



Michael Heath Lipford

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CORNELIUS- Michael Heath Lipford was born to Pam and Robin Robinette and Michael and Phylis Lipford on May 6, 1982. Heath was the big brother to his precious “Birdie” Haleigh Lipford, special sister to Stacey Burge, and loving grandson to Buddy and Merle Robbins and Jack and Judy Lipford. Heath was the husband to Lyndsey Lipford, and from this union sons Luke (11) and Noah (5) were born.

Heath attended schools in Mecklenburg County and graduated in 2000 from North Mecklenburg High School. After graduation he began a career in Fire Protection and worked for several large companies finally settling in to work for Shambaugh and Son L.P. Fire Protection. He was a proud member of Union 669. Heath was a hard worker; but on October 4, 2018 he was in a devastating motorcycle accident that altered the trajectory of his life. Miraculously, Heath survived his accident, and began rebuilding his life, but not without many physical and mental challenges. Though the last 24 months Heath underwent 23 major surgeries; one cannot comprehend his physical pain that he masked so well. His smile and his beautiful eyes showed others he was trying to be ok inside and out. The strength and courage Heath had is seen through his young sons. Remember Luke and Noah, you are “Daddy’s heros.”

Heath’s struggles were apparent at times, but most times not. “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and the word of their testimony, and they loved their lives unto death”. (Revelation 12:11). However, what was ALWAYS apparent was his love for God and family, and the scripture in Revelation describes how he chose to live life through his good and bad days. Heath is redeemed by Jesus' blood and he used his testimony every chance he got to defeat Satan and share with others. His testimony is raw and truth-filled, and he laid down all pride and delivered his testimony without pomp and circumstance each and every time. We all agree there was no one with a bigger heart for all people than our Heath.

Through our tears and heartache, the family of Michael Heath Lipford wants you to remember him as someone with a huge heart that loved ALL people. He was a man that humbled himself to



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admit he was wrong and sometimes took the burden of being wrong when he wasn't. He was a good daddy and a daddy that took the time to really know his children, to talk to his children, to love his children. What a son was he that loved his mother so completely and loved and respected the best in his father, stepfather and stepmother. He loved Haleigh so, that when she walked into a room, he greeted her like it was his first time seeing her. He was a grandson that cooked breakfast every morning for his Nanny, and messed up his Poppie's hair every chance he got; he loved and cherished his Poppie, and we rest in the knowledge that they are now together, both with renewed bodies free from the torment of pain. Heath would remember anything you told him about your life, and he always let you know he cared deeply and offered to pray with and for you. You may cry, for this seems a tragedy, but don't forget to smile through the tears; because Heath has gained victory over hell, death, and the grave; his deliverance has come.

We ask that, in the days to come, you remember our family and especially his little precious sons, Luke and Noah. On Heath's Facebook page he shared "Just when you think there is no hope, God reaches down and says, 'Take my hand and let me lead the way, be still and know that I am God, we can do this together.'"

Memorials may be made to Rock Spring Campmeeting and Hebron Colony Ministries.

A service of celebration for Heath will be Sunday at 3:00 pm at James Funeral Home in Huntersville, NC. For everyone's health and safety, the family asks that all guests wear a mask.






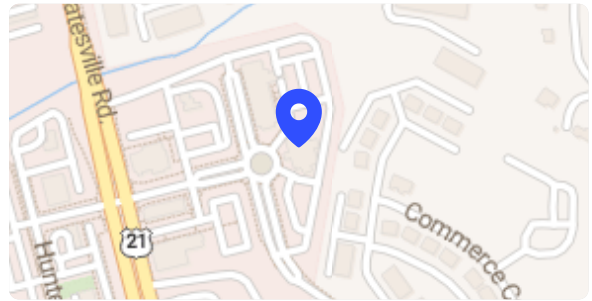
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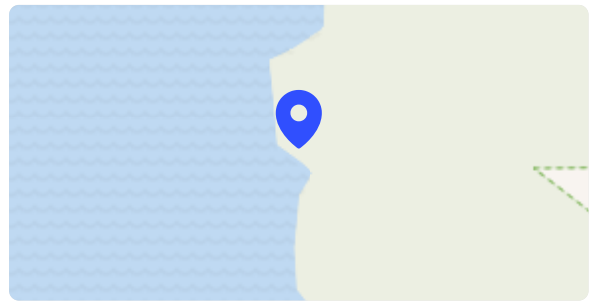
Funeral Service

-  **Sunday**, January 24, 2021
-  3:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET
-  **James Funeral Home**
10520 Arahova Dr, Huntersville NC 28078



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GL

Greg Leonard posted:

Rest In Peace my good man

January 19 at 4:49 PM

EF

Elizabeth Fisher posted:

Dear Pam and Robin, I am just now hearing this sad news. I cannot imagine the pain you and your family have gone through. We share our deepest sympathy for your family's loss. Please know that we will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers for God's comfort and peace in the coming days and weeks ahead.

March 2 at 5:22 AM

AS

Angela Suggs posted:

Heath was a best friend to my boys and spent many hours at our home. We all considered Heath part of our family. Heath was always polite, helpful, and a pleasure to have around. We will always hold his memory and smile in our hearts. Our prayers go out to all of Heath's family that God give you His peace and comfort. Our love, Angela, John, Jason, Joel, Brandon and Family

January 24 at 8:15 AM

SC

Susan Cross posted:

Michael I didn't mean to leave you out when I told Pam how sorry I was for her loss. Perry and I are also sending prayers for you and your family in your loss. May God's give you the Strength and Grace now and in the future.

January 23 at 3:45 PM



Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Lipford family.



January 23 at 6:32 AM



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MB

Melinda Bowers posted:

Pam, I so much enjoyed watching Haleigh and Heath grow up. Since I didn't have any kids, I always felt they were part mine, as my mind is filled with so many memories. Heath was just a boy when we met and so fun to watch him grow up and go out on his own. He was a special young man, and I know he and your Daddy are in a constant hug in heaven enjoying being together. I love you, Haleigh and Nanny Merle.

January 23 at 6:22 AM

ME

Melinda sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Lipford family.



January 23 at 6:13 AM



Anonymous sent a Vivid Recollections to the Lipford family.



January 22 at 1:41 PM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Lipford family.



January 22 at 1:30 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Lipford family.



January 22 at 11:07 AM

BD

Billy, Michele & Steve Robbins And Sharon Dulin sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Lipford family.



January 22 at 10:14 AM



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Anonymous sent a Fairest of All to the Lipford family.

January 22 at 8:54 AM



Anonymous sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Lipford family.

January 22 at 7:37 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Lipford family.

January 22 at 6:58 AM



Your Ge Walker Family sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Lipford family.

January 22 at 6:14 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Lipford family.

January 22 at 5:29 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Lipford family.

January 22 at 5:27 AM





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Lorie Smith lit a candle in honor of Michael.



January 22 at 4:13 AM



Lorie Smith January 22 at 4:16 AM

May God wrap his arms around each of you and guide you through this grief. We love you all and will continue to pray. Much love during this difficult time.



Becky & Buddy Harrell sent a Garden Cross to the Lipford family.



January 22 at 4:09 AM



Anonymous sent a Guiding Light Bouquet to the Lipford family.



January 22 at 1:24 AM



Imogene, Paul, And Mike, & Carol Poteat posted:

Our hearts break for you. I remember my Mom telling me such sweet stories about Heath. When he was a little one, Nanny Merle would rock him to sleep for a daytime nap. Once Heath fell asleep, Nanny Merle wouldn't move a muscle and held Heath to her heart as long as he slept. You and all of your loved ones are in our hearts and prayer...

January 21 at 7:53 PM



Paul Poteat January 21 at 7:56 PM

You and your loved ones are in my heart and prayers...



Dana & Greg lit a candle in honor of Michael.



January 21 at 7:22 PM



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Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Lipford family.



January 21 at 7:14 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Lipford family.



January 21 at 6:50 PM



Anonymous sent a Large Basket Garden to the Lipford family.



January 21 at 4:46 PM



Janet Rhudy posted:

Our hearts go out to you in your time of sorrow. Prayers for peace and comfort. Roger, Janet , David & Joshua Rhudy

January 21 at 4:15 PM



Dana & Greg January 21 at 7:16 PM

Love you so much Pam & Robin So Sorry for your loss. Just know Heath is happy & at peace.



Kelly Midgett posted:

Heath was one of my best best best friends growing up. The thing I will miss the most is the way he remembered everything from our youth. Every time we were together we would reminisce about the days past-and Heath always remembered waaayyyy more stories than I did! And he told them so well. And he always highlighted the details that painted me in the best light. He had a kind and loving heart like that and I am so so so glad that we were man enough to say I love you-every time we talked. Heath is actually the one that lead the charge in getting the "I love you's" going. He was a founding father of being man enough to tell his friends that he loved them, if you will. He was never shy in telling someone when he cared for them, and he wasn't shy of bear hugs either! I will forever be thankful and grateful for his friendship.

January 21 at 4:03 PM



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DE

Debbie posted:

Pam and family. Our deepest heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with each of you. We pray for God to give you the strength and comfort you all need. All our love, thoughts and prayers, Butch & Deb

January 21 at 3:35 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Lipford family.



January 21 at 3:25 PM

PB

Pam, Corey And Bryson posted:

Lyndsey, Glenn, Luke and Noah, Praying for strength. We love you!!

January 21 at 3:10 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Lipford family.



January 21 at 2:35 PM

VP

Vann, Jackie, Brandon & Brittany Pierce sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Lipford family.



January 21 at 1:26 PM

MJ

Merlie Jackson posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. David, Merlie and Jessie Jackson

January 21 at 1:20 PM



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Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Lipford family.



January 21 at 1:15 PM



Anna Midgett posted:

We are all so saddened by Heath's death - the Midgett clan will miss him terribly. Heath was a great source of comfort when my own Mom was ill this past year. He visited and Mom loved seeing him. I am heartbroken as I know you are. Prayers for all of the family and those precious boys. Love, Anna Midgett

January 21 at 12:56 PM



Anonymous sent a Fiery Lily and Rose to the Lipford family.



January 21 at 12:56 PM



Anonymous sent a Large Basket Garden to the Lipford family.



January 21 at 12:51 PM



Diane Keller lit a candle in honor of Michael.

So sorry to hear about this. Ken and I always heard Merle talk about how good Heath was helping with his grandpa. Sending love and prayers ❤️🙏

January 21 at 11:57 AM



Anonymous sent a Written in the Stars to the Lipford family.



January 21 at 8:22 AM



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VD

Vic And Debbie posted:

Pam we are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love you and will keep you in our prayers.

January 21 at 7:10 AM

VD

Vic And Debbie lit a candle in honor of Michael.



January 21 at 7:07 AM

SD

Susan Cross Dove posted:

Pam I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers now and In the days to come. May God's Grace and Strength comfort you and your family. Susan Cross

January 20 at 7:39 AM

MJ

Mark Wayne Crowder Jr January 21 at 5:27 PM

Heath is like a brother to me, he will come and talk to me when you had problems and sometimes I have problems too and we make each other feel better then he get on his bike and right away . We also worked together lien break for Jeremy Webb and had great towns joking around me him and Jeremy will have this last for a life I remember one day when I was pushing a wheelbarrow down the hill with mortar and it had a route and I fell face first in it and he laid on the ground died laughing I'll never forget that day good time rest in peace my friend you'll be missed greatly



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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