



Lawrence "Rusty" Wilbur Russell IV

August 1, 1981 - January 26, 2018

In the early morning of January 26, 2018, Lawrence Wilbur Russell, IV, known to all as Rusty, gained his angel wings. He died from his addiction to heroin. Rusty's struggle with his addiction was lifelong, and he fought tirelessly until the end. Rusty's legacy will be his never-ending love for others, his life, his understanding ear, his caring heart, and his sense of humor. He was able to die a happy man.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Ashley Green Russell; his grandparents, John and Leona O'Connor, Lawrence and Claire Russell, and Vernon Hopkins; his stepfather, Ronnie Bynaker; and brother Bobby Bynaker. He is survived by his grandmothers, Elise Russell and Sally Hopkins; his parents, Lynn and Larry Russell and Amy Hopkins; his siblings, Amanda and Matt Gosnell, Andrew and Ashley Russell, David Bynaker, Sara Hoxter, and Brenda Oppong. He left behind his fiancé and love of his life, Jessica Courtney; and their four children, Calista, Cameron, Leona, and Julie. He also leaves behind his two nephews, Jonathan and Grayson, and his best friend, Jennifer Davis.

Family and friends may visit on Thursday, February 1, 2018, from 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Chester, MD, where a memorial service will be held on Friday, February 2, 2018, at 11 am.

In lieu of flowers, the family has created an account at Shore United Bank for his children. You can make a donation at any branch under the name of "Amanda Lynn Russell" or make a donation online at [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com) listed under Rusty's girls.

As many of Rusty's loved ones know, he was always there to offer an ear during a time of need and this was especially true for his recovery family. If you are in recovery or struggling with your sobriety, we beg you to reach out to someone or 1-800-422-0009 for help so that your loved ones do not have to suffer as his family has.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
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FEB 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

FEB 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lawrence "Rusty" Wilbur Russell IV*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 30, 2018 at 04:11 PM



“ *Lawrence "Rusty" Wilbur Russell IV*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Lawrence "Rusty" Wilbur Russell IV*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM

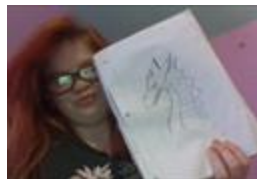


“ *Lawrence "Rusty" Wilbur Russell IV*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



leona russell - January 26, 2021 at 11:25 AM



“ I am very sorry to hear about this young man's passing. I knew who he was when I read his name in the obituary. In 1986-87 I worked in the Kindergarten room at Central Childcare in Edgewater. I vividly remember Rusty from that class and still have photos of the children from my time there. He was always a happy kid who made everyone laugh. I am very sad that his addiction won and I pray for his family, especially his children, that they would find comfort in his memories. My deepest condolences and continued prayer.

Sue Ridout-Moore

Sue Moore - February 06, 2018 at 09:22 PM

AR

THank you Ms. Sue

amanda russell - February 10, 2018 at 11:28 AM

DB

“ Rusty - I am so sorry your demon that you fought, finally won. I will never forget the look on your face when you would spend time with your girls for family visit at the Jude house. Jimmy was always talking about how positive you were. I hope you and Jimmy are enjoying each other's company and laughing like there is no tomorrow. Always watch over Jessica and the kids.....fly high Friend



Denise Biggar - February 05, 2018 at 07:26 AM

KL

“ Rusty I will always remember when your worked at the bridge store. That loud laugh and all the goofy things you,Justin, And Brandon did! It gave me a few gray hairs! I will remember you with Jess and the kids and how hard you guys worked to be a family and how in love you guys were. My heart hurts thinking of the dreams you guys had that will never happen Rest In Peace Rusty your demons are gone. the fight you lived with is over Please help everyone get through this. Wrap your arms around Jess and your family and let them know somehow they will be ok

kimberlea lent - February 01, 2018 at 10:32 AM

DC

“ Debbie Cox lit a candle in memory of Lawrence "Rusty" Wilbur Russell IV



Debbie Cox - February 01, 2018 at 01:23 AM

DR

“ Donna Reeseey lit a candle in memory of Lawrence "Rusty" Wilbur Russell IV



Donna Reeseey - January 31, 2018 at 04:31 PM

SB

“ Sharon Blackwell lit a candle in memory of Lawrence "Rusty" Wilbur Russell IV



sharon blackwell - January 31, 2018 at 12:03 PM

RD

“ Robin Dechaine lit a candle in memory of Lawrence "Rusty" Wilbur Russell IV



Robin dechaine - January 30, 2018 at 05:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Rusty" Wilbur Russell IV.



January 30, 2018 at 06:42 AM

DK

“ Dale & Kayla lit a candle in memory of Lawrence "Rusty" Wilbur Russell IV



Dale & Kayla - January 29, 2018 at 11:40 PM

LL

“ Wow i just can't believe he's gone . Rusty loved to laugh . He also loved telling jokes n doing anything he could to get a laugh out of ya n if u didn't laugh he was still happy bc he would get at least a smile 😊 from ya n that always made him feel good . anytime he saw anyone feeling down n Lord knows i felt down alot rusty would always go that extra mile to get at least a smile bc in his mind he figured if ur smiling n or laughing he was helping . Don't get me wrong Rusty was a good guy n a good dad but he also had his problems n what saddens my heart is that his problems took him away n away to soon n my heart breaks for his girls not only to have lost their mom Ashley but now to have lost their dad . Rusty n Ashley may u both rest in peace. My thoughts n prayers go out to his Girls n to his Family .

Lisa loveless - January 29, 2018 at 09:28 PM

JA

“ Geez Busta where do begin As I a was scrolling through my news feed waiting to see when your services was I thought about the first time I meet you hanging out with the older group just trying to be cool up walk this tall big dude with a red face wide grin and and glasses. You took one look at me and said what are u doing out past the street lights this ant daycare .. from that moment on I was the good girl ... You never judged me when I rather read book and spend time with dutchess verses getting wasted. You use to tell me don't be a follower like the clowns be you and make your own path ... never judged me when started hanging out with the rest.. I use to be like hide me crusty rusty going to wanna hug me and boy oh boy there was no escaping it any one who know u back then knew coping a feel with that hug was only Busta Rus as the years past u except our friendship would never be anything but friends . The time I spent living with ur dad Mr Larry you where a pain you would keep me and Megan buckle up late for peace pipe session and conversation about why our life was so hard . The mornings we wake up to damn buck barking in my window looking at u.. and u blaring some old school hip hop talking about get up your asses got school oh and how Megan and I tried to procrsanate just so we miss the bus's . But after working all night you still take us the school oh but it was no joy ride u give us shit be serious but then baggin up as u realised we just didn't wanna ride the bus. I'll never forget the shit eaten grin mixed with seriousness on your face the night you cought me peepin out my window as we witnessed a joyride/bet. Play out. You loved every one as u wanted to be loved but u always spoke ur mind . Even though you didn't really realise it then I hope you see the way u touched each one of our hearts from up there in heaven and know we all loved you when you where here on Earth. Hug all our friends up in heaven I know from here on out they will have one hell of a friend again. R.i.p Busta Rus.... Until we meet again .. tell buck 🐕 calm down

Jaylene - January 29, 2018 at 10:41 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Rusty" Wilbur Russell IV.*



January 29, 2018 at 08:52 AM



“ *My condolences to the family for the loss of your dear loved one. May the power of prayer help sustain you during this difficult time and the peace of God be with you. Philippians 4:6,7*

WI - January 29, 2018 at 05:40 AM



“ *I have so many memories of Rusty. His laughter, his smile, his love for his family. Taking him and Mandy to daycare. being at the mall, trying to keep up with the two little brats, haha. He loved his family with all he had. His girls meant the world to him. I wasn't official, but he has always been my Godson and my nephew. Loved you even through we didn't see much of each other, never far from my thought and never left my heart. Rest in peace, fly high and watch over all. The best memories I could ever have, being part of Lynn, Mandy and Rusty's life. Thank you for that. Love to all. Aunt Lei*

robert s. miller jr. - January 28, 2018 at 08:12 PM



“ *My last memory of Rusty was a hug at the 4th of July party before he left. I have a million memories of all the camping trips as the kids were growing up. I did his make up for a clown costume of which he would have won the adult division but he backed out telling judges he wasn't an adult.*

Rose - January 28, 2018 at 07:26 PM