



Dawayne George

March 28, 1962 - September 12, 2025

Dawayne George, 63 of Ozark, Arkansas, left this world on Friday, September 12, 2025 in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He was born March 28, 1962 in Springdale, Arkansas to Leonard Eugene George and Velma Jean Sheppard George. Dawayne grew up in Ozark and attended both Springdale and Ozark schools but was an Ozark Hillbilly at heart.

Dawayne was one of the good ol'boys – no fancy fuss, no drama, just a big heart, a bass guitar, and a story for every road he traveled. He began making music with his mom, dad, and brother, Randall, as part of the Glory Road Singers in the early 1970's, playing on one of their first albums before he hit double digits. Through the years, he performed with many acts, including David Frizzell, and spend much of the 1990's and 2000's at the Ozark Mountain Hoe-Down, which he, Randall, and their father purchased in 2001.

In 2010 the George Brothers took their music back on the road, touring Texas and the Midwest with original songs, radio appearances, and fan base that quickly became family. They were nominated to the Texas country Music Hall of Fame and honored with "George Brothers Day" in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Dawayne was nominated three times for the Arkansas CMA Bass Player of the Year and proudly took home the title in 2020. Even a few days before his passing, he could be found in his chair with a bass in his hand.

Dawayne loved classic cars, riding Harleys, playing the slots, and never turned down biscuits and gravy, beans and fried potatoes, or a chocolate milkshake. His breakfast of choice was a honey bun with a cold Coke. Friends remember him not only as one of the best bass players around but also as one of the kindest, most generous men they'd ever met. He gave back through countless benefit shows for friends, family, veterans, and the Shop with a Cop Christmas program.

Dawayne was welcomed into heaven by his mom, Velma Jean George, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and many friends and family that we know he was so excited to see again.

He is survived by his dad, Leonard George and stepmother Lucy George, the love of his life; his daughter, Brittany West and her husband Justin, his grandchildren that he adored Kennedy Tedford and Bentley West, his brother Randall George and long time partner Leslie Wright, and the nieces and nephews he loved: Randalyn Hatley, Kaylie Husser, Nash Wright, and Zane Wright.

Visitation will be 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at Shaffer Funeral Home, 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

A private family graveside will be set for a later date.

Serving as pallbearers will be Bentley West, Justin West, John Woolsey, Don Martin, Blake Fougousse, and Rick Hill. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Kennedy Tedford, Sarah Edwards, Carla Easom, Doris Mantooth, Susan Patterson, Lorrie Davis, Cathy Moody, and all his pickin' buddies and ridin' buddies throughout the years.

*In lieu of flowers, Dawayne would want you to throw a twenty in the slot

machine and raise a glass – or a chocolate shake – in his honor.

To leave an online memorial visit www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **17**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *I always loved hearing him his dad and brother way back when.
God bless you all and comfort you always 🙏 so very sorry 😞*

Charlotte Bugg - November 29, 2025 at 08:30 PM

BN

“ *Bobby Newman lit a candle in memory of
Dawayne George*



Bobby Newman - September 20, 2025 at 12:55 PM

BV

“ *1 file added to the album Slideshow*



Byron Lasater V - September 17, 2025 at 03:10 PM

N)

*Rest in Peace Dawayne, with no more pain, and lots of fond memories...
Love ya, Nan*

Nancy Kinseorthy. (Nan) - September 26, 2025 at 02:47 PM



You were 1 of the good ones

Charlotte Bugg - November 29, 2025 at 08:38 PM

DG

“ *Deb (Woods) Gehrke lit a candle in memory of Dawayne George*



Deb (Woods) Gehrke - September 16, 2025 at 09:58 PM

RD

“ *I met Dawayne when he first came to Eureka. We hit it off right away. Both of being Bass players we didn't get to play a lot of music together, except when could jam with the GB. We spent lots of time together that first year, and became good friends. From that first year on we were close. His whole Family are a part of my extended Family. He was more like a brother than a friend. I'm sure there are many of his friends that feel the same way. The truth is if you really knew him you loved him. Thanks for the memories, and I'll see you on the other side.*

Rick Dodson - September 16, 2025 at 10:40 AM

SF

See you on down the road been friends for quite awhile .Love you gonna miss you at casino but will drop a \$20 n your honor.

Shelley Fuson - September 17, 2025 at 06:32 PM

LF

“ *Loved him so much and messing around with him at the Hoe Down. I'm praying for his family and loved ones.*



Lesia J Forsyth - September 16, 2025 at 01:00 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dawayne George.

September 15, 2025 at 03:39 PM



“ Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Dawayne George.



September 15, 2025 at 03:39 PM



“ The Belt family lit a candle in memory of Dawayne George



The Belt family - September 15, 2025 at 03:07 PM



“ Greg and Nicole Knotts purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dawayne George.



Greg and Nicole Knotts - September 15, 2025 at 01:08 PM



“ *Charlotte Bugg sent a virtual gift in memory of Dawayne George*



Charlotte Bugg - September 14, 2025 at 11:08 PM

JB

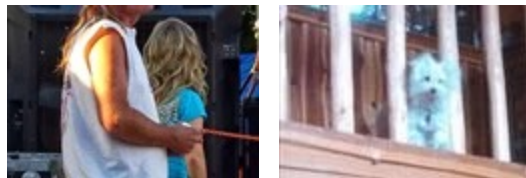
“ *Our prayers go out to family and friends May God in Heaven comfort you with the memories you have with Dawayne*



Johnny and Darlene Baker - September 14, 2025 at 06:13 PM

JB

“ *When Randall and Dawayne were on the road, I was one of the back-up watchers for his China girl. This is how I imagine her waiting for him to arrive in heaven.*



Julianne Brauning - September 14, 2025 at 10:12 AM

DG

“ Cruise those streets of gold on that Harley... You will be forever in our hearts, Ponytail. This is never a goodbye, but we'll see ya later~Bud
Brit, Randall, Poppa George & Family~Y'all are in my thoughts and prayers 💖 Love you

Deb (Woods) Gehrke - September 14, 2025 at 09:07 AM

JG

“ A true Stand-Up Guy. Enjoy the wind my friend. My deepest condolences to family and friends



Jimmy Dale Gilbert - September 14, 2025 at 07:45 AM

DD

“ Jimmy and I always had a great time watching him and Randall in Eureka Springs. Dawayne you will be missed. RIP /THE Dickersons



Denise Dickerson - September 13, 2025 at 11:16 PM

MH

Well brother you going to be missed how many days when we were both young you was playing in the band with your family I was playing in the band on the drums with with James Doss Linda doss I remember playing down at Clarksville at the fairgrounds one time u was so young and I was so young going to miss you brother going to see you soon your buddy and your friend Marty Harris

Martin Harris - September 16, 2025 at 04:24 PM

NM

We knew Dewayne for a short while but he was a true friend. I know he loved his family much. His baby brother he was so proud always talking about him and always respected Randall advice and opinions. Randall and Dickbo was the best people when we met them. Will be missed terribly and not forgotten 💔

Norvin & Mikki McDaniel - September 28, 2025 at 09:40 PM