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Baxter Dorayn Madaris, 63, of Rossville, Georgia, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, February 2, 2026. Born on February 1, 1963, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, he was the beloved son of the late John Baxter and Effie Evelyn Madaris, and he spent his life in the Chattanooga Valley area. Dorayn found joy in watching NASCAR races, hunting for great deals on Temu, and picking out new watches. He loved wearing his overalls and enjoying quality time with his family, especially teasing his two sisters and sharing laughs. His loyal dog, Buffy, was his constant companion and brought him so much happiness. Everyone who knew Dorayn cherished him deeply, and he will be missed more than words can say.

Dorayn is preceded in death by his wife, Sandra Madaris, and his parents, John Baxter and Effie Evelyn Madaris.

Those left to cherish his memory include his son, Dylan Madaris of Rossville, Georgia; his sisters, Daphney (Tim) Scoggins of Rossville, Georgia, and Denise Laneve of Chattanooga, Tennessee; his grandson, Daniel; and several nieces and nephews.

The family invites friends and loved ones to join us in remembering and honoring Dorayn on Thursday, February 5, 2026, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m., and on Friday, February 6, 2026, from 10:30 a.m. until the service at 12:30 p.m. The funeral service will be held immediately after the visitation at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, February 6, 2026. Thank you for the prayers and support. They mean a lot to us during this challenging time, and we genuinely appreciate them.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to your favorite charity in loving memory of Dorayn.

An Online guest book can be found at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com. W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, is handling the funeral arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel
555 West Cloud Springs Road
Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742
(706) 866-5555
info@wilsonfuneralhome.com
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Visitation

FEB 6. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

PM

“ I was so sorry to hear about Dorayn's passing. I was in the hospital and didn't see this. He is my 2nd cousin. His grandmother, Aunt Golda Mae, and my Daddy, Paul Ray, were brother and sister. We all lost touch as our elders passed away. I hate that, because I would've loved to sit and chat about them. Again, I'm so sorry for your loss. We have more of them in Heaven than we do down here.

Paulette Martin - February 10 at 09:14 PM

MI

“ Dorayn was a great friend at CVHS and an even better friend in later years. Never a bad word to say. Always running into him in Fort Oglethorpe and the DG. Always a valley guy and will surely be missed.

Mitch - February 06 at 11:22 PM

SI

“ I sat by Dorayn in Mr. Keebler's History class i always enjoyed talking to him at school. I remember him as being one of the most positive and kindest people I knew.

Susan Stokes Ivey - February 06 at 01:40 PM

JT

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Dorayn in 1st grade at Mt. View Elementary and going to graduation at Chattanooga Valley High together. He was a great friend who will be greatly missed by those who knew him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Joe Tudor - February 06 at 09:52 AM

SH

“ Meet Dorayn back in 2005 when I went to work at J&J. We became friends real quick bc he worked w my Dad there years before I came to work. After I left,we stayed in touch a lot over the years and grew real close talking about cars,trucks,racing and life. I was blessed to have a few conversations over the last few months with him. Definitely will remember the last one had and glad that one was made. He was great man who loved his family and friends dearly. He will be missed but we will get to reunite with him again one day. Thoughts and prayers are with the fam and friends.

The Harrold Family

Shane Harrold - February 05 at 07:27 PM

TH

“ I met Dorayn 31 years ago we were Neighbors, he was the most giving, the most kind and polite person that you would ever meet, he would give you the shirt off his back, and we shared being Car Guys is how we really met, he loved hot rods and so do I, I talked to him last on December 10th we talked for a little over 30 minutes I'm going to miss him

Tony Henry - February 04 at 05:57 PM

TH

It was a very good guy

Tony Henry - February 04 at 05:58 PM