

James Baxter

October 9, 1957 - July 1, 2006

A native of Atlanta Mr. Baxter made his home in Stockbridge for a number of years, and had lived on Lake Sinclair for the last Three and a half years. He was the son of the late James Lloyd Baxter and Patricia Doster Baxter Moore, he was predeceased by his stepfather James Noble Moore and a brother Robert Bruce Baxter.

Mr. Baxter was a veteran of the U.S. Navy ,he was employed as a Barber at Stage One and was a Red Cross volunteer.

Survivors include his wife, Sandy Harris Baxter of Eatonton; 2 daughters, Angie Matthews of Cleveland and Laura Johnson of Atlanta; 2 sons, Brian Johnson and Mark Johnson both of Athens; sister, Jennifer Tant of Anderson, S.C.; brother, Craig Baxter of Covington
Granddaughter Emma Rose Matthews of Cleveland, GA

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Sandy,

You and all your family are in my prayers.

Love,

Vicki Shanahan##imported-begin##Vicki Shanahan##imported-end##

July 10, 2006 at 11:33 AM



“ Sandy-

I just heard about your terrible loss. I am so very sorry. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you and give you peace.

Love

Leisle##imported-begin##Leisle Mims##imported-end##

July 10, 2006 at 10:10 AM



“ Sandy and family, Todd and I were so sorry to hear of your loss.

Mark was a wonderful man and it was evident how happy you were together. May you and your family be comforted by the many wonderful memories you have of your time with Mark. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Love,

Kristie##imported-begin##Kristie Sharp##imported-end##

July 10, 2006 at 09:03 AM



“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathy in tremendous lose in your lives. I live on the lake and this is so tragic.
God Bless the family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##TERRI##imported-end##

July 08, 2006 at 02:21 PM



“ Mrs. Baxter and family, I am so sorry about your loss. Even though I don't know you all, my heart breaks for you. I can't even begin to imagine what you must be feeling. From reading about Mark though, and his spirit of love for family, I would say that he would want you and the rest of your family to hold tight to each other and lean on each other. I also suspect that he would not want you to give up your zest for life that he shared with all of you. In my mind, I believe that Mark would understand the grief that you have but that he would want you all to try and continue to enjoy the life that he created for you and with you. That could be one of the best gifts you could give him.##imported-begin##Harriet Agen##imported-end##

July 08, 2006 at 01:51 PM



“ Sandy: We at the Williamson County Chapter of the Red Cross in Franklin, TN. wish to express our sorrow and offer our condolences to you and your family. While we did not know Mark, we are sorry to lose a member of the Red Cross family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you, your family and the community.##imported-begin##Mary Rau-Foster##imported-end##

July 08, 2006 at 12:49 PM



“ I have been a customer at Stage One for 5 years now, Mark always had a smile on his face and something nice to say. Everytime I saw him he was talking about his family. He will be missed###imported-begin###Mr and Misses Dennis Livingson###imported-end##

July 08, 2006 at 02:54 AM



“ Sandy, Max & I have been thinking about you & your family. We are so sorry for the sadness you all are going through. I hope one day soon you will be able to think of the happy days & not be so sad. We enjoyed having you & Mark stop by to see us & I hope you will still come by & visit us. Thinking of you, Kathryn & Max###imported-begin###Max Fudom & Kathryn Aultman###imported-end##

July 07, 2006 at 04:53 PM



“ MARK TOUCHED A LOT OF PEOPLE AND HE STILL IS.
HE WILL FOREVER BE IN OTHERS HEARTS AND MINDS.

MIKE###imported-begin###MIKE & PAT CLINE###imported-end##

July 07, 2006 at 03:46 PM



“ Sandy,

Sorry I could not attend the funeral. Hank was going and I was needed in the office.

My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Love,

David Inglesby##imported-begin##David Inglesby##imported-end##

July 07, 2006 at 02:39 PM



“ Sandy, I am so sorry. When life hurts and dreams fade, nothing helps like the love of friends and family. The price paid for us was unimaginably high—the blood of Jesus Christ, that is the hope that you can hold on to knowing that you will see Mark again. Sandy be strong in the GRACE that is in Christ Jesus. love
Marcilla##imported-begin##marcilla mccormick##imported-end##

July 07, 2006 at 02:34 PM



“ Mrs. Sandy and Family,

*You probably remember me as Lori McCrickard the receptionist at Stage One. I loved your whole family. Mark was one of my favorites at Stage One. He cut Brian's hair for awhile and he thought a lot of him. Brian would always ask for his advice and he always respected him. Mark was incredible. He was one of the nicest people I have ever met, or worked with. Mark would give me a hard time but he would always compliment me at just the right time. Mrs. Sandy he was "is" so in love you and thought the world of you. He was always so willing to work and made my job so easy at Stage One. The last time we saw him was at the Brick, with you and your daughter, Laura. I remember all of us sharing laughs and stories. Ya'll were so happy. I will never forget Mark or the laughs he shared with me. I know that times are really hard right now but I want you to know, you have a community that loves you and supports you. You will not be alone, even though it may feel like it, we are all here. Just remember he is watching over you and will always be with you. Brian, It has been awhile since I have seen you but I want you to know I think a lot of you. We have shared a lot of laughs and stories. I am so sorry this has happened to you. Mark was always very proud of you and always complimented you and your accomplishments. I hope you know how much he loved you. If you or your family needs anything please let me know. I am so sorry I could not attend the funeral. My co-worker was off so I had to work but I thought of you every minute. I wish you the best and may God be with you all. With love, Lori and Brian
England.##imported-begin##Lori England##imported-end##*

July 07, 2006 at 01:42 PM



“ Sandy you are in our thoughts and prayers. I am sorry to hear about you lost. May God be with you as you pursue God's plan for your future.

A Friend,
Loy Frix##imported-begin##Loy Frix##imported-end##

July 07, 2006 at 01:08 PM



“ I recently started going to Mark for my haircuts. He was not only a good barber but a very nice man. I was so happy that I had made a new friend. Now I am so vey sad that I have lost my new found friend. God bless you and your family, Sandy. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Brian Grogan##imported-end##

July 07, 2006 at 11:17 AM



“ Sandy,
May the memories you cherish give you stregnth at this sad time. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Kay Camacho##imported-end##

July 07, 2006 at 11:03 AM



“ Sandy,
You & your family have my deepest sympathy during this very difficult time. May God Bless the Baxter's & Harris Family.

Sincerely,
Angela Stevens
Red Cross###imported-begin###Angela Stevens###imported-end##

July 07, 2006 at 10:51 AM



“ Sandy,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Wendy Mobley###imported-begin###Wendy Mobley###imported-end##

July 07, 2006 at 10:35 AM



“ Sandy, I am so sorry for the loss of your husband, Mark. You and your family are in my prayers. You have my deepest sympathy.###imported-begin###Rhonda Garrison###imported-end##

July 07, 2006 at 09:57 AM



“ I first met Mark in the library at Southwest Dekalb High School in the spring of 1975. He was a year ahead of me and it turned out that we both had study hall at the same time. From the first time I met him I knew he was a special person. Even at a young age his gentle and kind spirit was evident. I was 15 years old and fell head-over-heels for him. I'm sure he saw me as a friend and that's what we really were, but my young heart melted every time I saw him. I carried that torch for him for three years. I knew he went in the Navy and then I saw him at GA State a couple of times. That was the last I saw or heard from him. I often wondered where his life had taken him. I was so shocked and saddened when I saw the news story and realized that was my old high school friend. I am so sorry for you Sandy and all of the children and the rest of the family. The teenaged boy I knew was gentle, thoughtful, loyal and kind. You could see his sensitive soul through his beautiful eyes and shy smile. I'm sure you were blessed every day he was in your life. I have been married for nearly 25 years to a wonderful man and have four children. This tragic event has sent my thoughts back to those high school days. I am so glad that my friend had a loving wife and family and that he was happy and content. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all and I will always remember with affection my "first love"###imported-begin##Barbara Vassy###imported-end##

July 07, 2006 at 09:46 AM



“ Sandy, may you and your family find comfort in the days, weeks and years to come from the "Comforter" and thru friends and loved ones and in the precious memories Mark left behind. Keeping you close in thought and prayer.

Love,

Ronelia Hughes##imported-begin##Ronelia Hughes##imported-end##

July 07, 2006 at 09:32 AM



“ Sandy,

You've been on my mind and in my prayers since I heard. You and your family have my deepest sympathy. May God be with you and spread his grace and mercy upon you.

Love ya,

Debora##imported-begin##Debora Barfield##imported-end##

July 07, 2006 at 09:19 AM



“ Sandy,

Your Red Cross family sends love, good thoughts, all our prayers, and our love to you and your family and friends. They will be your source of comfort during this time of sadness. Personally, I am so, so sorry to know what your loss of Mark must be for you. I only wish I had had the opportunity to know him. If you need anything, response is just a phone call away - please know this.##imported-begin##Josetta Mushaka##imported-end##

July 07, 2006 at 09:07 AM



“ *Mark was a great guy and the best stylist I ever knew. My heart goes out to you during this terrible time. My sincere condolences.##imported-begin##Valerie Nichols##imported-end##*

July 07, 2006 at 08:57 AM



“ *Sandy-*

There is something that can never be taken away from you and that is the loving memories that you hold in your heart and the love you and Mark shared. Stay focus on the good times that God gave you with Mark.

My prayer is that God always comfort you. Remember 'God says that he will never leave you are forsake you'. My family thoughts and prayers are with you and your family always.

Love-

Deborah Cotson##imported-begin##Deborah Cotson##imported-end##

July 07, 2006 at 08:10 AM



“ *Sandy,*

You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. You have an abundance of family and friends whose strength you can rely on to help you through.##imported-begin##Bobbie Thompson##imported-end##

July 07, 2006 at 08:06 AM



“ Sandy and Family,

You have been on my mind all week. I am praying for you to have the strength to get through this. Please contact me if I can help you in any way.

*May God be with you,
Sheryl Wells###imported-begin##Sheryl Wells###imported-end##*

July 07, 2006 at 07:59 AM



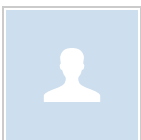
“ Sandy my heart and prayers have been with you and your family all week. Please know that reporting the story all week on the news has made my heart hurt. God be with you.###imported-begin##Jim Davis###imported-end##

July 07, 2006 at 07:47 AM



“ May the peace of God be in your heart this day and the ones to come, may is love grab hold of you in this time and embrace you like never before. May is angels be on each side of you and minister to you like never more. My prayers are for you today. With the much,
Lorna DuBois###imported-begin##Lorna DuBois###imported-end##

July 07, 2006 at 07:30 AM



“ I love all you guys! You all were like a second family to me! You are all in my thoughts and prayers!###imported-begin##Diana Loggins###imported-end##

July 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ We remain shocked and saddened by Mark's tragic and untimely passing. We knew him to be a man who sincerely loved life, the arts, musical theater, and above all, his family. There is no way we will ever comprehend the unconscionable loss you have suffered, or the terrible memories of the night of his death. However, we pray you will find solace and be encouraged in remembering the many, many lives he touched, his infectious smile, and the countless friends who will forever mourn his passing.##imported-begin##Shelly and Alan Thrower##imported-end##

July 06, 2006 at 11:36 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear about the tragic accident that took Mark away from his earthly existence. We met him through Stage One. He always talked about his family and helping out with the Red Cross. He was a wonderful person and will be missed by all who knew him. May God bless and keep each of you in your time of grief.##imported-begin##Mark and Shelia Simpson##imported-end##

July 06, 2006 at 10:52 PM



“ Sandy & family:

I am so sorry for your loss. Mark was so special & had such a great outlook on life. He's cut my hair for a few years now. He cut my hair last Thursday & spoke of the upcoming cruise. He often talked about his family & his best friend, Sandy. He was a wonderful person with a big heart & great sense of humour. I always left the shop smiling, sometimes laughing, from something he'd said. He took the time to get to know his customers. Sandy, I had the pleasure of meeting you last year & got the opportunity to see the love between you two. I then understood why he was so happy all the time. I will never forget his smile & his zest for life.

You & your family are in my prayers...Jenelle##imported-begin##Jenelle Moore##imported-end##

July 06, 2006 at 10:32 PM



“ *I did not know you but, my heart,love and prayers go out to you.I am so sorry this tragic accident happened.##imported-begin##Debbie Roquemore##imported-end##*

July 06, 2006 at 10:19 PM



“ Sandy and Family,

I am so sorry about this tragic event. Sandy, you were his world and his best friend. He was such a great person, and I truly enjoyed working with him. He has such a great heart and I won't ever forget about him. My thoughts and prayers are with all of your family. I will miss him so much.##imported-begin##Carrie Waters##imported-end##

July 06, 2006 at 08:53 PM



“ Sandy, words can't express my feelings. I have thought about you and the family ever since I got Molly's E-mail Sunday. I know you are strengthened by the love and many kindnesses being shown to you at this time. In some small way I share your deep personal grief and I can only hope and pray that eases your burden. You will remain in our thoughts and prayers in the days ahead and you know if I can ever do anything for you, I will. May warm, wonderful memories bring smiles through the pain.

-Bill##imported-begin##Bill Maddox##imported-end##

July 06, 2006 at 08:47 PM



“ God Bless - we are thinking of you in this time and praying for you!##imported-begin##Payton and Jill Towns##imported-end##

July 06, 2006 at 08:35 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your tragic accident and of Mark's loss. You were just glowing with happiness when I saw you last week, and I know that you and Mark had a wonderful life together. Please know that your many friends here at the Atlanta chapter are holding you in our prayers.##imported-begin##Marilyn Self##imported-end##

July 06, 2006 at 07:52 PM



“ I loved the way Mark loved my dear friend Sandy and the way he loved all of his children. I will miss his friendship, compassion, humor, unique sense of style, love of life and yes, even his opinions. Mark was well loved and will live in our hearts forever.##imported-begin##Molly##imported-end##

July 06, 2006 at 07:34 PM



“ Sandy, please accept my sympathies.

I met Mark at Stage 1. We were both was born in Atlanta and were we were about the same age. We quickly figured out we had something in common - Thermos Greenwood & the Colored People! I was a fan and he reminded me that his brother, Bruce was in the band. We had a good time trading stories about the band and the Atlanta club scene in those days.

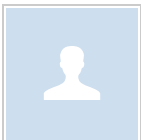
I only saw Mark a few times, always at Stage 1. I wish I could have known him better. It didn't take long to find out how much he loved you and your daughters.##imported-begin##Quintus Sibley##imported-end##

July 06, 2006 at 07:28 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Mark. The Millers (Lake Sinclair)##imported-begin##Melissa and Jesse Miller##imported-end##

July 06, 2006 at 06:30 PM



“ Sandy,
I am very sorry for the loss of Mark. I met him for the first time at Molly's birthday celebration, even though you've spoken about him often. Relationships like yours will live on in the hearts of your family, friends and most of all in you. Love ya.##imported-begin##Vyann Howell##imported-end##

July 06, 2006 at 05:15 PM



“ Sandy, I am so sorry for your loss and we are remembering you in our prayers.##imported-begin##Larry D. Bush##imported-end##

July 06, 2006 at 03:43 PM



“ Sandy and family,
We wanted you all to know that we are truly saddened about Mark and he has cut Chris's hair several times and we both enjoyed talking to him as I would tag along sometime.
I also sent my brother to him two weeks ago and he really enjoyed talking to him that day.
We were very close when this took place, but we did not hear or see it.
We have enjoyed riding at night on the boat, but this has changed our lives forever.
We just want you to know that you all have been on our minds and in our prayers and it has been sad for us.##imported-begin##Chris & Posey Burns##imported-end##

July 06, 2006 at 02:39 PM



“ Dear Sandy,
I work at Oconee Regional EMS and have met you a couple of times but you may not know me by name. (I recently saw you at the pandemic meeting). I met Mark last year when i took my little boy to get a haircut. he was such a kind man. we were talking about my little boy needing to learn how to swim. before i knew it, he had called you up and asked you about swimming lessons. that meant a lot to me. he later cut and colored my hair. you know how long that can take so we had quite a while to talk. he would tell me that my hair was like yours (I never did really figure out what he meant by that). I think he didnt really know what to do with it. i thought that was pretty funny. i think he earned his money that day because i wanted my hair colored blonde and it is naturally dark brown and naturally curly. i could see that he was stressing about the outcome. it didnt take very long to learn that he was crazy about you. i have read some of the remarks made by other people and I think it is so neat to know that everyone seemed to know how much he loved you. that is something noone can take away. cherish your memories and find strength in God. I will continue to pray for your strength during this time. If I or any of the EMS family can ever do anything for you, please do not hesitate to let us know. All of us here are saddened by your loss.##imported-begin##Christie Beckham##imported-end##

July 06, 2006 at 01:24 PM



“ Mrs. Sandy and Family,
We just want to let you know that we are thinking of you at this time. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Answer Perfect Communications##imported-end##

July 06, 2006 at 01:05 PM



“ *sandy and family,
i'm very sorry to hear about mark. i worked with him at stage one for
a while and got to know him pretty well. he was a wonderful man
who always knew what it took to make someone smile. i truly
believe that he lived life to the fullest and enjoyed every minute that
he had with you guys. sandy you were his whole world and i cannot
imagine what you are going through right now, just know that
everyone is here for you and your family and our thoughts and
prayers are with you.##imported-begin##jennifer
herringdine##imported-end##*

July 06, 2006 at 11:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry and I will keep you and your family in my
prayers.##imported-begin##Elaine Scarborough##imported-end##*

July 06, 2006 at 10:57 AM



“ *We will miss you, Tristan will miss you cutting his hair. Yall will be
in our prayers.##imported-begin##Wendy Adams##imported-end##*

July 06, 2006 at 10:53 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Sandy, Laura, Brian, Mark, Angie,
and their extended families. Mark enjoyed life and cherished his
family and friends, and was a blessing to all that knew him. I am
grateful for the happiness Mark brought to Sandy's life. Many will
miss him. Godspeed, Mark.##imported-begin##Marcille
Metaxas##imported-end##*

July 06, 2006 at 10:49 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mark was a great person and will be horribly missed.##imported-begin##Cindy & Gerald Dean##imported-end##

July 06, 2006 at 10:22 AM



“ Sandy,
I'm so, so sorry for your lost. I just saw Mark on Sat. morning at the shop. I can see him giving you some money and you saying you'd pay him back. I can hear him talking about taking another curise next year and that plans were made. We talked and laughed about our "gray hair".
I'll always remember that about Mark.....his smile, his laughing eyes and his outlook on life. Mark spoke about the his son and new daughter-in-law down in Cuba. And that he hoped his other son would stay in college in Athens.

Mark use to talk all the time about you, your work with the Red Cross and the kids. You could always see a light in his eyes when he spoke about you.....

My family and I will always remember him and please know that you and the kids will always be in our prayers.

Thank you for making Mark so Happy.....we'll really miss him.

Lois and Scott Tidwell

Jim and Myrtice Tidwell##imported-begin##Lois and Scott Tidwell##imported-end##

July 06, 2006 at 07:16 AM



“ Sandy and family:

Mark was my hairdresser for only a short time, but he is not someone I will soon forget. He was a very kind man who always made me feel welcome and seemed to truly care about his clients. Though I have never met you all, I feel like I have. Mark always talked about his family and his great love for them. May God wrap you in his love and strength during these difficult times. He will truly be missed....I feel richly blessed for having met him.##imported-begin##Brandi##imported-end##

July 05, 2006 at 11:13 PM



“ Sandy and family, I was so saddened to hear about Mark's death. Knowing that you're feeling a huge hole in your hearts right now, please remember that your family and friends love you and will be there for you tomorrow, next month, next year, forever. There's a new angel in Heaven named Mark and he's watching over his wife and kids. God bless.##imported-begin##Charlotte Wessels##imported-end##

July 05, 2006 at 10:57 PM



“ Sandy and family,
When Mark came to work with us at Stage One, he became a part of our family. He was such a great person. He loved you all so much. Mark considered himself lucky to have you, Sandy. You were his best friend. I can still here him saying "Hi Beautiful!" whenever you would answer his calls. I know you will always cherish every memory. I will miss seeing him when I go back to visit. We have all lost a very dear friend. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Pansy Thompson###imported-end##

July 05, 2006 at 09:04 PM



“ SANDY,
MARK WAS MY FAMILIES' HAIRDRESSER FOR TWO YEARS. HE WAS A GENTLE MAN WITH A CARING HEART. HE AND I SPOKE OFTEN ABOUT JOBS,FOOTBALL, TRAVELING, AND THE NAVY. BY THE WAY HE SPOKE ABOUT YOU AND HIS CHILDREN, I KNEW HE WAS A GREAT HUSBAND AND FATHER. HIS LOVE FOR HIS FAMILY SHOWED IN HIS FACE AND IN HIS WORDS.HE HAD A GREAT ZEST FOR LIFE AND SHARED HIS TIME HERE WITH THE WOMAN HE LOVED.WHAT MORE COULD A MORTAL MAN ASK FROM LIFE? HE WAS ALWAYS PLANNING THE NEXT BIG ADVENTURE.I HOPE HE IS HAVING A BLAST!###imported-begin##PAMELA VERBEL###imported-end##

July 05, 2006 at 08:44 PM



“ Hey. I do not know your family, but my family has had a house on the lake for the past 20 years. We were up this weekend and heard about the accident. This could have been any of us, and I just wanted you to know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers! I am so sorry and hope that the other boater is found soon, so there will be closure for you all. Susan###imported-begin###Susan (Macon, GA)###imported-end##

July 05, 2006 at 05:58 PM



“ I extend my heartfelt sympathies to the Baxter family. I had been a customer of Mark's a few months ago. He was a very kind man and I am sorry that he is no longer with us.###imported-begin###Ashley Kell###imported-end##

July 05, 2006 at 05:50 PM



“ Mark has been my hairdresser for two years now. He was always ready and willing to try whatever I wanted done to my hair. Whenever I was there, he always talked about the trips you both took and how much fun you both had. He always said you had such fun on them. He was always talking about his daughter and her school as I am a teacher also, we always discussed school issues and children. I was floored today when I called for an appointment for Sat. and they told me what happened. My son is a paramedic and responded to the wreck that night. He told me the name, but I didn't recognize it as he said James and I always knew Mark. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, and I know that God will give you the strength to get through this and he will always be there for you, and you will always have your wonderful memories of Mark.###imported-begin###Jackie Hicks###imported-end##

July 05, 2006 at 05:20 PM



“ Sandy, Laura, Brian and Mark - I want to express my deepest sympathy for the loss of such a great man. You are all in my prayers

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Love, Michelle##imported-begin##Michelle Smith##imported-end##

July 05, 2006 at 04:47 PM



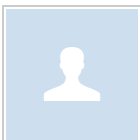
“ Dearest Sandy and Family,

We will always remember Mark fondly and the many hours we sat on bleachers watching our boys play ball. We will remember his good humor, his graciousness in hosting us at your home, and for his love for you, Sandy, and for Laura, Bryan and Mark. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all on the loss of this wonder husband and father.

Much Love,

William, Karen and Family##imported-begin##William and Karen Mayo, and Family##imported-end##

July 05, 2006 at 02:06 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy on your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##John & Anita Simpson##imported-end##

July 05, 2006 at 02:05 PM



“ Sandy,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this most difficult time. I know your Red Cross friends from across Georgia join me in extending our deepest condolences.
Pat Goodale###imported-begin##Pat Goodale###imported-end##

July 05, 2006 at 11:25 AM



“ Sandy:
We were shocked to hear about this tragedy. Please know that we are lifting you and your family up in our prayers during this difficult time. May God wrap his loving arms around you and give you comfort.###imported-begin##Jim Lidstone###imported-end##

July 05, 2006 at 09:29 AM



“ Sandy,
I was shocked when Ed messaged me Sunday and told me what happened. We had just seen yall Saturday morning at the mall, and you were so happy...and now this terrible tragedy. My heart is hurting for you and the rest of your family. I cannot imagine what you must be going through. You and your family will be in my prayers.

I hope you don't mind, but I also created a small memorial for Mark on the OVRC website. Just a small token to show how much he will be missed.###imported-begin##Dawn Garner###imported-end##

July 04, 2006 at 08:42 PM



“ I just wanted to let the family know that we will be praying for you. Mr. Baxter was our barber for a very long time on Hemphill Road. We really got to know him those years. He was really a great guy ! When my boys were little, they always wanted to go see Mr. Baxter !
###imported-begin###Anthony Pippin and Family###imported-end##

July 04, 2006 at 06:32 PM



“ Sandy,
My heart is hurting with yours. My prayers are with you. Mark was always in a happy mood and Tricia remembers the first time she met him at the Mall when he said to me, “That’s not the wife you were with last time I saw you.” It made us laugh and Mark had that ability. You will always have him in your heart. All my love to you and the family.
###imported-begin###Ed C Smith###imported-end##

July 04, 2006 at 03:12 PM



“ Sandy,
I’m thinking of you and reflecting on how happy you & Mark made each other--you two had great trips, great times, and great memories that will always comfort you. I love you!
Maria
###imported-begin###Maria Rowell###imported-end##

July 04, 2006 at 02:31 PM



“ Oh Sandy: Words just cannot express our sorrow for your loss. I can't even begin to think of any words that could possibly make a difference - well, because there just aren't any. Suffice it to say that you as well as your family our certainly in thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry that I can't be with you at this time - I'm in New York on a DRO (floods) and want us to get together when (or if) I ever get home again before the hurricanes start up. Again just know there are those of us out here who are with you, if only in spirit. If there is anything at all you need, please call Dick 968-0861. Love Patty##imported-begin##Patty Shreve##imported-end##

July 04, 2006 at 01:25 PM



“ Mark had been my hairdresser for over a year, what a wonderful, and caring man....we always talked of livin in Milledgeville, and living on the lake.....he was sooo proud of his wife and children.....god be with you all in the time of grief.....my prayers are with you also.....##imported-begin##Susan Prather##imported-end##

July 04, 2006 at 01:07 PM



“ I was a client of Mark’s for a brief time. He was a caring man, and a very good hairdresser. He was always eager to make sure you were taken care of while you were in his chair. I’ve only been to Mark once and on another occasion I couldn’t get an appointment with him because he was all booked. I was excited to know that I was finally going to get an appointment with him July 15 because he was a great person. The news was very sad and shocking to me. I enjoyed the talk that we had the last time that I had an appointment with him. He talked a lot about his wife, granddaughter, daughters, sons and the many trips that he has taken. He will truly be missed.##imported-begin##Kim Cooper##imported-end##

July 04, 2006 at 11:10 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies go out to Mark’s family.

Mark cut my and my three sons’ hair for many years. I enjoyed talking with him about his family and how he spent his time on the lake.

Your loss is our loss too. We will miss Mark and remember him as the kind person he was.

Again, our deepest sympathies and condolences.##imported-begin##Carl Langston and Matthew, Richard, and Mark##imported-end##

July 04, 2006 at 10:33 AM



“ Sandy, what do I say, my heart breaks for you. Such a horrible thing to have happened. Mark will be missed by all that knew him and more so by you. The days ahead will be tough, but with the love of friends, family and god, maybe we can help you make it more bearable. I’m hear when you need a shoulder or a listening ear. I am truly, truly sorry.

Madie##imported-begin##Madie Conley##imported-end##

July 04, 2006 at 10:20 AM



“ We were shocked to learn of the accident and Mark’s passing. Such a tragedy! He was a wonderful person and we count ourselves among those who will miss him.

May God be with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Jerry & Judy Johnson##imported-end##

July 04, 2006 at 09:07 AM



“ Sandy,
Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this time of unexpected sorrow.##imported-begin##Barbara Miller & Mary Powell##imported-end##

July 04, 2006 at 08:44 AM



“ We were customers of Mark’s at his Stockbridge shop from the week we moved here in 1990 until the day he moved to the lake. We were devastated to hear of his tragic untimely passing. Mark was truly one of the “good guys”. A good, decent person with a true zest for life and love for his family. You are all in our prayers at this horrible time and we are so very sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Melvin & Cheryl Ricks##imported-end##

July 04, 2006 at 08:25 AM



“ I was a customer of Mark’s for only a short time but I enjoyed our brief conversations very much. He was a good man and I will miss him. My thoughts are with his family.##imported-begin##Tom Main##imported-end##

July 04, 2006 at 07:17 AM



“ My heart goes out to Sandy and the rest of her family in this time of tragedy and need.

I met Mark on a few occasions, though I find myself having difficulty remembering when they were. Regardless, I knew Sandy well and I knew him through her. If he was even half of the human being that she is, then the world has lost a kind and caring soul who was well worth knowing.

I can only hope that she and her family can find the courage to move on and become stronger through this; given the circumstances surrounding it, this may not be entirely possible. Though watching Mark's spirit grow through Sandy over the past ten months, I believe that she and the others will find a way to make it happen.

My condolences and support go out to the family, both on a professional and a personal sense. Time is not our enemy, but a blessing, for it allows us to realize how truly precious what we see and know can become.

*Alexander Cain
Milledgeville, GA
Oconee Valley American Red Cross volunteer, 2005-
2006##imported-begin##Alexander Cain##imported-end##*

July 04, 2006 at 12:11 AM



“ Dear Baxter Family,
I am keeping you all in my prayers, and I hope you can find peace during this difficult time. I loved getting my hair done by Mark because he was always such a pleasure to talk to and seemed to really be interested in the well-being of his customers. The last time he trimmed my hair, we talked about cruises because he had just been on one, and he told me that “if you get sea sick, eat an apple, and the nausea will go away.” I will miss getting my hair done by Mark, and I pray that the Lord will stay close by your side in the days to come.
Sincerely,
Ashley Faulkner

July 04, 2006 at 12:02 AM



“ Mark will certainly be missed by all of us here at Stage One! He was a wonderful hairdresser and friend to everyone at the shop! He loved his work and we loved him!! Love you Mark!! -Stage One

July 03, 2006 at 10:10 PM