



# Bret Haynes

JAN 7, 1982 - MAR 28, 2025



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## **Bret Haynes**

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**B**ret passed away peacefully at his home on March 28, 2025, at the age of 43, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. His family was by his side.

Bret is survived by his loving spouse and partner, Sarah, and his cherished son, Little Bret (LB), who was the light of his life. He also leaves behind his parents, Marcie Haynes and Will Haynes, his sister, Deanna Haynes, and a close circle of family and friends who will forever treasure his memory.

Bret was born on January 7, 1982, in Fayetteville, NC. Bret had an active and adventurous childhood. Skateboarding, bike riding, speed skating, dirt bike riding, going on adventures in the woods, playing baseball, making movies with his camcorder, and playing Nintendo were some of his favorite things to do.

He proudly served in the United States Army for four years, including deployments to the Middle East.

Bret transitioned from military service to civilian service with a defense contracting company and was tasked with allocation and management of financial resources and regularly collaborated with the Pentagon.

Bret's next career path was in fleet management for any type of equipment resulting in his most recent position as senior service fleet manager.

Bret was a devoted partner and father who cherished every moment spent with Sarah and LB - whether they were detailing cars, cheering at baseball games, cruising around the lake on their boat, or grilling in their backyard.

Bret's humor, strength, and resilience touched many lives, and his memory will live forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.



## Obituary

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A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 11:00 am at the Northlake Memorial Gardens in Huntersville, NC, followed by a reception at Bret's favorite family spot, Hawthorne's Pizza, 5814 Highland Shoppes Drive, where family and friends will gather to celebrate his life.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to:

Pancreatic Cancer Action Network

[https://secure.pancan.org/site/Donation2?df\\_id=6701&mfc\\_pref=T&6701.donation=form1](https://secure.pancan.org/site/Donation2?df_id=6701&mfc_pref=T&6701.donation=form1)

Joe Hendrick Center for Automotive Technology at Central Piedmont

<https://www.cpcfoundation.org/donation>



# Events


**Bret Haynes**

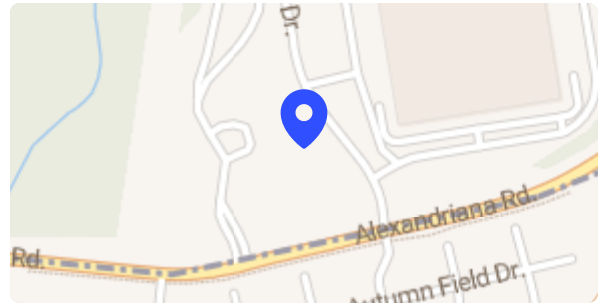
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## Graveside Service

 **Tuesday**, April 1, 2025

 11:00 AM ET

 **NorthLake Memorial Gardens**  
11001 Alexandriana Road, Huntersville NC 28078





## Tribute Wall

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WC

**Wendy Cooley** posted:

Some of the best memories that I have with Bret are staying up late and talking and laughing. I was always amazed at how knowledgeable he was in so many different topics. Bret was one of the strongest, most determined and courageous person I have ever known. He was a family man, an amazing husband, father, son, brother, nephew and uncle. He will be deeply missed by so many. I love you Bret, now and forever and I will always carry you in my heart 💜 Aunt Wendy

April 10 at 9:28 PM

DE

**Donnalliece Esteras** lit a candle in honor of Bret.

For Sarah and her family in this time of bereavement. I have went back and forth trying to come up with the proper wording to extend my condolences. The fact is, there are no proper words to extend; that would remove the pain of loss you are experiencing at this moment. I read the description of who your husband was as a person and the great impact he left behind on everyone that knew him. I didn't want to focus on his passing, I would like to focus on his victories instead. As a believer of God, I admire and discern the light within a good person. Especially one that devoted his life to inspiring, teaching, leading and loving his family as much as your husband has done. A great man like that, could only be complimented by a great woman by his side. That's why he chose you Sarah. You are such a remarkable woman (with great resilience, intelligence, strength, wisdom and courage) and he dedicated his last breath to you and your family. For that alone is one of the greatest victories anyone could ever aspire to achieve in this lifetime. I've learned that it doesn't matter the timespan of the beginning or the end of a life cycle. What matters most, is the journey in-between those two time-lines. That journey may have come with the basic challenges life brings, nevertheless, you and him continued to walk that path together hand in hand. I know your husband would want you to know that this isn't the end for you and him. He will always be alive in the eyes of your son and his essence is engraved in your spirit. Rest assured he will always be with you. I pray these words bring you and your family comfort. May God bless and strengthen you all during this time. Romans 8:38-39 "For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God.



March 30 at 10:50 AM



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**Brooke Marin** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Bret was an amazing baseball coach. He coached our son, Matthew and his precious son, little Bret. He was patient, kind, and so much fun. He always had a great, big smile on his face cheering on the boys. The boys loved Coach Bret, and the parents loved him too. He's the coach you dream about when your son is first learning a sport. He instilled the love of baseball in Matthew and in all of the kids. I will forever remember how caring and kind he was to our son, and how he helped lead the team to be Little League Champions. Even if the team had never won a game, Bret still made a lasting and positive difference in the life of our son, Matthew. Bret was a fantastic person, coach, husband, father, and friend. His healing has come, and it's not goodbye, it's see you soon, Bret. We love you, Bret and your family very much. Love and prayers for the peace of God to comfort you, Sarah, little Bret and your family. With love and prayers for strength and peace at such a difficult time, we are here for you always. Love, the Marin family

March 31 at 10:13 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Bret.



March 31 at 1:55 PM



**Love, Kitty, Cathy, Ann, And Kay.** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Haynes family.



March 31 at 1:34 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Haynes family.



March 31 at 12:33 PM



**Sarah Hellyer** shared an album called **Bret, Sarah & LB.**



March 30 at 10:50 AM



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**Love, Kitty, Cathy, Ann, And Kay** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Haynes family.

March 31 at 11:01 AM



**Edith Cortez** lit a candle in honor of Bret.

Our Deepest Condolences from everyone here at BO, we are sending our love and thoughts to the family.

March 31 at 8:45 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Haynes family.

March 30 at 4:54 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Bret.

March 30 at 4:54 PM



**John A.** planted a grove of 10 Memorial Trees in honor of Bret.

March 30 at 10:50 AM





Brooke Marin shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

March 31 at 10:13 PM





# Media

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Sarah Hellyer shared 7 photos to the **Bret, Sarah & LB** album.

March 31 at 11:29 AM





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# Memories only last if you share them

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



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