



Matt Norris Crawford

September 10, 1949 - August 3, 2019

Matt Norris Crawford of Murrells Inlet, SC, passed away on Saturday August 3rd, 2019, at the age of 69.

Matt was born in Greensboro, NC, on September 10, 1949. He attended Roanoke Rapids High School, graduated in 1968, and achieved Eagle Scout as a teenager. He went on to earn a Political Science Degree from Appalachian State University. Matt began his professional career in Real Estate becoming a broker and eventual business owner in South Boston, VA, and later in Williamsburg, VA. Eventually, Matt realized education was his calling. He spent eighteen years teaching in Williamsburg, both in middle and high schools. Along the way, he completed a Master's Degree in Education from Old Dominion University.

Matt had a number of interests throughout his life. He began playing drums as a youngster and was a member of several bands that performed throughout North Carolina. Flying was another passion of Matt's. He obtained a private pilot's license and enjoyed trips to various destinations in the southeast. As life continued, Matt realized boating was a better way to spend time with his family. The James River and Tidewater area provided the perfect setting to create lifelong memories with family and friends. Perhaps his biggest passion was his penchant for sharing engaging stories. Many that knew him, will certainly remember Matt's ability to connect a story to any topic or situation.

Matt and Debbie recently retired to Murrells Inlet, SC, an area they had visited for the last thirty years.

Matt is predeceased by his Father, William Henry Weed Crawford II; Mother, Nancy Barbee Crawford and Brother, Walter Barbee Crawford.

He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Deborah Hudson Crawford and Father in Law, Frank Delbert Hudson of Roanoke Rapids, NC; Sons, Andrew Tyson Crawford (Jennifer Brooke Crawford) of Murrells Inlet, SC and Fielding Hudson Crawford (Rebecca Davis Crawford) of Richmond, VA; Grandchildren, Jameson Andrew Crawford (11), Aiden Samuel Crawford (8), Rivers Warrick Crawford (5) and Tucker Davis Crawford (2).

Lovingly remembered by his siblings, William Henry Weed Crawford III (Heike) of Williamsburg, VA; Nancy Crawford Gray (Wayne) of Henderson, NC; Carol Crawford Marshburn (Robert) of Knoxville, TN; as well as eight nieces and nephews and ten great nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Goldfinch Funeral Home, 11528 Highway 17 Bypass, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576, on Saturday, August 10th, 2019, at 2:00p.m. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

CF

“ I am sorry for your loss. We graduated from high school together.

carey foster - August 30, 2019 at 03:43 PM

DH

“ I knew Matt from Akers School days, through many years in school band, and even in a very short-lasting band (the Cellophane Soul, believe it or not) our last year in high school. He always was a friend and a nice guy to everyone. Don Hall

Don Hall - August 29, 2019 at 12:31 AM

CJ

“ Debbie, I'm so sorry to learn the news about Matt. Please know that I send thoughts and condolences to you and to your entire family. Carolyn Jones

Carolyn Jones - August 22, 2019 at 06:36 AM

AM

“ Terry and I have so many wonderful memories of Matt and are saddened to hear of his passing. He was a good and loyal friend. Debbie, please know you and your family are in our hearts and prayers. Allen & Terry Moore, North Augusta, SC



Allen Moore - August 11, 2019 at 01:53 AM

DB

“ We were so sorry to hear of Matt’s passing. We have fond memories of time spent together over the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Debbie and Gene Bruss - August 10, 2019 at 10:37 PM

CC

“ So sorry to hear this, and prayers for him and all of you. Chip Curd

Chip Curd - August 10, 2019 at 01:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matt Norris Crawford.



August 09, 2019 at 06:40 PM

LC

“ Especially to Debbie, Drew and Fielding and other members of the Barbee/Crawford family, certainly Matt is now missed by all of us remaining here. Forever, I recall and honor the reconciliation, passion, love, inclusiveness and laughter that Matt valued and held for family. His acceptance of Teri and me as an extra brother and sister-in-law and our children as playful cousins is a worthy memory of your mother and my father blending our families...The Capps/Crawford family, cut too short by the demise of Mother Nanc's passing and geographical distances that from day one (of over 150 miles) restricted our time together to a few family holidays and special events. But enough time, even with nearly five decades passed, for me to know how wonderful of a man that Debbie, you had as a husband and Drew and Fielding how blessed you are to have had Matt as your Dad and grandfather for your children. May His loving spirit always surround and comfort you.

Lee Hood Capps - August 09, 2019 at 02:41 PM

RR

“ Debbie, Drew, Fielding and Family, We are so deeply saddened by the passing of Matt. Our many wonderful memories began during our college days at Appalachian State University almost 5 decades ago. We even triple dated on our first date with you and Matt. The Rings and Crawfords have shared many life chapters together through the years and cherish each one. We love you all. Smile and remember the good times he gave us all. Jim and Rhonda Ring Family

Rhonda Ring - August 09, 2019 at 12:40 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Matt Norris Crawford.*



August 09, 2019 at 11:37 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Matt Norris Crawford.*



August 08, 2019 at 01:02 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Matt Norris Crawford.*



August 08, 2019 at 11:46 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Matt Norris Crawford.*



August 08, 2019 at 10:46 AM

JS

“Debbie, we were so sorry to hear of Matt’s passing. We have such wonderful memories of our times together at Appalachian State so many years ago! Please know that you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers! Joan and Dane Sebastian

joan Sebastian - August 08, 2019 at 09:07 AM

MA

“I was a classmate of Matt's sister, Carol. I remember him as a sweet, polite guy, as were his whole family. My deepest sympathy to his whole family. Rest in peace, Matt!💔

Marcia Allsbrook-Royal - August 07, 2019 at 06:03 PM

RL

“Matt I will always remember your stories, and the burning of the socks party. As an agent for you, you showed us the best kept secret in Williamsburg. The Powhatan creek in which we lived across the canal from you and Debbie for many years. We know you both loved your dogs so we will donate in your name to the Heritage Humane Society. All our thoughts go out to your family. Carole and Robert Lynch

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Robert and Carole Lynch - August 07, 2019 at 05:43 PM

SC

“Matt you were always a fun co-worker and friend. Our first meeting and you saying my name as paddledick will always bring a smile to my face.

Debbie you are in our prayers

Love you Sandy and Bill Newell

Sandy Newell (Clatterbuck) - August 07, 2019 at 05:06 PM

CS

“ Matt was a good teacher and all-round wonderful man. I enjoyed teaching with him at LHS and WHS and fondly remember the many stories he would share and the enthusiastic manner in which he told them. I am grateful for having known him and will miss him.
Sincerely,
Candace Schafer

Candace Schafer - August 07, 2019 at 04:03 PM

LN

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Fielding. Thinking of you and your family during this time. Take care and know that he will always be with you!
Sincerely,
Lauren Mullenax Neely

Lauren Neely - August 07, 2019 at 03:58 PM

BF

“ So, so sorry to hear this news. You two were the best neighbors and I know his struggles were hard to bear. He will be deeply missed.
Barb Salins Flint

barbara flint - August 07, 2019 at 03:28 PM

PC

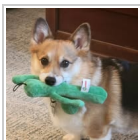
“ I loved working with Matt at BMS. Always cheerful, always doing his best for the kids, a great teacher and a really fine man. Our deepest condolences to you and all your family Debbie--Pat, Chip, Kendall, and Kelly Curd

Pat Curd - August 07, 2019 at 03:10 PM

SM

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Matt, and the whole family. He was a terrific educator, and a true gentleman. Holding you close in prayer at this difficult time. Susan Miller

Susan Miller - August 07, 2019 at 02:25 PM



“ We are so sad for your loss. Let us know if there is anything we can do. Love, thoughts and prayers are coming your way. Karl, Janice and Stephen

Janice Zimmerman - August 07, 2019 at 02:16 PM

BA

I love you all and Matt. I will miss my cautious Crawford who always made me feel safe when he was in charge.

Bunny Akers - August 07, 2019 at 03:37 PM

SU

We are shocked and saddened for you all. Sue and Parke Land

sue - August 08, 2019 at 07:20 AM

LH

Enjoyed working with Matt. Such a gentleman. Prayers for you and your family.

Linda Heslink - August 08, 2019 at 09:26 AM



Debbie, I cannot imagine losing your partner of so many years. My heart hurts for you and your boys. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I will never forget that little VW racing us to our reunion at Hilton Head. I know you have thousands of great memories, rely on them to comfort you.

Love and prayers.

Janet Lantz

Janet Lantz - August 10, 2019 at 10:19 AM