



Donald Everett Wheeler

January 24, 1950 - October 2, 2014

Funeral services for Donald Everett Wheeler, 64, of Piedmont, will be Sunday, October 5, 2014 at 2 p.m. at Thompson Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry Pike officiating. Burial will follow at Piedmont Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Saturday from 5-8 p.m. Mr. Wheeler passed away Thursday, October 2, 2014 at Gadsden Regional Medical Center. Survivors include his wife, Paula White Wheeler of Piedmont; son, Andrew (Regina) Wheeler of Helena; daughter, Ashley Grainger (Mark) of Chelsea; sisters, Nancy (Steve) Narrie of Snellville, GA and Susan (Robert) Holt of Huntsville; uncle Thomas Wheeler of Gadsden; grandchildren Griffin Grainger, Whitley Grainger, and Davis Wheeler; five nieces; two nephews; and a number of great- nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Colby Acker, Steve Narrie, Robert Holt, Lyle Holt, Troy Dobbs, Brian Donaldson, Louie Parker, and David Coheley. Honorary pallbearers will be the Piedmont Blue Knights alumni. Mr. Wheeler was a 1969 graduate of Emma Sansom High School where he was head drummer. He graduated from Auburn University in 1975 and served in the Army Reserve. He taught music and was a band director at Emma Sansom High School and Piedmont High School where he led the Piedmont Blue Knights to many awards and honors before his retirement. He enjoyed spending time with his family and especially his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Everett and Maurine Hyde Wheeler of Gadsden and a great- niece, Rebecca Holt of Huntsville.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mr Wheeler was such a guiding light in the lives of so many young people. Mine included. May God's abounding love and grace surround you at this most difficult time.

Cherry Bass - June 20, 2018 at 04:19 PM

VC

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Vinny & Maggie Ciccazzo - June 20, 2018 at 04:19 PM

JB

“ Remembering a man who influenced so many.

Jeff Baker - June 20, 2018 at 04:19 PM

TN

“ Remembering a man who touch so many hearts. Surely will be missed.

Tracy Naugher - June 20, 2018 at 04:19 PM

DC

“ Good times were shared when my son, David Reeves, was in the Band. Praying for comfort for his family during this difficult time.

Debbie Gullede Reeves Cox - June 20, 2018 at 04:19 PM

DL

“ What an honor to be given a chance to march *danceline* with The Blue Knights under the direction of such an awesome, talented and committed band leader/director as Mr. Wheeler. Many memories I still cherish from the hard work during the summer, to the payoff every Friday night and Every Time we brought home the countless honors and awards from band competitions. Those memories will live on through us all. That discipline helped along the way, to assist in molding a few of us into determined hard workers. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. May the Almighty grant you peace, strength and comfort in the days ahead. God Be With You

D. Lawrence - June 20, 2018 at 04:19 PM

DC

“ To the Wheeler family we are so very sorry for your loss. We had two children (Cortney Colvard Layfield and Aaron Colvard) who were in the Blue Knights marching band. Cortney and Aaron both loved the band and Mr. Wheeler. He was a great band director. He worked the children hard and they loved him for it. Again so sorry for your loss.

Don and Linda Colvard - June 20, 2018 at 04:19 PM



“ Paula I'm so sorry for your loss. Know that I'm thinking and praying for ya'll. Anything I can do or if you just need a friend to talk to give me a call. Love you

October 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM