



Nathan Ashbert Ebanks Jr.

January 11, 1953 - November 6, 2025

Nathan Ashbert Ebanks, Jr., of Fairview, North Carolina, passed away on November 6, 2025. He was born in Port Arthur, Texas, to Nathan Ashbert Ebanks, Sr., and Verona Elizabeth Jackson Ebanks of West Bay, Grand Cayman, British West Indies. Nathan's father, a seaman with the Merchant Marines, later received honors and a gold nugget from the Queen of England for his charitable and pastoral work on the island.

Nathan attended Hillsborough High School in Tampa, Florida, where he played football. He went on to attend Florida State University briefly before beginning a career in commercial refrigeration, working on shrimp boats along the Florida coast.

In 1978, following a deep calling to find a new home, Nathan set out on a life-changing journey to Asheville, North Carolina. He quickly fell in love with the mountains and made Asheville his permanent home.

Nathan met the love of his life, Lynn, in 1986 at a friend's music gathering. The connection between them was instant, and they married on May 23, 1987. Together, they built a life filled with love, creativity, and laughter.

A talented musician and beloved friend to many, Nathan's life often revolved around music. His home was a place of jam sessions, impromptu songwriting, and laughter. Known for his spontaneous creativity and gift for vocal harmony, Nathan brought music and joy to everyone around him.

Nathan was also a gifted visual artist with a passion for graphic and website design. In 2001, he and Lynn took a leap of faith and founded their own web development company, Stratos Digital, which they ran together until earlier this year, when he became ill.

Nathan dearly loved his children and grandchildren, finding immense joy in being a father and grandfather. Time spent with family and his cat, Sunny, was among his greatest treasures.

Nathan will be remembered for his loving heart, boundless creativity, and vibrant sense of humor. A true Renaissance man, he was knowledgeable and skilled in many fields, embodying both intellectual and artistic excellence. His family will forever cherish the memory of his laughter—especially those moments when he laughed until he cried.

Nathan is survived by his loving wife, Lynn Adams Ebanks of 38 years, son Jacob Nathan Ebanks of Spring Hill Florida, daughter Brooke Vaughn Rhea (Geoffrey Lee Rhea) of Waynesville, granddaughter, Alana Morgan Rhea of Waynesville, granddaughter Kayla Mary Kokich of Brooksville, Florida, nephew Dylan Webb Tatum (Torrie) of Winston-Salem, and Stephanie Marquez of Tampa, Florida. He is also survived by his nieces Christina and Searlina, his nephew Jason, and their children George, Nathan, and Jasmine.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2025, at eleven o'clock in the morning, with a visitation prior to the service beginning at ten o'clock in the morning in the chapel of Highlands Cremation & Funeral Care, 2393 Hendersonville Road, Arden, NC 28704.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The North Carolina Arboretum Society, Attn: Tribute Program, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville, NC 28806 or visit ncarboretum.org/donate/memorialtributes/.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

NOV **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Highlands Cremation and Funeral Care Chapel
2393 Hendersonville Road
Arden, NC 28704
<http://www.highlandscare.com>

Memorial Service

NOV **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

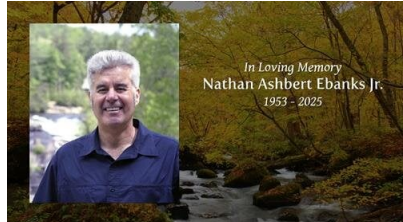
The Chapel of Highlands Cremation & Funeral Care
2393 Hendersonville Road
Arden, NC 28704

Officiated by Rabbi Wolff Alterman

Tribute Wall



“ Highlands Cremation & Funeral Care - Maple Springs created a Tribute Video in memory of Nathan Ashbert Ebanks Jr.



Highlands Cremation and Funeral Care - November 22, 2025 at 08:36 AM

JH

A beautiful memorial to a man who left earth too soon. Nathan, for those whose lives you've touched, your memories will live on. To Lynn, family and friends, Jacob and Stephanie...his spirit will remain and wrap themselves around you'

Jane Hanlon - January 01 at 10:41 AM

MB

“ Marcia B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nathan Ashbert Ebanks Jr..

Marcia B. - December 03, 2025 at 12:26 PM

MC

“ When my family moved to Fairview nearly 18 years ago, Nathan and Lynn were among the first to welcome us. Nathan invited me into his band “Flying Rock Band” and even offered graphics work when I needed income. I will miss seeing Nathan and Lynn taking their evening walks, Nathan with walking stick in hand. Rest in peace my friend.

Mark Chester - November 22, 2025 at 08:30 AM

JV

“ James V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nathan Ashbert Ebanks Jr..

James V. - November 21, 2025 at 01:30 PM

DA

“ Dermatology Associates purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Nathan Ashbert Ebanks Jr..



Dermatology Associates - November 20, 2025 at 10:22 AM

BG

“ Beverly Grinstead planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nathan Ashbert Ebanks Jr..

Beverly Grinstead - November 19, 2025 at 09:31 AM

BG

“ Beverly Grinstead purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Nathan Ashbert Ebanks Jr..



Beverly Grinstead - November 19, 2025 at 09:31 AM

C&

“ Chris &. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nathan Ashbert Ebanks Jr..

Chris &. - November 17, 2025 at 12:43 PM

RH

“ Ron Harris planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nathan Ashbert Ebanks Jr..

Ron Harris - November 17, 2025 at 12:33 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nathan Ashbert Ebanks Jr..



November 17, 2025 at 12:33 PM

SL

“ Sharon L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nathan Ashbert Ebanks Jr..

Sharon L. - November 17, 2025 at 09:21 AM

SL

“ San Fu Lee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nathan Ashbert Ebanks Jr..

San Fu Lee - November 15, 2025 at 10:32 PM

SL

“ San Fu Lee purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Nathan Ashbert Ebanks Jr..



San Fu Lee - November 15, 2025 at 10:32 PM

FD

“ From Mother and Dad planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nathan Ashbert Ebanks Jr..

From Mother and Dad - November 13, 2025 at 05:07 PM

FD

“ From Mother and Dad purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Nathan Ashbert Ebanks Jr..



From Mother and Dad - November 13, 2025 at 05:07 PM

YN

“ Your Nieces and Nephew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nathan Ashbert Ebanks Jr..

Your Nieces and Nephew - November 13, 2025 at 04:15 PM

YN

“ *Your Nieces and Nephew purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Nathan Ashbert Ebanks Jr..*



Your Nieces and Nephew - November 13, 2025 at 04:15 PM

CS

“ *Nathan was always so kind, helpful and generous with his time. He was also a born teacher. He taught me so much and coached me through many difficult IT issues. He was also a wonderful friend. He will be greatly missed. Love to Lynn and the family.*

Carol Schoeff - November 13, 2025 at 09:20 AM