reunions I attended with my mom. I will miss him. I only wish I could have connected with that side of the family earlier in my life so I could have more good memories.

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**Donna Freeman** - March 21, 2020 at 10:11 PM

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“ Mary Ellen and family I am so sorry about Mark's death. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Thank you so much for welcoming David and me into your home to share so many memories. Natalie Lee

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**Natalie Lee** - March 21, 2020 at 06:21 PM

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“ *Sending prayers from Nashville, TN. Mark is my 2nd cousin. My dad, Vernon, was a first cousin to his dad Ken. I didn't get to make but a couple reunions, but I spoke with him online and was honored to know him. May God comfort you all and help you take a day at a time.*

*Love,  
Patsy Lawrence Phillips*

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**Patsy Phillips** - March 21, 2020 at 02:53 PM