

## Charles Melvin Crawford

July 30, 1937 - January 21, 2021

Charles Melvin Crawford, 83, of Buford, GA passed away peacefully at his home on January 21, 2021. He was preceded in death by his parents, William B. Crawford and Louise Higdon and Jack Thore of New Port News, VA; his brothers, William B. "Pete" Crawford and L. D. "Doug" Crawford; his sister, Jane Evans of New Port News, VA and Cullowee, NC. Mr. Crawford is survived by his wife of sixty-five years, Jeanne Middleton Crawford; sons and daughters-in-law, Chuck and Vickie Crawford and Danny and Kami Crawford; daughters Tami Bennett (and Mark Pavloec) and Mitzi Crawford; grandchildren, Amanda and Chris Akins, Matt and Jamie Crawford, Wes and Jamie Crawford, Zack and Brooke Crawford, Bambii Crawford, Kraig and Katie Crawford, Kody and Kim Crawford, Ansley and Chris Trantrow, Danna Bennett and Michael Norris, and Jacob Bennett. Charles "Pa" Crawford is also survived by twenty three exceptionally special great grandchildren who he loved dearly, as well as several nieces and nephews. Educated in North Carolina, Mr. Crawford graduated from Cullowee High School in Cullowee, NC. He received both his Bachelor of Science and Master's degrees in Education from Western Carolina University, and received his Education Specialist degree from UGA. Mr. Crawford began his teaching and coaching career in 1960 in Monroe, NC. After his first principal's job in Tyron, NC, the family moved to Buford High School, home of the "Wolves" in 1969 where he was principal until 1973. After a year of selling class rings for Balfour and a year as assistant principal at Lilburn Middle School, Mr. Crawford became

principal of Lanier Middle School in 1975 and retired in 1996 after thirty-five years in education. Working with children was one of his greatest joys. As well as being a huge Buford sports fan, he also enjoyed cheering for Georgia Bulldogs football and North Carolina Tarheels basketball.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association or Buford Athletic Association in memory of Charles Crawford. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home with Mr. Dale Jones officiating. The family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 23 and again on Sunday from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **23**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home  
4400 S. Lee St.  
Buford, GA 30518  
(770) 932-1133  
<https://www.flaniganfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

JAN **24**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home  
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## Memorial Service

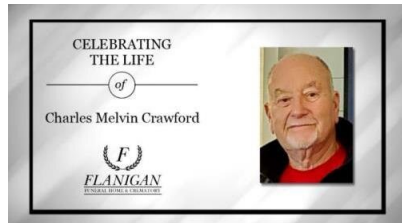
JAN **24**. 3:00 PM.

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home

# Tribute Wall



“ *Flanigan Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Charles Melvin Crawford*



Flanigan Funeral Home - January 23, 2021 at 09:56 AM



“ *Charles Melvin Crawford*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *I miss you so much Daddy! I can't believe your really gone! I love you!*



Tamt Bennett - January 31, 2021 at 10:06 AM



“ *We met Mr. Crawford through Buford sports. He was the nicest man, always eager to tell stories and talk about all his grandkids. So sorry to hear of his passing.*

*David and Natalie Viti*

Natalie Viti - January 29, 2021 at 03:49 PM

AC

“ So sorry to hear about Mr Crawford he was my principal at Lanier Middle. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Alan Coggins - January 26, 2021 at 07:21 PM

KL

“ Charlie Crawford and I have been friends since we met at Western Carolina 63 years ago in 1957. He was a man whose word meant something to him and he would always do what he said he would. Charlie was an amazing person who was a friend to everyone. He was truly one of a kind and I know I will never meet another person like Charlie Crawford.

Ken Lamb

Ken Lamb - January 25, 2021 at 11:18 PM



Thank you Ken

Tamt Bennett - January 31, 2021 at 09:54 AM

RH

“ I was very sorry to hear of Mr. Crawford's passing. He and Jeanne were always very encouraging and kind to me. I send my deep regret to Jeanne and the entire Crawford family.

Rich Holland

Richard Holland - January 25, 2021 at 08:23 AM



Thank you for your kind words!

Tamt Bennett - January 31, 2021 at 09:54 AM

BO

“ *Becky Owens lit a candle in memory of Charles Melvin Crawford*



Becky Owens - January 24, 2021 at 12:32 PM

CW

“ *Charles was always upbeat and we enjoyed his years working with us at Patricia's Spiritwear.*  
*Chris Withers*

Chris Withers - January 24, 2021 at 10:26 AM

PA

“ *Pamela L Adams lit a candle in memory of Charles Melvin Crawford*



Pamela L Adams - January 22, 2021 at 09:04 PM



“ *My PA was an incredible man! He will greatly be missed. Love you so much.*

*\*Haven dressed as Pa.*



Danna Bennett - January 22, 2021 at 07:30 PM



*Love this picture of her in his clothes!*

**Tamt Bennett** - January 31, 2021 at 09:55 AM

 Holly Maxwell

“ *Our deepest sympathies to all the Crawford family. Brent & Holly (Pendley) Maxwell*

**Holly Maxwell** - January 22, 2021 at 11:50 AM

TP

“ *Charlie was like a second Father to me. He hired my Dad, Doug Lamb, to coach at BHS and we lived next door to the Crawfords for around 13 years. He called me "Trixie" and he would always try to see what he could "stir up" just to see how I would react. He had that sly grin that always made you wonder what he was thinking! He was my Dad's bestfriend and, oh the stories they could tell! Buford has lost a true supporter of the sports. He spent his last week on this earth attending a BHS basketball game, even though his health was failing. He will be truly missed! I pray for great comfort for his adoring family during this sad time.*

**Teresa Plate** - January 22, 2021 at 11:14 AM



*Love you Teresa*

**Tamt Bennett** - January 31, 2021 at 09:56 AM

DS

“ *Dorethia Styles lit a candle in memory of Charles Melvin Crawford*



**Dorethia Styles** - January 22, 2021 at 11:10 AM

AN

“ I love you, Pa.

Ansley - January 22, 2021 at 05:56 AM

TR

“ In 1985, Mr.Crawford came and pulled me out of class... I was scared and wondered why the principal was coming to get me... apparently my dad knew him fairly well and thought it would be funny to send the principal to bring me to the office- all that concern was just so I could be brought to the office so dad could let me know I had a new sister and show give me a photo. I will never forget that walk down the hall and he played along really well. After that I would stick my head in and say hi to everyone in the office including Mr. Crawford, he was always smiling and friendly. This morning I was so saddened to see his passing, my sincere condolences to Mrs. Crawford (my 3rd grade teacher) and the rest of the family. Praying for you all.

Tracy Venable Roberts - January 21, 2021 at 10:57 PM

CM

“ Mr. Crawford was so awesome in giving me my first job in Gwinnett County. He was so supportive of his staff. He could come across as gruff but he had the biggest heart for his employees and family. He took care of us.

That is probably why his heart gave out. He also had that crazy fun side and loved to enjoy life. God bless the family and all who mourn him. RIP Mr. C! You will be missed!



Chris McKee - January 21, 2021 at 08:39 PM

JN

“ *Judy And Donnie Nuckles lit a candle in memory of Charles Melvin Crawford*



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**Judy and Donnie Nuckles** - January 21, 2021 at 08:09 PM

JD

“ *Charles will be remembered by the many students he had over the years and his loyalty to the schools. He was fair and stern in his position. My son and grandson went to Lanier Middle. I have been friends with Charles and Jeanne for a long time . My Prayers for the family and comfort at this sad time. Love to all. Jan*



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**Jan Davis** - January 21, 2021 at 07:35 PM

CM

“ *Jeanne and family, Tommy and I are so sorry to hear about Mr. Crawford. He will be missed by many. He always had a smile and always time to talk whenever we saw him. Our thoughts and prayers for all of you. Tommy and Cindy Morris*

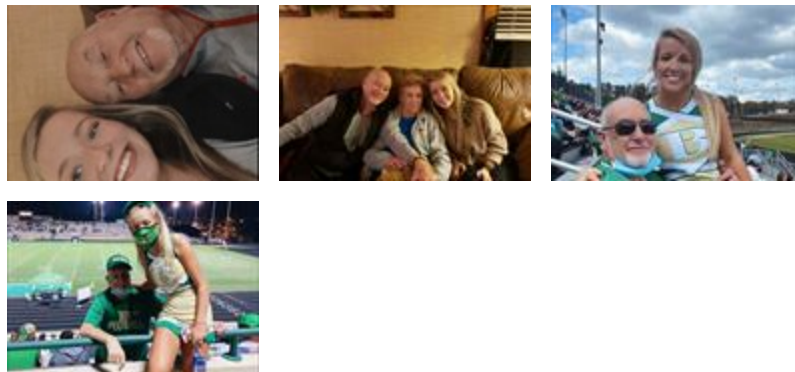


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**Cindy Morris** - January 21, 2021 at 06:40 PM

EM

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



**Emilee** - January 21, 2021 at 06:34 PM



*He was so proud of you Emilee*

**Tamt Bennett** - January 31, 2021 at 10:00 AM

LP

“ *Larry And Donna Puckett lit a candle in memory of Charles Melvin Crawford*



**Larry and Donna Puckett** - January 21, 2021 at 06:08 PM

BK

“ *So sorry to learn of the death of Mr. C. Bob and I will e saying prayers for you, Jeanne, and the family. We have fond memories of Mr. C.*



**Betty Jones Kimball** - January 21, 2021 at 05:33 PM

EG

*Ed and I are so sorry for your loss I know how close your family is and how much you all love one another my God bring you peace in this hard time*

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**Ed & Lynda Gibson** - January 22, 2021 at 08:21 AM

DM

*Mr. Crawford was a wonderful principal and man. He was kind, fair and supportive to the students as well as the teachers. He helped make my teaching at Lanier M.S. a joy. So sorry to hear of his passing. Diane McVay*

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**Diane McVay** - January 22, 2021 at 04:59 PM

DA

*So sorry for the loss to the Crawford family. Donald and Florentina Aubry.*

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**DONALD AUBRY** - January 24, 2021 at 09:37 AM

BS

*So sorry to hear of the passing of this long ago friend and classmate. It is obvious from all of the love and memories mentioned in other comments that Charles continued all his life to care about everyone around him and always made them feel good. Love to you Jeanne and all that beautiful family.*

*Jack and Barbara Shelton Smith*

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**Barbara Smith** - January 29, 2021 at 06:48 PM