



## Dawson Holt Oakley

December 18, 2013 - August 7, 2024

Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them; for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.

Dawson Holt Oakley, 10, was born December 18, 2013 and passed peacefully in the arms of Jesus on August 7, 2024.

Dawson was a loving son, brother, and grandson. He absolutely loved anything to do with the outdoors. He was constantly hunting, fishing, playing sports, and shooting trap. He was always planning his next adventure!

A visitation will be held on Sunday, August 11th, 2024 from 12:00pm to 3:00pm at Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory.

The funeral service will follow at 3:00pm on Sunday, August 11th, 2024 in the chapel of Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory.

The burial will be at Stella Cemetery in Prospect, TN

He is survived by his wonderful parents, Eric and Natalie Oakley

The best big brother, Easton Oakley

His grandparents, Tub & Peggy Oakley and Eddie & Cathy Bass

Aunt, Alisha Oakley

Aunt & Uncle, Josh & Andrea Stafford

Great uncle, Joey Bass

Great Aunt, Gayle Porterfield

“Special Brother” Caleb Clayton

Cousins, Hadley Frazier, Sadie and Stratton Stafford. Colton, Amelia, Holt, & Lynnley Jo Bass. Brad, Dara, Joah, Sterlyn, & Truett Bryant, Jeremy and Pennie Smith, “River cousin” Charlie Smith.

His entire Bass Waste Removal family, Giles County Clay Dusters Family & his puppy, Ruger and many other cousins & friends also survive.

He was preceded in death by his great grandparents Bernis & Opal Oakley, Julius & Elvie Peck, Joe Andrew & Lois Holt, Sonny & Mary Bass, Linda Bass. Great aunt, Beverly Bass.

In lieu of flowers, donations are strongly suggested to:

Stella Cemetery c/o Sandra Parsons; 2835 Hagan Rd. Minor Hill, TN 38478

Heidi Faith High Five Memorial Foundation c/o Jodie Lewter

Giles County Clay Dusters Wakefield Trap Association c/o David Robertson

# Cemetery Details

## **Stella Cemetery**

4733 Stella Road  
Prospect, TN 38477

# Tribute Wall

EC

“ *Eunice Gudger,Hardeman Circuit Court lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley*



Eunice Gudger,Hardeman Circuit Court - August 13, 2024 at 11:03 AM

MT

“ *Marna Hull, Monroe Co. Trustee lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley*



Marna Hull, Monroe Co. Trustee - August 13, 2024 at 08:42 AM

HM

“ *Hunter McCormack lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley*



Hunter McCormack - August 12, 2024 at 04:46 PM

KT

“ *I'm so very sorry for the loss of your precious Dawson and am praying for your family.*



Karen Paris, Williamson Co. Trustee - August 12, 2024 at 04:44 PM

GT

“ *Gina Burchfiel Polk County Trustee lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley*



**Gina Burchfiel Polk County Trustee** - August 12, 2024 at 04:28 PM

CW

“ *Carl (Woody) Woodard lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley*



**Carl (Woody) Woodard** - August 12, 2024 at 04:20 PM

MT

“ *Monty Bullock, Campbell County Trustee lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley*



**Monty Bullock, Campbell County Trustee** - August 12, 2024 at 03:58 PM

LG

“ *Lorie German lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley*



**Lorie German** - August 12, 2024 at 12:39 PM

KB

“ *My heart breaks for the family. Praying so hard for yall!*

Kaitlin Bates - August 12, 2024 at 12:34 PM

EC

“ *So very sorry for your loss, prayers for you and your family*



Elizabeth Carpenter - August 12, 2024 at 10:36 AM

CB

“ *For the Bass and Oakley Families,  
Words cannot tell you how sorry we are. Just know that your little man is safe in the arms of Jesus until you see him again. We send love peace and comfort to you all. Jeff and Connie Barnett*

Connie Barnett - August 12, 2024 at 09:44 AM

KW

“ *Kenzie Womble lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley*



Kenzie Womble - August 11, 2024 at 06:37 PM

MT

“ *Marsha, Lindsey, And Landon Tucker lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley*



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**Marsha, Lindsey, and Landon Tucker** - August 11, 2024 at 06:03 PM

LG

“ *We are so sorry to hear about this terrible loss.  
You all are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Larry and Lisa Gibson*

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**Lisa Gibson** - August 11, 2024 at 05:11 PM

CD

“ *So sorry your in my thoughts prayers*



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**Cora Darnell** - August 11, 2024 at 02:13 PM



“ 101 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Bennett - May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory** - August 11, 2024 at 11:08 AM

TG

*We are so sorry that you and your family are going thru this. Stay close to God he will help you get thru this. My family loves all of you. Tammy Gordon, Erica Howell & Taylor Jackson*

**Tammy Gordon** - August 11, 2024 at 01:16 PM

CL

*We are so sorry for you and the entire family during this difficult time. Steve and Connie Landers*

**Connie Landers** - August 11, 2024 at 03:24 PM

LB

“ *Deepest sympathies. We are so sorry for your loss. Duane & Lisa Burnett*

**Lisa Burnett** - August 11, 2024 at 10:17 AM

TP

“ Stan, Alex, Tammy and Courtney send our deepest sympathies...may God wrap your family in love and comfort....



Tammy Pierchoski - August 11, 2024 at 09:53 AM

KD

“ Our deepest condolences to you and your entire family. We are praying for you all.  
The Dahn Family (Jeff Lemmerz sister)



Kristyn Rae Dahn - August 11, 2024 at 07:42 AM

JB

“ John & Revenus Barnes sent a virtual gift in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley



John & Revenus Barnes - August 10, 2024 at 11:06 PM

JB

So sorry for the loss of your precious son and grandson. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

John & Revenus Barnes - August 10, 2024 at 11:09 PM

MK

“ *Max And Paula Kirk lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley*



Max and Paula Kirk - August 10, 2024 at 10:22 PM

PF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during the very difficult times .We are so very sorry for your loss.*



Peter Yu family - August 10, 2024 at 10:17 PM

JR

“ *Jayme Robinson lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley*



Jayme Robinson - August 10, 2024 at 07:14 PM

NM

*God bless you all. You're in my thoughts and prayers 🥹❤️*

Nell Maultsby - August 10, 2024 at 09:50 PM

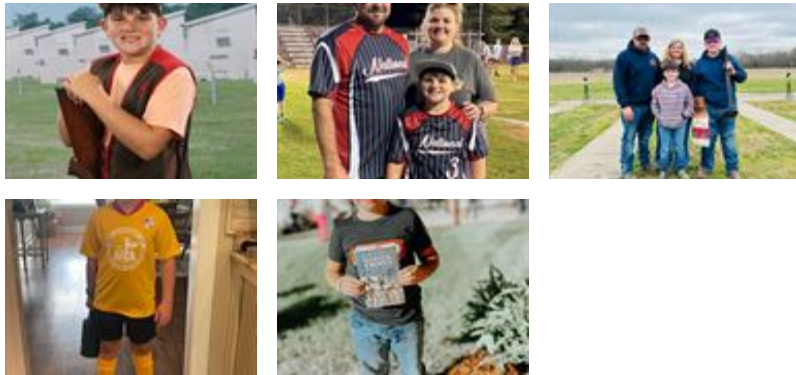
DD

“ *From our family to yours. We send you our deepest condolences for your loss! We are praying for your family during this difficult time!  
Sincerely, The Durham Family*

Dana Durham - August 10, 2024 at 07:08 PM



“ 43 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Bennett - May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory** - August 10, 2024 at 07:06 PM

RM

“ *I am praying for your family .*



**Rebecca moody** - August 10, 2024 at 04:10 PM

TS

“ *Tammy Stafford lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley*



**Tammy Stafford** - August 10, 2024 at 02:53 PM

PP

“ Praying for you all! 🙏



Pamela Ann Pryor - August 10, 2024 at 01:46 PM

PH

“ Phil & Mitzi Hamlett lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley



Phil & Mitzi Hamlett - August 10, 2024 at 01:05 PM

DW

“ Dewayne White lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley



Dewayne White - August 10, 2024 at 11:00 AM

CS

“ Caroline Scoggin lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley



Caroline Scoggin - August 10, 2024 at 10:54 AM

KY

“ He was the best little baseball player. When his team would play against my great nephew we would always say oh no. That is the team Dawson plays on. He would knock that ball out of the park and never miss a ball that was thrown to him. You knew he was gonna get you out. He was such a great player but he had a great attitude about it to. Gonna miss that little smile.

Karen Young - August 10, 2024 at 10:00 AM

JC

“ Jessica Carroll lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley



Jessica Carroll - August 10, 2024 at 09:59 AM

DH

“ Deborah Busby Hopper lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley



Deborah Busby Hopper - August 10, 2024 at 09:23 AM

CN

“ Charlie And Margaret Norwood lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley



Charlie and Margaret Norwood - August 10, 2024 at 07:23 AM

LW

“ Dawson was such a joy to be around! I enjoyed having him in class. I'm praying for you all and sending my love. I'm so sorry for your loss.

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**Leigh Anne Willingham** - August 10, 2024 at 07:21 AM

AK

“ Sending my deepest condolences



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**Angela Krkley** - August 10, 2024 at 12:20 AM

“ You can pick your friends, but you can't pick your family. That's what they say...How lucky are we to have been picked by our river family - the Bass's, Oakley's and Stafford's. We hit the Jackpot and we've been cashing in for years! Spending weekends with this family has been worth more than their weight in gold.

Not only did we get the best neighbors ever, we got “family”. I have never met a family that I wish I was born into until I met them. Not only are they genuine, hardworking, fun loving, thoughtful, talented, generous, caring people, (as if this wasn't enough!) they're good looking too!

God has shown this family favor for a reason. Unfortunately, God wanted Dawson back sooner than we are ready to let him go.

How could we be ready to let go of Dawson? He brought love, joy and, best of all, excitement to ours lives! Just looking at him made you smile. And when he smiled back, and you looked in his eyes, you knew the wheels were turning!

Did you ever see a 3 yr. old fish with a 6 ft pole? I don't mean have someone cast it and stand there and hold it. I mean cast it himself, catch a fish and reel it in by himself.

What other 5 year old would walk an old metal tricycle half way up the river driveway with the “big boys” and go flying down the driveway about 15 mph laughing and wanting to go up higher? And at 10 years old - ride a jet ski like he was trying out for Bay Watch. I don't know any other 10 year old that could do so many different things effortlessly. I think he was an old soul. I will never forget his laugh, the way he would always call Daddy when he wanted to show or ask Eric something. How much he loved Natalie and how he looked up to Easton.

As I'm writing this, I realize that Dawson was living life to the fullest. I really think he was living his best life! He certainly had a full life, just not nearly long enough. He was always on the go, I don't think you could wear him out. He didn't waste any time. I think we can all learn a lesson from him. Ask yourself, are you living your life to the fullest? Are you living your best life?

Life will not be the same without Dawson. He will be missed more than words can say, but we thank God we were blessed to have him

*in our lives for 10 years.*

*Until we see you again, we'll attempt to live our best lives in your memory. Dawson, thanks for making our lives so much richer.*

*We love you so much,*

*Chuck, Ellen, Kylie and Charlie*



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**Ellen Smith** - August 09, 2024 at 11:58 PM

MA

*My heart and prayers are with you all.*

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**Michelle Adkins** - August 10, 2024 at 12:36 AM

JK

*So sad and so sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers for the family.*



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**Jan Kelley** - August 10, 2024 at 08:23 AM

LG

“ I am Linda Gordon. You all are in my prayers. I gave up my son and he was 51 years old Also a grandson at 30 years old. Just like my own. There is nothing in the world compared to the death of a child. My prayer is you grieve when you want to no matter what. I will tell you there is no getting over it. I have learned to live with it. Some days will be better than others. Give it to God it is too heavy for you to carry. In Christian Love, Linda Gordon

linda gordon - August 09, 2024 at 11:46 PM

MC

“ MIKE CHANDLER lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley



MIKE CHANDLER - August 09, 2024 at 11:45 PM

TF

“ Love you and praying so hard for you and your family.



Tina Thornton & Family - August 09, 2024 at 11:38 PM

LN

“ Praying 🙏 for ya'll as you go through this difficult time. Jesus gained another angel. Praying for peace and comfort through the days ahead. God Bless ya'll. Laurie Nwosu



Laurie Nwosu - August 09, 2024 at 10:49 PM

HF

“ We Love you guys, no words can help ease the pain. You're in our prayers.



Holt Family - August 09, 2024 at 10:19 PM

TF

“ I have no words other than know that God has a plan. Prayers for you all during this saddest of times.



Tommy and Brandi Chapman and family - August 09, 2024 at 10:11 PM

TJ

“ I have no words except I'm so sorry. We have you in our prayers.

Tina and Terry Jones - August 09, 2024 at 10:00 PM

CW

“ Claudia Worsham lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley



Claudia Worsham - August 09, 2024 at 09:50 PM

CW

“ So sorry for your loss . Praying for you all. May God comfort you all now and in the days ahead.

**Claudia Worsham** - August 09, 2024 at 09:50 PM

DS

“ Dawn,Jonie & Julie Smith lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley



**Dawn,Jonie & Julie Smith** - August 09, 2024 at 09:34 PM

DS

*Our hearts go out to your family.*

**Dawn,Jonie, Julie Smith** - August 09, 2024 at 09:36 PM

RS

“ With deepest sympathy goes out to this family



**Ruth Stewart** - August 09, 2024 at 09:04 PM

CT

“ Dawson was Happiness on loan from God.

**Coach Todd** - August 09, 2024 at 08:55 PM

AH



**Amy Collins Harris** - August 09, 2024 at 10:35 PM

KH

“ *Your entire family is so special to us. We pray you find comfort in your memories and strength from those who love you. -The Kirk Family (Ephesus Church)*



**Karol Harden** - August 09, 2024 at 08:48 PM

KT

“ *Prayers for family and friends. Kathy Gatlin Thomas, Minor Hill, Tn.*



**Kathy Thomas** - August 09, 2024 at 08:45 PM

BW

“ *Brandy Womble lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley*



**Brandy Womble** - August 09, 2024 at 08:43 PM

CB

“ *Courtney Hunt Boldin lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley*



**Courtney Hunt Boldin** - August 09, 2024 at 08:31 PM

JJ

“ *Larry and Janet Jones . We are praying for yall during yall loss. We had wonderful hayrides.*



Janet Jones - August 09, 2024 at 08:27 PM

BB

“ *Our condolences from the Berryman's*



Brian Berryman - August 09, 2024 at 08:18 PM

S(

“ *Gosh, I remember the little man playing like crazy with his little cars at Exchange Park. Carlos and Easton were playing baseball together. He was always busy as a little bee. All we can do is pray for all of you some peace. Love you*

Sandra Hayes (Carlos) - August 09, 2024 at 08:14 PM

KM

“ *Many prayers for comfort during this difficult loss. God has him in His arms and you will have him in your heart until you are together in Heaven one sweet day*



Kathy Martin - August 09, 2024 at 08:11 PM

TT

“ Theresa Tucker lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley



Theresa Tucker - August 09, 2024 at 07:58 PM

TB

“ So sorry for your loss.

Toby Barrett - August 09, 2024 at 07:49 PM

TF

“ So sorry for the loss of your precious son.  
Prayers for all of your family.  
Teresa Felker



Teresa Felker - August 09, 2024 at 07:41 PM

NP

Condolences 🌸

Nancy Powell - August 09, 2024 at 07:47 PM

PA

“ Poarch Andrea lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley



Poarch Andrea - August 09, 2024 at 07:31 PM

DE

“ Donna Eubank lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley



Donna Eubank - August 09, 2024 at 07:27 PM

TP

“ Tina Page lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley



Tina Page - August 09, 2024 at 07:26 PM



“ I loved the time I had with him and I had so much fun in the office and at the river I'm going to miss getting in trouble with that freckle face

Sawyer Reynolds



Holly Pinkelton - August 09, 2024 at 07:22 PM

MS

“ *Mandie Sanders lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley*



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**Mandie Sanders** - August 09, 2024 at 07:08 PM

DH

“ *David, Betty, Kevin And Heather Hopper lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley*



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**David, Betty, Kevin and Heather Hopper** - August 09, 2024 at 07:02 PM

RO

“ *Rollins lit a candle in memory of Dawson Holt Oakley*



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**Rollins** - August 09, 2024 at 06:53 PM