



Mr. Gordon Earl Wainwright

March 31, 2026

Gordon Earl Wainwright, age 73, passed away on March 31, 2026. Born on May 20, 1952, Gordon—known to most as Earl—lived a life defined by love, laughter, and a spirit that embraced each day to the fullest. Known as a “Mr. Goodtime,” he was the life of the party, full of charm, humor, and just a little bit of a wild side. He was fun-loving by nature, someone who brought energy and joy wherever he went and created memories that will be cherished forever. Above all, he loved his family deeply, and that love was evident in everything he did. Earl proudly served in the United States Air Force Reserve and spent most of his civilian life working as a truck driver and machine operator, always known for his work ethic. He was preceded in death by his father, Ruben James “Rube” Wainwright (Liz); his mother, Lela Pearl Busby; and his brother, General Lewis Wainwright. Earl leaves behind a legacy of love through his children: Brandon Waylon (Jessica), Loryn Driggers, and Morgan Duett (Adam). He was a proud grandfather to Travis Wainwright, Shawn Wainwright, Kory Duett, Blake Duett, and Leah Driggers, and a cherished great-grandfather to Colton James Wainwright. He is also survived by his brother, James Collier Wainwright (Joyce); his sister, Elizabeth Ann Lambert; his stepbrother, Frankie Busby; his cousin and best friend, Kenny Bankston (April and Kayla); his significant other, Mitzi Kelley; and his dear friend and the mother of his children, Shelly Wainwright. Earl will be remembered for his larger-than-life personality, his infectious laughter, and the joy he brought into every room. His presence was truly unforgettable, and his memory will live on

in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. A Celebration of Life service will be on Friday, April 3, 2026, at 2:00p.m. from the chapel of Brookside Funeral Home with Bro. Ricky Smith officiating. Brookside Funeral Home, Crematorium & Memorial Gardens of Millbrook, AL directing.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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Brookside Funeral Home - April 03 at 03:23 PM

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“ Earl used to drive one of my wreckers for me. I really enjoyed his friendship, and he will be missed. David Potts

David Potts - April 03 at 10:38 AM

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“ Mary Bankston and Gloria Trott purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Gordon Earl Wainwright.



Mary Bankston and Gloria Trott - April 03 at 10:19 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Gordon Earl Wainwright.



April 03 at 07:26 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Gordon Earl Wainwright.

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“ Love Hilary Carver purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mr. Gordon Earl Wainwright.



Love Hilary Carver - April 02 at 08:57 AM



“ Sheila Cook lit a candle in memory of Gordon Wainwright



Sheila Cook - April 01 at 08:34 PM



My memory of Earl was that he was always laughing that old goofy laugh he had. I can see and hear it now. Those that knew Earl know what I'm talking about.

Fran Sexton - April 02 at 09:37 AM