



Mr. Curtis Owen Dawkins

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Curtis “Cat Daddy” Dawkins, 73, of Alexander City, Alabama, passed away peacefully at home on June 5, 2025, with love all around him.

Born May 2, 1952, in Sylacauga, Alabama, Curtis was a man who lived with intention. His personal motto, Live, Learn, and Leave a Legacy, guided how he moved through the world. And in the lives he touched, his legacy lives on.

Curtis had a zest for life. He was full of laughter, kindness, and a natural warmth that drew people to him. Whether cracking a well-timed joke, spinning a memory into a story worth retelling, or tipping his signature fedora with a knowing smile—he had a gift for making everyone feel seen, valued, and at ease.

For more than two decades, Curtis worked as a butcher at Winn-Dixie, retiring in 2012. He always took time to make genuine connections and never let anyone leave without a smile.

He played music, coached girls’ softball, and found joy in encouraging others. He loved his garden and the simple pleasure of caring for it. He also loved to cook, especially his gameday meals and soul food Sunday dinners that brought everyone to the table.

He treasured family time, especially spontaneous road trips with his best friend and daughter, Natasha. Whether they were chasing sunsets, getting lost on back roads, or simply enjoying the ride, those shared adventures were some of his most memorable moments.

Curtis’s deep love for animals was most clearly seen in the way he cared for his beloved pups, Lucy Bean and Gracie Owen.

His deep faith guided him through life with gratitude and grace.



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Curtis was a storyteller. His stories, told with humor, humility, and a touch of wisdom, created bridges between generations and left imprints on the hearts of all who listened.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. S.T. Dawkins and Mrs. Pauline Dawkins.

He is survived by his devoted daughter, Natasha Dawkins (Brooke), whose steady love and constant presence were his greatest comfort; his cherished soulmate, Susan Dawkins; his grandson, William Joseph Trout (Mary Kate), who carries his light forward; and his brothers, Stephen Dawkins (Wanda), Marlin Dawkins, and Jody Dawkins. The family also extends their deepest gratitude to Brandi Pratt, his caregiver and treasured friend, whose loyalty and compassion brought dignity and peace to his final chapter.

How fitting that this farewell falls on Father's Day—a day to celebrate the love, strength, and wisdom he gave so generously to all who knew him.

A celebration of life gathering filled with music and love, as Curtis requested, will be held at a later date.

Curtis lived with gratitude until the very end. His presence was a gift, his laughter contagious, and his love unwavering. To know him was to smile just a little more often.

Heaven didn't just gain a soul—it gained a rare and radiant spirit.

Those wishing to honor Curtis's memory are invited to support the Lake Martin Animal Shelter or the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA).



Events


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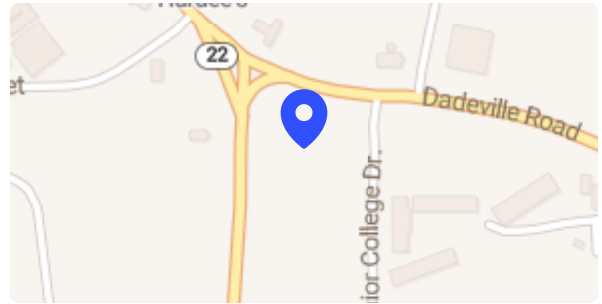
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Visitation

 **Sunday**, June 22, 2025

 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM CT

 **Radney Funeral Home**
1326 Dadeville Rd, Alexander City AL 35010





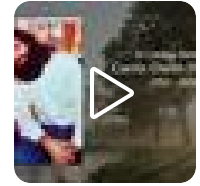
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Radney Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



June 15 at 7:59 AM



Marijohn Ross posted:

I am one of Curtis' many Dawkins cousins from Texas. Even though I can count how many times I've seen Curtis on one hand, I see that "twinkle" in his eyes I remember well. I pray the family is comforted by knowing where Curtis is now and that they look forward to being reunited with him in Heaven. Marijohn Ross

July 19 at 5:15 AM



Tommy And Vickie Green lit a candle in honor of Curtis.

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June 18 at 4:27 PM



Rodney Huett lit a candle in honor of Curtis.

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June 17 at 3:11 PM



Simone Williams lit a candle in honor of Curtis.

I knew Curtis from when he was working more in the dairy section at Winn Dixie. I had not lived in Alex City long at the time. I loved going in there and talking with him.



June 16 at 5:24 AM

SW Simone Williams June 16 at 5:53 AM

I would like to add that I knew him from the Pelham House. He gave me a chip once...and, a surprising kiss on the cheek.



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NC

Nancy D. Crew lit a candle in honor of Curtis.

Natasha, your Daddy left you with a lot of great memories. We grew up with Curtis in Goodwater and had lots of fun in our hippie days. Our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you through this sad time and always. No more pain, Curtis, Rest in peace. Mike and Nancy Crew

June 15 at 10:00 AM



JN

Joe Neighbors lit a candle in honor of Curtis.

Joe Neighbors lit a candle in memory of Curtis Dawkins

June 15 at 7:26 AM



JF

Joe Neighbors Family lit a candle in honor of Curtis.

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June 15 at 7:25 AM



BG

Brenda Grogan lit a candle in honor of Curtis.

My thoughts and prayers go to you all. ❤️

June 13 at 2:30 PM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Curtis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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