



## Duane "Bird" Lawson

September 23, 1961 - February 4, 2026

Mr. Duane "Bird" Edward Lawson, 64, of Oakfield died Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at his residence.

Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, February 7, 2026 at the Banks Funeral Home Chapel.

Mr. Lawson was born on September 23, 1961 in Whidby Island, Washington to the late Carl Lawson, Sr. and Kathleen Maiden Lawson. He had lived in Worth County most of his life. Mr. Lawson worked at Olam Americas for 45 years where he was the Maintenance Supervisor. He was a devoted family man who cherished his family and his animals. Mr. Lawson was a hard worker who enjoyed helping others when he was not hunting or fishing. He was a member of the Baptist Faith and will be missed by those who knew and loved him.

Survivors include his loving and devoted wife of 8 years, Patricia Hill Lawson; children, Katlyn Lawson Wood (Brandon) and Landon Duane Lawson; step-children, Meagan Parker and Jessica Earp; 5 grandchildren; siblings, Sherri Lawson Hammett (Josh Pierre), Carl Lawson, Jr. (Vickie), Karlene Whiddon (Greg), James Lawson (Carla), and Tina Zeigler (Scott); along with numerous extended family members and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in his honor be made to the Best Friends Humane Society, 787 Ephesus Church Rd, Poulan, GA 31781.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM on Friday, February 6, 2026 at Banks Funeral Home.

Please sign our online guest registry at [www.banksfh.com](http://www.banksfh.com).

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Banks Funeral Home  
PO Box 550  
210 N. Main Street  
Sylvester, GA 31791  
(229) 776-2055  
banksfh@yahoo.com  
<http://banks.funeralplan2.com/>

## Memorial Service

FEB 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Banks Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Duane "Bird" Lawson



Banks Funeral Home - February 06 at 02:17 PM

PL

*It was an honor & joy working with Bird. He would always make me laugh. He will be greatly missed but, never forgotten! 🙏 RIP*

Patti Lane - February 06 at 09:00 PM

CA

“ Duane was a Good and kind man, Great Brother—never a harsh or a bad word to say to or about no one always smiling. He had a way of making everyone feel welcome and cared for. Truly the absolute best brother anyone could ask for. Duane would help anybody with anything and expect nothing in return, He was a GOOD Man.

Pat, thank you for standing by your man with unwavering love and strength through every doctor appointment, every treatment, and every hard day of his battle with prostate cancer. You walked this journey beside him to the very end—through sickness, uncertainty, and exhaustion—when it would have been easy to walk away, but you never did. Your commitment, sacrifice, and care are a true testament to the depth of your love and the strength of your heart.

We will always be grateful for you, and we will always miss you, Duane. Miss you, Brother.

Carl - February 10 at 03:55 PM

VI

“ Duane was a kind, gentle man—quick with a smile and an “I love y'all.” He was the absolute best brother-in-law anyone could ask for, and I am so grateful to have had him in my life. Thank you, Pat, for standing faithfully by his side through every challenge, especially in his last season of life. Your strength, love, and devotion were a true gift to Duane and an inspiration to all of us. Miss you, buddy. You will always be loved and remembered.

Vickie

Vickie - February 10 at 02:46 PM

BM

“ Deepest condolences to the family.  
B. Matthews



B. Matthews - February 10 at 02:41 PM

TH

“ I thank God for choosing you to be the father of our 3 children. The one that we never got to see and hold. But I know you are seeing him or her now. Thank you for showing our kids how a man is supposed to be devoted to his wife and family. And you did it with grace and integrity. You showed them how hard work really hurt nobody. Your compassion and kindness and not wanting to hurt others especially our children when they deserved to be corrected for something they did wrong. Because it hurt you more than it did them. Just shows what a big heart you have. And that's one of the things that I loved about you. Your laughter and sense of humor will never be forgotten. The way you had love for everyone and would do anything for anyone says a lot about your character. My family loved you and still made you apart of family get togethers even after we divorced. It didn't matter to them because you would always be welcomed. That's how much you meant to people. And when my mom was taking her last breath she was telling us who she wanted her pallbearers to be and she chose you! That speaks volumes on the type of man you were. I'm very thankful that you were apart of half my life. And you shown me how to be loved and you shown our kids more importantly. I will always be grateful just knowing I could call or text you and you would be there with whatever the kids and I needed. Thank you for lets showing our kids how to co parent and still be able to give them both parents and stability without having to choose one parent over the other. Until we meet again! You will never be forgotten! Rest in peace now!  
With much love, Tonya Howard

Tonya Howard - February 07 at 09:43 AM

TR

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Duane. Thinking of you all.

Tanya Reynolds (Purvis)



Tanya Reynolds - February 06 at 10:09 PM

KD

“ To Bird and Landon you have my deepest sympathy .I have enjoyed working with you and your son it was a pleasure knowing you,love Kathy Douglas

Katherine Douglas - February 06 at 12:05 PM

DB

“ Duane, I was so very honored to know you, so very, grateful for the knowledge you so freely shared to help keep your team members and ofi family safe. Your love and dedication to the ofi family will live on in the team you built and whom you prepared for this day. Know that you are truly loved by all and will be deeply missed. Although sad, we are grateful that you are now resting peacefully in the arms of our Lord. RIP Brother.

Donna Bryant - February 06 at 10:11 AM

MJ

“ Our deepest condolences to you and all your family, may the good Lord comfort you during this time from one of many Texas Families, Jose and Mary Juarez

Mary Juarez - February 06 at 09:56 AM

JO

“ JR OSBORNE lit a candle in memory of Duane "Bird" Lawson



JR OSBORNE - February 06 at 09:39 AM

MS

“ Kindness man ever. Your gonna be missed poppop. We love you and Delilah is sure gonna miss you.

Michael Sanchez - February 05 at 10:39 PM

CF

“ James we are so sorry to hear of your brothers passing. God bless you Carla and the boys, Carolyn and Jack Flanders

Carolyn Flanders - February 05 at 06:01 PM

BP

“ *Bonnie Potts lit a candle in memory of Duane "Bird" Lawson*



**Bonnie Potts** - February 05 at 05:04 PM

JC

“ *I'm so very sorry to hear about the passing of your husband. Prayers for Peace and Comfort for you and family.*  
*With Love,*  
*Jennifer Collins*

**Jennifer Collins** - February 05 at 01:23 PM

KB

“ *I have known Duane for a little of over 2 years but it seems like a lifetime. He was a very dedicated and loyal employee and loved his job. One of the sweetest and humblest people I have ever known. We had many talks in my office. We here at Olam Edible Nuts will miss you, but your spirit will remain with us. I am glad I was able to visit and speak with you, right before Christmas.*

**Karen Bedford** - February 05 at 01:17 PM

SS

“ *Sandra Seabolt lit a candle in memory of Duane "Bird" Lawson*



**Sandra Seabolt** - February 05 at 01:07 PM

BF

“ *Beth Hill Favreau lit a candle in memory of Duane "Bird" Lawson*



**Beth Hill Favreau** - February 05 at 10:59 AM

GC

“ I worked with Duane for a longtime but Duane was more than a friend and co worker. He had adopted me as one of his sisters. Duane was the kind of guy that would give you the shirt off of his back if you needed it. He will be missed!! Rest in peace my little brother and friend.

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**Gwendolyn Cuffie** - February 05 at 09:29 AM

LB

“ I worked with Bird many years and he was a good man...always courteous and kind! We would see him in Walmart after I retired and he was the same “Bird” he always was!!! He was loved by many and he I’ll certainly be missed! God bless his family and friends!

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**Lee Ola Bartlett** - February 05 at 08:47 AM

KP

“ Dewayne’s mom used to babysit me I grew up with them he was a great guy I will miss him love you all continue praying

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**Kimberly Parker** - February 04 at 06:31 PM