



James Austin Mauldin Jr.

September 9, 1963 - April 9, 2023

James Austin Mauldin Jr.
Six Mile, South Carolina

James Austin Mauldin Jr., 59, died on Sunday, April 9, 2023, at AnMed Medical Center.

Austin was born in Pickens County on Sept. 9, 1963, to Brenda Albertson Mauldin and the late James Austin Mauldin Sr.

In addition to his mother, surviving with many cherished memories of Austin are his wife, Clarissa; children, Zack Mauldin (Jennifer), Cassie Sprott (Eric), Vivian Ebenhack (Ross), Meredith Ebenhack (Dan) and Johnathan Ebenhack (Kalyn); grandchildren, Saxon, Lily, Jacob, Max, Noah and Devan; sister, Beth Mauldin (Mollie); a lifelong best friend and tag team partner, Rocky Nimmons (Marty); and numerous other beloved family members.

A graduate of Daniel High School and Tri-County Technical College, Austin was preceded in death by his father, Jim Mauldin, and an infant brother, Ross Callahan Mauldin.

Although he sometimes appeared gruff, Austin will be remembered for his humor, his smile and his kindhearted nature. He loved to share inside jokes

and nicknames with his loved ones, and anyone who knew him well has fond memories of laughs shared over the years.

Austin was passionate about many hobbies throughout the years — from fishing, watching nature, searching for arrowheads and cheering on his beloved Clemson Tigers to riding his motorcycle and collecting comic books — but was happiest when sharing those activities with the ones he loved. Some of his fondest childhood memories were fishing trips shared with his grandparents and other family members, and he beamed when he was able to cast a line with his own grandchildren. He was also proud to have spent several years as a professional wrestler, cracking skulls in the squared circle as “Mountain Man” Mauldin. He spent many Saturdays at the “Six Mile Athletic Club,” watching Clemson and South Carolina football games with some of his dearest friends, including Rocky, Bru and Rick Nimmons, Will Nichols, Bill Fowler and Howard Shanley.

His most enduring hobby was collecting comic books. He and Rocky began their collections alongside one another in elementary school, and he has never stopped trying to fill in the gaps with issues from his favorite titles in the 50-plus years since then. He got tremendous joy from going to sales and comic conventions with Rocky and their sons in recent years.

Austin worked in a variety of jobs over his life, making many friends along the way at workplaces including Imperial Die Casting in Liberty, Engelhard/BASF in Seneca and, most recently, the South Carolina Department of Transportation in Pickens County.

The family will receive friends from 5-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Kings Grove Baptist Church in Central, located at 1335 Old Seneca Road. A private memorial service for family will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Austin's name to the charity of your choice.

Mountain View Funeral Home – Pickens Chapel is serving the Mauldin family.

Previous Events

Receiving of Friends

APR **13**. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Kings Grove Baptist Church
1335 Old Seneca Rd
Central, SC 29630

Tribute Wall

WM

“ I came to know Austin and Clarissa when they began work at Engelhard/BASF & I was a security officer...Austin was very personable, humorous, and knew a lot-about a lot! We had many good conversations and I enjoyed knowing him..I look forward to seeing him again.
My wife Donna & I extend our heartfelt condolences to Clarissa and family as we pray for peace, comfort, and encouragement to all.

Wayne Morton

Wayne Morton - April 13, 2023 at 10:02 PM

AF

“ Ashley Fisher lit a candle in memory of James Austin Mauldin Jr.



Ashley Fisher - April 13, 2023 at 08:59 AM

FF

“ Sending CONDOLENCES & PRAYERS, TO BRENDA & ALL THE FAMILY
Love & PRAYERS to ALL
Floree Cantrell Garrett

Floree Garrett - Friend - April 12, 2023 at 03:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Austin Mauldin Jr..*



April 12, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ *My first memories of Austin was when he was Rocky's wrestling tag team partner. Later, he worked with my mom, and I will always be eternally grateful to him for being such a good friend to her. When her husband passed away, he would go by to check on her - just one example of what a big heart he had. Mama has told me many times what a wonderful soul he was and how kind and helpful he was to all his friends. He will be missed by so many. - Brenda, Clarissa, his kids, grandkids, and Rocky, you are in my thoughts and prayers - Sandy Foster*



Sandy Foster - April 12, 2023 at 01:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Austin Mauldin Jr..*



April 12, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Mary Conner lit a candle in memory of James Austin Mauldin Jr.*



Mary Conner - April 12, 2023 at 10:24 AM

DA

“ *So sorry for the family's loss. Unfortunately, mine and Austin's paths never crossed again after high school, although I did run into Rocky every now and then and he kept me updated on everyone. This is a stark reminder of how short and how precious life is. I remember "wrassling" with Rocky and Austin in high school and was so impressed when they made their dream a reality by becoming a tag-team duo known as the Six Mile Mountain Men. Take comfort in knowing this world is not our home, we are just passing through. Austin is home now and one day we will be there too. God Bless.*
-Dale.

Dale - April 12, 2023 at 09:11 AM

LY

“ *Austin was my lead when I first started at Engelhard. At first sight I thought he was probably a mean old man lol.....but i soon learned he had a heart of gold and he was a really good guy. I used to always start my sentence with I'm sorry to bother you and one day he said Stop saying you are sorry I am here to help you and you are not bothering me..... He really made a impression on me. He actually took me on a short ride on his Trike one day.... He will never be forgotten. I pray for continued strength and peace for his family and friends. He will truly be missed.*



lakisha young - April 12, 2023 at 06:54 AM

DF

“ *Doris Franklin lit a candle in memory of James Austin Mauldin Jr.*



Doris Franklin - April 11, 2023 at 09:31 PM

JR

“ *So many to share but the best one I'll never forget was taking a fishing trip to Santee Cooper with Austin, Uncle Donnie, Rocky and me. great weekend of fishing. caught a cooler full of fish and I got 3rd degree sunburn on my back. but still one of the best times I've ever had. RIP Austin my cousin*

John Reynolds - April 11, 2023 at 09:16 PM

JR

“ *John Reynolds lit a candle in memory of James Austin Mauldin Jr.*



John Reynolds - April 11, 2023 at 09:11 PM

GA

“ *Genia Anderson lit a candle in memory of James Austin Mauldin Jr.*



Genia Anderson - April 11, 2023 at 08:36 PM

GA

“ Austin was a good friend for 38 years he will truly be missedm

Genia Anderson - April 11, 2023 at 08:35 PM

LF

“ Leigh Finley-Wright lit a candle in memory of James Austin Mauldin Jr.



Leigh Finley-Wright - April 11, 2023 at 08:02 PM

RT

“ Reg Tatum lit a candle in memory of James Austin Mauldin Jr.



Reg Tatum - April 11, 2023 at 04:44 PM