



Charles Lawrence Cummins

February 20, 1956 - September 4, 2019

Charles Lawrence Cummins, age 63, unexpectedly left his adventurous life journey due to complications of diabetes on September 4, 2019 at his home in Lexington, N.C. He is preceded in death by his father, Ralph E Cummins.

Charles spent his early years in Clintwood, VA, where he attended Clintwood Elementary School and graduated from Clintwood High School in 1975. While in high school, he was very active in sports and lettered in football, basketball and track. He played football during some very successful years of winning for the Clintwood Green Wave team. He designed the logo Willie the Wave that was used for many years on team equipment and displays.

Not long after graduation from high school, Charles enlisted in the Air Force, where he served as an Electronic Warfare Specialist. He had started his post high school education at Mountain Empire Community College in Big Stone Gap, VA then later obtained his associates degree in electronics in the early '80's from Gulf State Community College in Panama City, FL. During the course of his electronics career he worked for several companies in Maryland, Georgia and Virginia. At the time of his passing he was employed by Multi Packaging Solutions in Lexington, NC.

During his early years, teachers, family and friends began to recognize Charles' artistic and creative gifts, which he often exhibited through his

artwork and poetry. He continued throughout his life to spend his leisure time painting, drawing, building beautiful wood boxes and writing poetry. He possessed a gift of being able to visualize a project and then bring it to life in amazing ways. Friends and family now possess many beautiful items created by Charles at various points in his life, and these items will forever be treasured.

Charles drew his energy from everyone who surrounded him but especially from his family.

He is survived by three children, his daughter Carolyn (Carrie) Cummins Moss (Hagerstown, MD) (husband Tim), two sons, Jeremy Cummins (Lanett, AL) and Ian Cummins (Tampa, FL), and two grandchildren, Griffin Moss and Calvin Moss. His children and grandchildren were his greatest achievement, and he was so proud to see them develop into the fine people they have become.

Charles is also survived by his mother, Carolyn Perkins Cummins of Clintwood, Virginia, one brother Christopher Cummins (Williamsburg, VA) (wife Mary Anne), five sisters, Catherine Cummins (Clintwood, VA), Carol Cummins Morley (Lees Summit, Mo) (husband Emmett), Cheryl Cummins (Richmond, VA), Claudia Cummins Knapp (Williamsburg, VA) (husband Allen), Cecilia Cummins Lasyone (Londonderry, NH) (husband Mark), and multiple nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Our family's life has been greatly enriched by Charles' spirit and love.

A Celebration of Life service for Charles will be held on Saturday, September 14 at 3:00 p.m. at Clintwood United Methodist Church in Clintwood, Virginia. The family will gather before the service at 2:00 p.m. to welcome and greet friends. A VFW military service will also be conducted by VFW Post 8979 and The United States Air Force.

The family wants to thank Mullins Funeral Home in Clintwood who have been in charge of arrangements.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the American Diabetes Association. You may make a memorial donation in memory of Charles by either mail at American Diabetes Association, 2451 Crystal Drive, Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22202 or by phone at 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383). Your donation is tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. The American Diabetes Foundation tax ID is #13-1623888. The Cummins family sincerely expresses our hope that no family should ever lose a family member to this disease.

Mullins Funeral Home and Staff are serving the Cummins Family. Online condolences may be made at www.mullinsfuneralhome.net.

Previous Events

Family will receive friends

SEP 14. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Clintwood United Methodist Church
Clintwood, VA 24228

celebration of life service

SEP 14. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JS

“*Mrs. Cummins and family, I am so very sorry to hear about the loss of your beloved Charles. I only remember the entire family talking and enjoying beautiful memories and stories of Charles. I regret that I never had the pleasure to meet him, but I definitely felt like I had through all your heart warming stories and memories. I will pray for Gods comfort and peace for all of you. God bless you all in the days ahead. Sincerely your family friend, Jan Bennett Stanley*

Jan Bennett Stanley - September 10, 2022 at 06:49 PM

CP

“*Dear Cummins family,
I am so sorry and surprised to hear about Charles. I remember going all the way through school with him a year ahead of me.*

I remember he had such great artistic talent, but the thing I remember most about him is that he would tell a joke or listen to what anyone had to say, no matter who they were. He had a way of making everyone important when he listened to you. I remember having great conversations with him about music on the basketball bus. I am so very sorry for your loss and I'm keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers.

Clark Phipps

Clark Phipps - September 26, 2019 at 03:33 PM

MD

“*So sad about Charles. We remember him fondly. Our condolences to the entire Cummins family.*

Mary and Tommy Dotson and Helen McCoy

Mary Dotson - September 14, 2019 at 11:47 AM

ON

“ Carolyn and family, I'm so very sorry for your loss. You are all in my prayers. Love and God Bless!

orana neece - September 13, 2019 at 07:10 PM

BT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with each of you at this time of great loss!!!~

Betty Taylor - September 13, 2019 at 10:39 AM

DT

“ Claudia and the whole Cummins Family-Dave and I send our deepest sympathy to each of you during this difficult time and we are so sorry for your loss. I know Charles left great memories with each of you, and, no doubt in the 'Cummins' way', you will all be sharing those memories and laughs and really celebrate his life, just as he would want you to. Take care of each other.
Donna and Dave Tiller

Donna Tiller - September 12, 2019 at 09:33 AM

BW

“ I am sad that Charles is gone. I remember being in the old D & S Supermarket one time looking at eight track tapes. He picked out two for me.

I am sorry for you loss.

Barbara Webb

Barbara Webb - September 10, 2019 at 11:55 PM

JM

“ *Claudia and all the Cummins Clan,
I recall seeing the first Willie Wave painted on the walls at CHS and
on the cover of the school newspaper. I remember thinking how
talented " Claudia's big brother " was. I later came to realize that all
the family had their individual talents and skills. I always admired
the closeness of this family.*

*I am truly sorry to know that you have lost one of your own and pray
for peace and comfort for you all now and in the days to come.*

Jeannie Stanley Mullins

CHS Class of '79

Jeannie Mullins - September 10, 2019 at 06:28 PM

BV

“ *Beuna Vanover lit a candle in memory of
Charles Lawrence Cummins*



Beuna Vanover - September 10, 2019 at 06:07 PM

LB

“ *We were so very sad to hear of Charles
passing. Charles was such a big part of our
work family here and was a very kind and
generous man. He will be greatly missed.*



*Our deepest condolences,
The WestRock-MultiPackaging Solutions Facility
Lexington, NC*

laura boggs - September 10, 2019 at 03:26 PM

DD

“ *Debbie Mullins Dingus lit a candle in memory of Charles Lawrence Cummins*



Debbie Mullins Dingus - September 09, 2019 at 09:15 PM

TG

“ *Charles and I worked together at Shorewood in Lagrange Ga. We were friends and coworkers, we had goodtimes miss his friendship. He was a good man. Praying for the family.*

Tony Gregory - September 09, 2019 at 07:17 PM

MN

“ *All the years I have known Catherine, she has always shared stories of her family. I am sorry to hear Charles is no longer with you in this life. I pray that in the midst of your sorrow you will find comfort in all your joyful memories you shared. With Deepest Sympathy.*

Michele Napper - September 09, 2019 at 07:17 PM

SC

“ *Sally Cantrell lit a candle in memory of Charles Lawrence Cummins*



Sally Cantrell - September 09, 2019 at 04:22 PM

JS

“ So sorry to hear about Charles. A very talented man and a great friend. Rest In Peace Buddy

jeff steele - September 09, 2019 at 03:18 PM