

## Eric Fortner

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Eric David Fortner, 29, of Boone, passed away Sunday, March 31st, 2013.

Eric is the son of Debbie and Bob Rasmussen of Boone, and Rick and Lovie Fortner of Bryson City, NC. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Venis and Edna Watkins, and Dorothy Rasmussen. In addition to his parents, he is survived by Charles Rasmussen, step-brother; and Kelsea Woodard, step-sister; grandparents, Joyce and Dave Wiggins, and John Fortner, Jr., all of Bryson City, Robert Rasmussen, Sr. of Omaha, Nebraska; and his beloved pet, protector, and best , friend 'Tyson'.

A celebration of Eric's life will be held Tuesday afternoon, April 2, 2013, at 2 o'clock, at the Austin & Barnes Funeral Chapel, officiated by a special friend of the family for many years, Cynthia Viola. The family will receive friends Tuesday afternoon from 1 until 2 o'clock one hour prior to services at Austin & Barnes Funeral Home. Following the celebration of Eric's life, a gathering of family and friends will take place on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Watauga Humane Society, PO Box 1835, Boone, NC 28607, or to a charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at the website  
[austinandbarnesfuneralhome.com](http://austinandbarnesfuneralhome.com)

Austin & Barnes Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Fortner family.