

## *When I'm Gone*

*When I come to the end of my journey  
And I travel my last weary mile  
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned  
And remember only the smile*

*Forget unkind words I have spoken  
Remember some good I have done  
Forget that I ever had heartache  
And remember I've had loads of fun*

*Forget that I've stumbled and blundered  
And sometimes fell by the way  
Remember I have fought some hard battles  
And won, ere the close of the day*

*Then forget to grieve for my going  
I would not have you sad for a day  
But in summer just gather some flowers  
And remember the place where I lay*

*And come in the shade of evening  
When the sun paints the sky in the west  
Stand for a few moments beside me  
And remember only my best*

*Harrisburg*  
FUNERAL & CREMATION

## *Celebration of Life*

### **Christopher Albert Leach**



**Sunrise**  
April 9, 1970

**Sunset**  
January 16, 2025

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Visitation: 1:00 P.M.

Funeral Service: 1:30 P.M.

Highland Acres Church of Christ  
1301 McLaughlin St  
Statesville, NC 28677

# Obituary

Christopher Albert Leach, 54, of Statesville, NC passed away on January 16, 2025.

He was born on April 9, 1970 in Statesville, NC to Lamon Albert Leach, Jr. and Callie Faye Fisher Leach.

He graduated from Statesville High School where he was on the wrestling team. After high school, he attended Job Corp.

He is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Lamon J. Leach and Daisy Smyre Leach; and his maternal grandparents William Fisher and Bessie Lee Fisher.

Along with his parent, Chris is survived by his brother, Michael (Amy) Fisher; brother, Eddie (Melissa) Leach; sister, Candi Thigpen; sister, Tish Leach; sister, Keshia (Ryan) Lancaster; and a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family.

In his younger years, you could find Chris with friends at the skating rink where he became a very impressive skater. Some of his skating skills were unmatched by those in attendance.

Chris enjoyed music and movies, but his passion was for fishing. He would often retreat to the solitude of the lake or a pond to enjoy a day of fishing. He was generous sharing his hauls with family and friends.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the doctors and staff at Iredell Memorial Hospital who took care of Chris over the years of illness. A heartfelt thank you to the staff at Gordon Hospice House for walking us through such a difficult time. Your encouraging words, hugs and support will never be forgotten. Please consider making memorial donation to Gordon Hospice House in Chris's honor.

# Order of Service

Processional (Minister and Family)

Moments of Sharing (1:00 – 1:25)

Invocation.....Al Simmons

Congregational Singing.....Lawrence Hall, Leader

Scripture Reading

Old Testament (Psalm 23).....George Stevenson

New Testament (John 14:1-6).....Selwyn Tabor

Prayer of Comfort..... Mason McCullough

Acknowledgements.....Carol Reid

Congregational Singing.....Lawrence Hall, Leader

Message of Comfort.....Al Simmons

Recessional

