
Nicholas Curt “Nick” Bumgarner

A young father of Jackson County

Nicholas Curt “Nick” Bumgarner, 22, of Parris Branch Road, died unexpectedly Monday, Jan. 13, as a result of an accident with a vehicle.

A native and lifelong resident of Jackson County, his family says he was a loving husband, father and son. He was a molder operator with Franklin Lumber and Kiln Co. A 1998 graduate of Smoky Mountain High School, he had attended Southwestern Community College. He attended Calvary Baptist Church and was an avid outdoorsman.

Surviving are his wife of 2 1/2 years, Jane Carla Burrell Bumgarner; a daughter, Jessica Casey Bumgarner of the home; a son, Jared Cameron Bumgarner of the home; parents, Roy E. Bumgarner of Cullowhee and Susie Cogdill Bumgarner of Sylva; father and mother-in-law, Carlton and Sherry Robinson Burrell of Sylva; sisters, Amy M. Bumgarner of Sylva and Ashley Ann Queen of Tuckasegee; and four grandparents.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, at Melton-Riddle Funeral Home

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home chapel, with Reverends Dennis Burrell, Eddie Stillwell and Earl Holden officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Memorial Gardens.

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