



DARRELL WAYNE FRANGO

March 26, 2026

Darrell Wayne Frango, born December 22, 1964, passed away peacefully after a courageous battle against brain cancer and opened his eyes to be greeted into God's loving arms on Thursday, March 26, 2026.

Darrell was preceded in death by his fraternal grandparents, Tony and Pearl Frango, his paternal grandparents, Russell Sr and Alice Elmore, his father, Louie Wayne Frango and his stepfather, Douglas Davis; and sister-in-law Sharon Frango.

Left to cherish his memory, are his mother and wonderful caretaker, Barbara Davis, daughter, Cierra McDaniel (Shane), granddaughters Aria and Hayzley, brother Darren Frango (Cindy), sisters Angie Allen (Mike) and Debbie Boitnotte (David). Numerous nieces and nephews, Cyndy Frango, Ashley Healey (Nathan), Emily Tynan (Bryson), Jacob King (Laurel), Sarah Collins (Ryan), Joshua Allen (Ava), Justin Boitnotte (Brooklyn) and Jenna Boitnotte (Grant). Great nephews and nieces, McKenna Freeman, Crew, Beckham and Navy Healey and Rhett King. Great Aunt and Uncle, James and Betty Dudding. Many cousins and especially special and devoted cousins Joey and Kathy Reich. Special friends James, Debbie and Maggie Thomas, George and Lotus Bowles, Rodney Price (Melanie) and Dana Nelson.

Darrell loved his family, friends and his church family very deeply. Darrell's life was a testimony to family, friends and his devotion to God. Throughout his illness, he wanted to go to church every Sunday. Even though he could not attend, he would watch services on tv. He was always so proud of his family

and friends, and he never met a stranger.

Darrell worked for the Craig County Public School system for about 28 years; where he loved the kids and made many special friends like Sherry Crowder; who always took good care of him. During the last few years, Darrell worked at Catawba Hospital and enjoyed his time there and made many friends.

The family would like to thank Wake Forest Cancer Center (Dr. Lesser, Dr. Crammer, Kathy, Jill, the best hugger – Ellie and all those that we were in contact with him. Darrell not only received the best care, but we all gained new family and friends. We would also like to thank Amedisys Home Health Care (Marlene Vandyke and Carmalitta King) for taking such good care of Darrell and their genuine kindness.

Thanks to all the community, churches, family and friends that have supported Darrell and for all the prayers that he and the family have received.

Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 PM Monday, March 30, 2026, at Grace Assembly of God Church, Catawba, VA. Interment will follow at Huffman Memorial Park. The family will receive friends 6-8 PM Sunday, March 29, 2026, at Paitzel Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Huffman Memorial Park

Cumberland Gap Rd.
NEW CASTLE, VA 24127

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Paitsel Funeral Home
286 Main Street
PO Box 326
New Castle, VA 24127
(540) 864-5142
paitselfuneral@aol.com
<https://www.paitselfh.com>

Funeral Service

MAR **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Grace Assembly of God
5530 Catawba Drive
Catawba, VA 24070

Interment

MAR 30 (ET)

Huffman Memorial Park
Cumberland Gap Rd.
NEW CASTLE, VA 24127

Tribute Wall

LT

“ *Lutitia Turner lit a candle in memory of
DARRELL WAYNE FRANGO*



Lutitia Turner - April 23 at 12:48 PM

LT

Darrell always had a smile and time to talk. I enjoyed talking with him. He was kind and considerate. Condolences to his family and friends. He will be missed. A friend. Lutitia Turner

Lutitia Turner - April 23 at 01:11 PM

CC

“ *Cornette Caldwell lit a candle in memory of
DARRELL WAYNE FRANGO*



Cornette Caldwell - April 16 at 09:50 AM

CC

I remember Darrell when he started school at Mcleary Elementary. I was the teachers aid helping with his class. Darrell was a happy and cheerful boy. He was attentive and enjoyed spending time with his school classmates. In later years, I would see him often. He always had a smile and wanted to talk a bit. I have such precious memories of him. Now, Darrell is resting with peace and loved ones. Cornette Caldwell

Cornette Caldwell - April 16 at 10:43 AM

LN

“ *Leslie Epperson Nelson lit a candle in memory of DARRELL WAYNE FRANGO*



Leslie Epperson Nelson - April 08 at 09:22 PM

KM

“ *Karen McFalls lit a candle in memory of DARRELL WAYNE FRANGO*



Karen McFalls - April 01 at 01:38 PM

JD

“ *To Darrell's Family,
Darrell was a son, father, grandfather, brother,
uncle, cousin and friend, coworker.
My thoughts and prayers are with his family
as they have to say goodbye to a loved who
has been in pain for almost two years. My you Rest in Peace
Darrell. 💜🙏*



Judy Doughty - March 30 at 02:36 PM

LC

“ *Darrell never met a stranger. It was a
pleasure running into him and catching up.
Sending prayers for his family.*



Lisa Crotts - March 30 at 10:51 AM

SM

“ Susie Mattox sent a virtual gift in memory of
DARRELL WAYNE FRANGO



Susie Mattox - March 30 at 10:10 AM

LM

“ Lisa Minnix lit a candle in memory of
DARRELL WAYNE FRANGO



Lisa Minnix - March 30 at 08:41 AM

DH

“ Darrell never met a stranger and always took
the time to talk to you; he always had a smile
for you! He will be missed on Earth, but he
will shine in the presence of the Lord. Prayers
of comfort for his family.



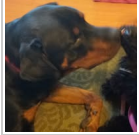
Debbie Huffman - March 29 at 03:22 PM

MS

“ Mark Kandi Shires lit a candle in memory of
DARRELL WAYNE FRANGO



Mark Kandi Shires - March 29 at 02:42 PM



“ *Darrell was nice to everyone he met. He was a janitor at the school when I was in high school, always nice to me. Respected everyone. Fly high Darrell*



Jessica Fridley - March 28 at 07:48 PM

JK

“ *Joey, Crystal, Nancy, Jeanine and Kathy purchased the Angel's Embrace Bouquet for the family of DARRELL WAYNE FRANGO.*



Joey, Crystal, Nancy, Jeanine and Kathy - March 28 at 06:47 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of DARRELL WAYNE FRANGO.*

March 28 at 05:06 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of DARRELL WAYNE FRANGO.*



March 28 at 05:06 PM

YI

“ You friends at Erie Insurance purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of DARRELL WAYNE FRANGO.



You friends at Erie Insurance - March 28 at 02:01 PM

LH

“ Darrell always made my day with his wonderful smile and always took time to talk to me when I seen him. God bless his family. Love and prayers Lisa Hancock

Lisa Hancock - March 28 at 09:50 AM

TK

“ Praying for the Family. May God give you Comfort, Peace and Strength for Each Day during this difficult time. Darrell is Home now, in the arms of Jesus. Darrell you Earned your wings. Fly High R.I.P. You will be missed by many. Sending our condolences..



Teresa & Mike King - March 28 at 12:34 AM

CD

I didn't know I posted this twice?

Carolyn Drewry - March 28 at 07:39 PM

HD

“*Darrell was a Special Person..He loved people and enjoyed taking time to talk with them.. I've known Darrell since he was 15 years old. In 1980, we became neighbors with his Granddad & Grandma Elmore. Praying for the Family. May God give you Comfort, Peace and Strength for Each Day during this difficult time. Darrell is Home now, in the arms of Jesus. Darrell you Earned your wings. Fly High R.I.P. You will be missed by many. Sending our condolences..*



Hank & Carolyn Drewry - March 27 at 11:59 PM

LB

“*Linda Baker lit a candle in memory of DARRELL WAYNE FRANGO*



Linda Baker - March 27 at 10:30 PM

KD

“*Darrell was a special child of God. He worked hard all of his life and was a friend , co-worker and a part of our family. I will miss talking with him, his sense of humor and his kindness. Rest in Peace my dear brother in Christ.*

Kenneth Davis - March 27 at 08:48 PM

SA

“ *Sandra Abbott lit a candle in memory of
DARRELL WAYNE FRANGO*



Sandra Abbott - March 27 at 08:02 PM