



Battalion Chief Bart Cauthen

January 19, 2025

"Love the Lord with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself". This Bible truth was written thousands of years ago by the physician Luke some forty or so years after the death of Christ. Luke had been taught about Christ by Paul. James Bartholomew Cauthen was born into a family of believers who were generational residents of the small town of Moreland, Georgia. They were compelled by the tenets of their faith to instill these Christian virtues in their children. "Bart," as he came to be known, was an advocate of the truths of living a Christian life. He would never have realized when he made that last fateful trip over to the family farm in Alabama on Sunday, January 19th, that he would live out the tenants of his 54 years of Godly life. Little did he, nor did anyone for that fact, know that when he stopped to help a stranded motorist, in the flash of a moment, that life for him would become life eternal. His book of life wrote its last chapter. Those who were left behind were not ready nor prepared for that last chapter.

Bart's life was multi-dimensional. As a young man, he was an integral part of his family's cattle operation. It only made sense that after high school, he would go to Berry College and attain a degree in Animal Science. For the first years after college, he would be involved in the agricultural life of Oconee County. But as Lewis Grizzard would always say that once you have lived in Moreland, you can never get it out of your mind. Coweta County was beginning to experience rapid growth, so Bart returned to his roots. He took a position with the Coweta County Fire Department and would serve faithfully for the next 24 years. Bart's leadership skills were superb, and he would advance to the rank of Battalion Chief. The younger recruits were naturally drawn to him because he made a point of being approachable and eager to share his immense knowledge. The seasoned professionals saw him as a brother who would stare danger in the face and would always have their best interest at heart.

Bart loved his cows (and dogs, and birds, and anything else with a spine) and his profession worked well with his avocation of tending to his family's cattle. He was laughingly called "the cow whisperer". His dogs considered themselves a part of the team

and were always underfoot if Bart was tending the cattle. Bart planned for the future and wanted to spend his retirement years whispering to his dogs and cows. His consummate knowledge of the cattle business would make him an integral part of The Coweta Cattlemen's Association where he served as a member and a past president. He thoroughly enjoyed planning the annual rodeo.

On those rare occasions when there were no chores involving his bovine collection, he loved to retreat into the realms of nature. Fishing and hunting were hobbies, but only to the extent that they were just another way to connect with nature.

The most important dimension of Bart's life was his total dedication to the God that created him. His dedication to his faith would beseech him to be a loving and faithful husband, father, son, brother, and uncle. Bart wore many hats, and he never gave anyone in his life less than his best. He was honored to serve in the position of deacon in his church. As an involved father, Bart never missed a chance to jump in and help. On one occasion, a parent was needed to ride on the bus with the drill team from high school. In true Bart style, that chance of happening would last for the next four years. He was just that kind of guy.

Galatians 6:9-10: "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So, then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

The service to honor the life and accomplishments of this good man will be an event on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at Unity Baptist Church on Smokey Road in Newnan. Friends and family will have a time of visitation on Monday evening between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM. This will also be at Unity Baptist Church. Rather than flowers, the family respectfully requests donations to his beloved White Oak First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 131 Sharpsburg, GA 30277 or a charity of one's choice. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home and Crematory.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **27**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Unity Baptist Church
311 Smokey Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Memorial Service

JAN **28**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Unity Baptist Church
311 Smokey Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

LE

“ *My heart breaks for all of you. So very sorry and praying for peace and comfort in the days and months ahead as you try and navigate a new normal. Thankful to Jesus that you will be reunited one sweet day.*

Linda Lord Elliott

Linda Lord Elliott - January 30, 2025 at 12:03 AM

CM

“ *Dear Rebecca,*

Myself, the Flagstaff Community Band Board, and our members are so sorry for your loss.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help out here in Flagstaff.

Caitlin McCready

Caitlin McCready - January 28, 2025 at 05:19 PM

TF

“ *It was an honor and pleasure to meet Battalion Chief Bart. On different occasions. We would like to send our prayer's for the Family and Friends. Plus his Fire and rescue Family.*

The Little Family - January 28, 2025 at 01:53 PM



“ *I am very sorry for your loss. We are praying for the Cauthen family! You were all super kind to me growing up and I have many fond memories. Tony Gable*

Tony Gable - January 28, 2025 at 09:48 AM

CM

“ *Bart's spirit will always be with us all! He was truly a wonderful human being with many years of service to the community and his family and faith! He was always so kind and caring and supportive of everyone around him! He will be missed by many and loved by all that knew of his gentle soul and belief in his family and his faith! May he sit at the table with God and be blessed with peace and may his family find peace in his love for them! Goodbye old friend and all my love to Nikki! You were truly blessed to have found each other so early in life and blessed to spend it together! All my love, Courtney*

courtney merx - January 28, 2025 at 12:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Battalion Chief Bart Cauthen.

January 27, 2025 at 09:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Battalion Chief Bart Cauthen.



January 27, 2025 at 09:36 PM

KM

“ Dear Rebecca, Scott and your family here in AZ and there in GA, just know that love and prayers go out to you from your Flagstaff Federated Church family. We are shocked to hear the tragic news. Our condolences to all during this very difficult and devastating time.

With love,
Kathy M. And Norman P.

Kathy McConnell - January 27, 2025 at 07:00 PM

AG

“ AirLife Georgia purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Battalion Chief Bart Cauthen.



AirLife Georgia - January 27, 2025 at 03:22 PM

BF

“ Prayers lifted up for The Cauthen family. Sincere condolences as well.



Banister family - January 27, 2025 at 02:51 PM

JW

“ Joy Williams lit a candle in memory of Battalion Chief Bart Cauthen



Joy Williams - January 27, 2025 at 02:21 PM

LH

“ Dear



Lt. Hixson - January 27, 2025 at 09:37 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Battalion Chief Bart Cauthen.



January 27, 2025 at 08:26 AM

SF

“ Sue Kring Sullivan and family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Battalion Chief Bart Cauthen.



Sue Kring Sullivan and family - January 26, 2025 at 10:45 PM

KG

“ Kemi Amosu and Myra Gahring planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Battalion Chief Bart Cauthen.

Kemi Amosu and Myra Gahring - January 26, 2025 at 06:28 PM

DP

“ Drs. Kemi, Rice, Carter, and Newnan Peds purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Battalion Chief Bart Cauthen.



Drs. Kemi, Rice, Carter, and Newnan Peds - January 26, 2025 at 06:26 PM

DP

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Drs. Kemi, Rice, Carter, and Newnan Peds - January 26, 2025 at 06:26 PM

BM

“ Stanley, Maryann, family and friends, Mark and I are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God bring you comfort and peace throughout this ordeal and may BART's memories be with you forever

Brenda and Mark Mitchell - January 26, 2025 at 04:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Battalion Chief Bart Cauthen.



January 26, 2025 at 11:09 AM

KW

“ Phil and I share our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Cauthen family. May God comfort you and hold you in His loving arms during this difficult time. Our prayers are with you.

Karen Whisnant - January 25, 2025 at 03:58 PM

JH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jeremy Henson - January 24, 2025 at 09:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Battalion Chief Bart Cauthen.



January 24, 2025 at 07:08 PM

RB

“ Praying for your family, our Moreland family, and the CFD family.
Bart's outreach touched many people.
May you know God's love surrounds you.



Rev. BettyJean Bowers - January 24, 2025 at 06:19 PM

CM

“ Carolyn McCarley sent a virtual gift in memory of Battalion Chief Bart Cauthen



Carolyn McCarley - January 24, 2025 at 04:35 PM

CE

“ Thank you for your service and protection for our county.
Prayers for your family and friends.



Cathy Evans - January 24, 2025 at 04:06 PM

GA

“ Bart became a special friend to me 40 years ago when we met as freshman and instantly recognized our common bond for oneliners and wisecracks! He had even earned my blessing to ask out my closest friend a couple of years later. He was an absolute joy and one of my happiest days was when he married that friend, Nickie! Our UGA tailgating days while his bride became "Dr. Nickie" (my dad refers to her as such) are treasured times for sure. We all became parents and eventually our kids would rub elbows in the NHS band. We'd joke about HOW did we end up with band kids since none of us went that route?? Just so many memories as we navigated our adult years, but through all the changes I was so happy Nickie and the kids had Bart. He was GOLD and an example for husbands, fathers, civil servants, and humans in general to learn from! God speed, Bart - you will ALWAYS be missed!

All my love,

Ginger Tarleton Adcock

Ginger Tarleton Adcock - January 24, 2025 at 03:44 PM

KT

“ Heartfelt condolences to each of you. May God comfort you at this time and surround you with the peace that only He can give. Alma Jane, Kathy and Kirk

Kathy Thompson - January 24, 2025 at 03:04 PM

AB

“ Angela B. purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Battalion Chief Bart Cauthen.



Angela B. - January 24, 2025 at 02:28 PM

TM

“ The Mitchell family & Francee Mitchell purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Battalion Chief Bart Cauthen.



The Mitchell family & Francee Mitchell - January 24, 2025 at 08:21 AM

CM

“ Chase Mccarragher lit a candle in memory of Battalion Chief Bart Cauthen



chase mccarragher - January 23, 2025 at 09:50 PM

JR

“ My condolences to the Cauthen family. I worked with Bart and he was always kind and willing to help anyone who needed it. He helped me navigate through the Fire Department as a part time firefighter and was a person I could count on for support, information, and guidance. He was always fair, I send my prayers out to the family and Coweta County Fire, and I pray that the Lord gives you strength through this difficult time. The fire service lost a true hero and I will always be grateful to have had the opportunity to work with him.

John Rhodes - January 23, 2025 at 09:32 PM

CA

“ Casey Adams lit a candle in memory of Battalion Chief Bart Cauthen



Casey Adams - January 23, 2025 at 08:39 PM

SR

“ Stanley, Maryann, Nicky, Bailey and Eli, you have our deepest sympathies for your loss. Bart was a gentle quiet presence in our lives and will be greatly missed. His service to this world as a firefighter, cattleman, and family did not go unappreciated. God bless you!

Suzanne, Abby and Andrew

Suzanne Richardson - January 23, 2025 at 04:54 PM

MT

To all the Cauthen family , May you feel the love and support of friends who love you, know God's presence through this difficult time of Bart's loss, and continue to see Bart in the face his children, hear his voice in your memory, and cherish the part of him that will always live in your heart. Blessings to you, Menlia Trammell

Menlia Trammell - January 24, 2025 at 02:57 PM

AW

“ One of our biggest cheerleaders, no matter how the day was going, you were always smiling. You will be missed so much Sir. God comfort his precious family.

Your British friend.

alison wallace - January 23, 2025 at 11:25 AM

JB

“ To the Cauthen family, my heart breaks for you as you grieve the tragic loss of Bart. I am continually praying for peace and comfort that only the Lord can provide you in such a time. With much love, Judy (Pritchett) Blaylock

Judy Blaylock - January 22, 2025 at 10:47 PM

SM

“ Our hearts are broken for all of Barts family. Firefighters are a unique brotherhood who care deeply about each other and the people/community they serve. Bart died being a servant to others.... Something we can all aspire to. Prayers for all, Bill and Sally Millians

Sally Millians - January 22, 2025 at 06:27 PM

RC

“ Even though I didn't know Bart, I want to extend my deepest sympathy to the family. May God comfort both you, Stanley and Mary Ann, and the rest of the family. May he rest in peace.

Ray Craven
Ft. Walton Beach, FL

Ray Craven - January 22, 2025 at 06:27 PM

MC

“ Dear Cauthen Family, We are heartbroken for you, and we are praying that God comforts you and helps you to find peace in an unthinkable situation. May you be blessed with His presence as you grieve. With love, Hiram & Mari Carden

Mari Carden - January 22, 2025 at 03:01 PM

JD

“ Stanley, Mary Ann & entire Cauthen family,
I extend my deepest sympathy to you at this very grievous time. I pray that you
will feel the comfort of our Heavenly Father and from
the friends who love you.
Jane Duenckel

jane Duenckel - January 22, 2025 at 01:15 PM

WJ

“ To Mary Ann, Stanley and family: My heart aches for you all. I'm praying for you.

William R Johnson - January 22, 2025 at 12:19 PM

LH

“ To the Cauthen Family: Please accept my utmost condolences on the loss of
Bart. While working for the Coweta County Fire Department, I considered and still
do, that all of the personnel with whom I worked with were my second family.
Some of those are deceased due to medical issues. It was always so sad to lose
one, because they were my heroes. To lose Bart under such senseless
circumstances, is very heartbreaking for me. He lost his life while assisting others,
as he did with every shift which he worked. He was a fine young man, and it was
such a pleasure to have known him and to have worked with him. Due to medical
issues, I will not be able to attend his funeral, but my thoughts and prayers go out
to all of the Cauthen family and to his family at Coweta Fire and Rescue. May our
God wrap his loving arms around you and comfort you, and help you to find
peace, as only He can

Liz Hughie - January 22, 2025 at 11:47 AM

MG

“ My sincere condolences go out to the Cauthen family and the CCFD. My heart is
broken for his mama, daddy, siblings, wife and children. Praying for God to wrap
all in the comfort that only He can provide.

Martha Grant - January 22, 2025 at 11:27 AM

KF

“ Born with a servants heart. Lifelong family friends from our parents to the 2nd
grade when I met him. The love all of us Moreland kids hold for Bart will continue.
In true Bart Cauthen style help someone in need Daily. Rest easy now our
childhood Friend, you will be missed. My prayers for his family will continue. God
bless you all.

Kerri Hill Tackett/ Hill Family - January 22, 2025 at 09:02 AM

HD

Praying for the Cauthen family.

Hazel Dominick - January 23, 2025 at 08:06 PM

AK

“ *My heartfelt prayers have been, and will continue to be with all of you.*
Angie Griffies-Keith

Angie Keith - January 22, 2025 at 08:20 AM

TB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Cauthen Family.*

*Tom and Cindy Barnett
The Harold Barnett Family
Moreland, GA*

Tom Barnett - January 22, 2025 at 08:14 AM

TO

“ *Dear Family and Friends of Bart. I don't know Bart, I just read about his story today. I'm from London, UK, and I was absolutely astonished and grieved that such a senseless act happened to him. I'm gobsmacked by the ease with which a precious life was so casually taken, and I can only imagine the depth of the pain this has caused. I saw the image of Bart in uniform, smiling by the truck and I felt inexplicable sorrow. It just oozed if someone with a good spirit. I pray that God mends every part of your hearts that have been broken by this, that he overwhelms you with his comfort and mercy, that his love pours down in abundance so that above all else, and eventually, the times of joy & happiness you had with Bart, the way he showed up for you all, will override all the sorrow, shock and grief of this situation. May the grace of God carry you through these next few months, and give you the strength to send him off with honour. I'm so deeply sorry for your loss. God bless you ❤️❤️❤️*

Tolu M xx

Tolu - January 22, 2025 at 04:03 AM

JE

We love this wonderful family. We considered ourselves blessed to have crossed their paths.

Craig and Josie Exner

Josie Exner - January 22, 2025 at 12:17 PM

RC

“ Roger Canada lit a candle in memory of Battalion Chief Bart Cauthen



Roger Canada - January 21, 2025 at 08:53 PM

KW

“ Kathi And Tim Wilson lit a candle in memory of Battalion Chief Bart Cauthen



Kathi and Tim Wilson - January 21, 2025 at 08:49 PM

KW

“ Cauthen Family,

My heart just breaks for all of you. Bart was my neighbor for years. He was the best I could ever asked for. If you needed something, he was always there. He will be missed greatly by all.

God Bless,

Kathi W. Wilson

Kathi and Tim Wilson - January 21, 2025 at 08:48 PM

MC

“ From Grantville Brown to Grantville Public to Moreland Jr. High, to Central High, to Newnan High and everything in between (ball fields, 4-H, Church, and more), Bart was always a light showing care and respect for all around. He was a leader, mentor, and friend to many, and he will be missed. Prayers for the Cauthen and CCFR families.

Mary Frances (Golden) Crowe - January 21, 2025 at 08:32 PM

DH

“ My name is Dennis Hammond. I worked with Bart in the beginning of his career. I saw immediately that Bart was going to excel as a firefighter. Bart was well liked, and respected by all. I was shocked and saddened when I learned about Bart's senseless death. I pray God will extend his endless grace and love to Bart's family and friends.

Dennis Hammond - January 21, 2025 at 07:30 PM

MY

“ Our thoughts and prayers to the Cauthen Family. May God wrap his loving arms around each of you in the days ahead. Love to you all, Retired Sheriff Mike and Bev Yeager, Moreland, Ga

Mike&Bev Yeager - January 21, 2025 at 05:40 PM

SW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with ya'll during this difficult time. Love Susan and Ronnie Whatley

Susan Whatley - January 21, 2025 at 04:42 PM

RD

The entire family of Chief Cauthen, both his immediate family and his fire department family are in our prayers.

May God Bless
Allentown Fire Department
Allentown, GA

ROBERT DAVIDSON - January 22, 2025 at 05:05 PM



Mary Ann, my thoughts & prayers are with you, Stanley, & all of your family. I am so sorry. Paulette (Kelley) Gray

Paulette Gray - January 22, 2025 at 07:41 PM

ND

Our hearts are heavy with the loss of Bart, a true hero who dedicated his life to protect others. May your memory live on in our hearts. Praying for the Cauthen family during this difficult time.

Love,

Enrico and Natashi Dean

Natashi Dean - January 23, 2025 at 05:09 PM

AT

To the Cauthen Family,, sending our condolences and prayers..

Ann Tucker, - January 24, 2025 at 05:22 PM

V9

You will be missed. Condolences and prayers for the family and the Coweta Fire Department.

Vickie Gunnin 911/EMA - January 24, 2025 at 10:06 PM

EJ

Maryann and Staley, my heart breaks for you. I know Bart will be welcomed in Heaven. Condolences for your family. Bart was a good man! Love you, Ellen COFIELD Johnson

Ellen Johnson - January 25, 2025 at 10:13 AM



Nikki, please know I am praying and thinking of you and your family through this terrible loss. I am so sorry and will be praying for Peace and Comfort,

*Love,
Vickie Evans*

Vickie Keel Evans - January 28, 2025 at 08:30 AM