



Maxwell Starnes Hess

June 15, 2026

Maxwell Starnes Hess (Max), 55, of Byron, Georgia, passed away on June 15, 2026.

Born and raised in Salisbury, he was a 1989 graduate of West Rowan High School and later earned his Bachelor of Science degree from East Carolina University. He was dedicated employee of CSX Railroad for over a decade. Max was a devoted father, son and brother. He was preceded in death by Charles Hess and William Comer, his fathers in heaven.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughters, Olivia, Emma, and Lilly; his mother, Carol Comer; his sisters, Casey Hess Grimsley (Shayne), Judy Comer Hargis and brothers, Bill Comer Jr. (Andrea), John Comer (Pam), Tom Comer (Jan), Bob Comer (Phyllis) and his nephews, Ethan Grimsley and Jackson Grimsley, along with many extended family members, friends, and colleagues.

A celebration of Max's life will be held on Friday, June 26, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Salisbury, North Carolina, officiated by Rev. Steve Gandy. A reception will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Max was known for his unwavering work ethic, determination, and ambitious spirit. He faced life's challenges with grit and resolve, always striving to do his best and build a better future for his family. His strong work ethic, quiet strength, and relentless drive were qualities admired by many and will remain part of the legacy he leaves behind.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Hess family. Online condolences

may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Service

JUN **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church Salisbury
223 N. Fulton St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

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