

## **Nathan Ridge Bivens**

Written by Noah Lockamy

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Nathan Ridge Bivens, age 17, of Hickory Nut Gap Road, Banner Elk, was carried peacefully into the arms of Jesus, Wednesday morning, January 23, 2013, at his home.

Nathan is survived by his parents, Keith Lee Bivens and Rebecca Trivette Bivens of the home; his maternal grandparents, Reverend Richard L. and Margaret Trivette of Banner Elk; his paternal grandparents, Gary and Barbara Bivens, and Judy and Steve Whisnant of Maiden, and his maternal great-grandmother, Rebecca Pearl Tester (Rebecca's Grandmother) of Blowing Rock. He is also survived by a number of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A celebration of Nathan's life will be conducted Saturday afternoon, January 26, 2013, at 2:00 o'clock, at Mount Vernon Baptist Church. The body will lie in state, at the church, from 1:00 until 2:00 o'clock. Officiating will be Reverend Bud Russell, Pastor David Trivette, Reverend Richard Trivette, and Dr. John Wilson. Burial will follow in the Mount Vernon Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Saturday afternoon, from 1:00 until 2:00 o'clock, at the church, prior to the service. At other times, friends may call at the home of the maternal grandparents, Reverend Richard and Margaret Trivette, 6501 Hickory Nut Gap Road, Banner Elk.

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Memorial contributions may be made to National MPS Society, PO Box 14686, Durham, North Carolina, 27709, or to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central and Western North Carolina, 212 South Tryon Steet, Charlotte, North Carolina, 28281.

The family's wishes are for everyone to wear purple, in memory and awareness of Nathan's M.P.S.

Online condolences may be sent to the Bivens family at [www.hamptonfuneralinc.com](http://www.hamptonfuneralinc.com).

Hampton Funeral and Cremation Service is in charge of the arrangements.