



## Mark Bradley Dunavin

August 24, 1979 - January 13, 2022

Mark Bradley Dunavin, 42, passed from this life on January 13, 2022, after a hard-fought battle with cancer. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Hellen and Thea O. Dunavin, uncles Terry Wayne Dunavin, Eric Morris, Terry Jennings and Frankie Ledford, and aunt Elizabeth Davis. Left to cherish his memory are his sons, Trace Dunavin, of Pensacola Beach, Florida and Jaiden Mason, of Velvet Ridge; mother Debbie Dunavin, of Bald Knob; father Gary Dunavin, of Bald Knob; older sister Laura Dunavin Adamson and Mark's twin brother Michael Dunavin, both of Bald Knob; girlfriend Jolene Bench, who stood by Mark every step of the way, and her daughter Myah Sorrentino, of the home; maternal grandparents Calvin and Mabel Morris of Bald Knob; uncles and aunts Jim Davis, Debbie Jennings, Imogene Dunavin, Fonda and Doug Mason, Darlene and Larry Cantrell, Joann and Jerry Cantrell, and Diane Ledford; stepmother Patricia Johnson of Ward; stepbrothers Chad Autry of Little Rock and Dillon Autry of Austin; and many, many cousins and friends who all loved Mark dearly and were loved by him in return.

Mark was born on August 24, 1979, the second born of the twin boys. He attended Bald Knob High School and helped his father in the family's business. Mark was employed by Union Pacific Railroad, where he worked on the locomotives. Mark was an accomplished mechanic who could fix almost anything with an engine.

But Mark was mainly known for his kindness. He was the type of guy who,

even as a teenager, would not hesitate to bring home a hungry stray dog he'd found wandering at the local truck stop. He always wanted to help others. He'd stop and help a stranger broken down on the side of the road, taking that stranger to the parts store, purchasing the part, and repairing that person's vehicle without knowing if he'd be paid back or not. Fortunately, the person Mark helped that day met with him later and did repay him. It didn't matter to Mark; he only ever wanted to be of help. The people Mark has helped over the years are too numerous to mention here without writing a book.

And as kind as he was to animals and people he didn't know, that paled in comparison to how much he loved and was a help and blessing to his family and friends. He loved his children, his parents, his siblings, and all his family and friends fiercely. Mark opened his home to anyone in need of a place to stay until they could get back on their feet. He never gave up hope on anyone. Mark was a loving and devoted father, son, brother, and friend. This world will be a little less bright without him.

Special thanks go out to Robert Rousch of Union Pacific Railroad, and Glenn Curtis, APRN, who helped the family navigate the seemingly endless maze of paperwork connected to Mark's illness; Denise Johnson, who went above and beyond in organizing fundraisers for Mark; Fonda and Doug Mason, who made numerous trips to MD Anderson Cancer Center and to Florida; and to everyone in our community who donated, spent time with Mark, and all who gave of themselves during this difficult time.

Visitation will be held on Monday, January 17, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the Powell Funeral Home Chapel in Bald Knob. Services will immediately follow at 2:00 p.m. Pallbearers will be Chad Autry, Dillon Autry, Steven Duke, Ronnie Brown, Anthony Cloyes, and Kevin Ledford. Honorary pallbearers are Colton Cantrell, Mike Gay, Tony Lucius, and Mack Stipes. Interment will follow in the Smith Cemetery near Bradford. Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob - Judsonia. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net).

# Cemetery Details

## Smith Cemetery

Bradford, AR 72020

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Bald Knob)

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## Funeral Service

JAN 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Mark Bradley Dunavin



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 17, 2022 at 10:21 AM



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Mark Bradley Dunavin



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 16, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mark Bradley Dunavin.



January 17, 2022 at 09:33 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mark Bradley Dunavin.*



January 17, 2022 at 09:32 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Bradley Dunavin.*



January 16, 2022 at 05:18 PM



“ *ALTHOUGH I NEVER GOT TO MEET MARK I HEARD LOTS OF THINKS FROM JOLENE ABOUT HIM. I WISH WE COULD HAVE MET AND SOMEDAY WE WILL. TO ALL THE FAMILY MY PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU. YOU FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT YOU RAN A GOOD RACE. NOW REST IN PEACE .  
ERNEST FLIPPO*

**ERNEST FLIPPO** - January 16, 2022 at 03:36 PM



“ *ERNEST FLIPPO lit a candle in memory of Mark Bradley Dunavin*



**ERNEST FLIPPO** - January 16, 2022 at 03:28 PM

DJ

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Denise Johnson - January 16, 2022 at 02:37 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Bradley Dunavin.



January 16, 2022 at 10:50 AM

DC

“ Mark was a fine young man! He will be greatly missed by family and friends, by everyone he touched with his generous spirit. God Bless this Family as they go through this difficult time, praying for peace and comfort knowing he is with our Lord in his new body ❤️🙏



Diane Collier - January 16, 2022 at 10:10 AM

CM

“ We are so sorry for the pain and sorrow from losing Mark. And praying for comfort and understanding for all those who love him. Rest in Paradise Mark



Connie Morris - January 16, 2022 at 12:44 AM

DJ

“ There are no words to Express how Mark will be missed. Our whole family will never be the same, but we know he is no longer in pain and he has gained his Heavenly Wings. Mark has been a part of our family since he was 15 yrs old, we already miss him dearly. I thought of him as a bonus son!



RIP Mark! We will love you forever, we will see you again ❤️  
Love Denise and Rickey Johnson

Denise Johnson - January 15, 2022 at 12:55 PM

CA

Mark always seen the good in people. I believe that. I met Mark when he was about 15 and we hit it off immediately. I have many great memories of our times together that I have always treasured and will continue to do so. RIP Mark, I'll see you later my brother, my friend.

Chadwick Autry - January 15, 2022 at 02:24 PM

DC

Mark will be missed by many and my heart breaks for jolene because I know how much she loved mark and all the family. Prayers going out to everyone . R.I.P Mark you will be missed

Deborah Cullum - January 15, 2022 at 02:40 PM

EH

Although we never met Mark, we still grieve for you, his family, and pray for your peace and comfort during this difficult time. You are to be commended for your care of Mark. He knew that he was loved by his family. Prayers for each of you to feel God's loving hand. Edwin and Wynette Hughes

Edwin & Wynette Hughes - January 18, 2022 at 11:02 AM

MA

*I don't know if you will see this, but I am trying to reach Mark's Aunt Imogene. I have been email friends with her for over 15 years and now she has disappeared. My phone number should be on her cell phone as I just tried to call her.*

**Marla Abe** - September 03, 2025 at 07:08 PM

LI

“ *Will miss this man for the rest of my life.  
Prayers for all the family and friends that were  
touched by this wonderful soul. Love y'all* 🙏



**Lisa** - January 15, 2022 at 12:47 PM