



# Morris Haywood

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**M**orris Lee Haywood, 55, of Kannapolis, formerly of Huntersville died January 9, 2017. He was born on September 13, 1961 in Wilmington, NC to the late Ronald and Sharon Haywood. Morris was a graduate of Wingate University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was a pastor, volunteer fireman, and EMT and was currently working part-time in the medical transport field. Morris had a heart of gold and wanted to help every living thing. This world was better while he was in it.

Survivors include his soulmate Gerri Russell Holland of Kannapolis; son, Matthew Haywood of Kannapolis; 8 special furbabies; grandmother, Margaret Kennerly of Mooresville; sister, Lauren Haywood and her daughters, Gabriella and Sophia of Mooresville; also a large extended family of aunts, uncles and cousins.

The service to celebrate his life will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, January 14 at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Davidson with Rev. David Buck officiating. Visitation will be 10-11 AM prior. Burial will follow at Northlake Memorial Gardens.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family. [www.jamesfuneralhomeLKN.com](http://www.jamesfuneralhomeLKN.com)



## Tribute Wall

**Morris Haywood**



**J. Moore/Vlunteer** posted:

To the Family of Morris Haywood, So sorry to learn about the loss of your Dear Loved One, Morris. Please know that so many people share your grief with you to help you through this difficult time of sorrow. Please accept my deepest condolences as we await the time when Christ Jesus will awaken all of those who have fallen asleep in death; including your Beloved, Morris. (John 11:41-44)

January 15 at 2:19 PM



**Kay Mclain** posted:

I must write this "to Morris" because that is where my heart is most - my friend who reminded me so much of my own sensitive, talented, intelligent father. Morris, you were my friend from the earliest days of my "adult" life - college. You were then my "intellectual buddy" with whom I had SUCH great fun - like when we decorated the square's "Mountain Man" with our current literature theme "Big Brother is Watching You"! You wrote me on the back of your freshman picture that you were certain we would remain friends for some time to come and you signed it "Your brother in Christ". And that indeed was true, as we were friends to the present. I treasured you and your kindred life of giving to others and thoughtful intelligence whether we were in touch often or off and on through the years. You were and will always be one of my most special friends of life. I am beyond shocked and saddened by your unexpected and young Homegoing. Happy for you in where you are, but so, so, so very sad for the rest of us - the very large family of blood kin, loved ones, and friends you easily acquired and stayed faithful to through the decades. I, like us all, love you, miss you, and will forever keep you in my heart. God be with all who were close to you. You cannot be replaced in our lives. R.I.P., dear friend - see you on the other side. Love, Kay

January 12 at 8:29 PM



**Dawn Broom** posted:

Gerri, I am so sorry that I cannot make it to the service this weekend. There is a family wedding and our granddaughter's first birthday party the same day, both occurring in Albemarle. Although I never met Morris, I feel as though I knew him through many Facebook conversations we shared over the last two years. He was such a fine man who was a hard worker, committed friend to many, perfect match for you, and an upstanding Christian. I hope the service is a time for you to feel the love many had for Morris, which extends to you too. Prayers for comfort and peace, my Friend.

January 12 at 6:02 PM



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BH

**Brenda Holfinger** posted:

I worked with Morris at ACC Medlink. He was both my partner and my friend. We shared our love of EMS and caring for others, and enjoyed traveling through this beautiful country together. My favorite memory is the evening we spent walking down the Las Vegas strip. Neither of us had ever been there before and he was so anxious to get his picture taken in front of the "Welcome to Las Vegas" sign and send it to Gerri. He laughed so hard! It was so much fun. He shared all of our adventures with his family as they were his world. We've lost a truly good person. My prayers are with you.

January 12 at 9:29 AM

JG

**James Garrison** posted:

Condolences to Gerri, Matt, Susan, and all the family. I knew Morris from college days at BSU conferences and later at Southeastern Seminary. He truly had a heart full of love for all people. In recent years, we reconnected on Facebook. His posts usually made me smile, and often made me ponder. Love you, Morris!

January 12 at 6:37 AM

SG

**Steve Gardner** posted:

My thoughts and prayers to his family and friends. I knew Morris during his time in the Wake County Emergency Medical Service System. He was a caring and compassionate paramedic who brought his love of people to his patient care. He was both patient and understanding and treated everyone he met with dignity and compassion. Sometimes it seems that God loves some of his children so much that he takes them to be with him sooner than we who are left would have liked.

January 12 at 5:44 AM

PO

**Patti Overman** posted:

Words cannot describe the shock and sadness hearing of Morris's untimely passing. Truly one of a kind, the world was brighter with Morris here. He was a wonderful friend and will be missed terribly. My thoughts and prayers go out to Gerri, Matthew and the rest who loved this unique and incredible man. Rest easy, Mo. Thank you for being my friend.

January 11 at 4:19 PM



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**Regina White Hale** posted:

Gerri, I knew Morris when I was at Wingate. He was a wonderful writer, singer, and friend. We went on revival teams together in college and I remember him being involved in the Christian Student Union at Wingate. My prayers are with you and all of his family. He will be greatly missed and I know he touched many lives that he will never know he made a difference in. Regina Hale

January 11 at 10:29 AM



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