Dear Friends and Family of Gary Saunders,

"To know Gary was to love Gary!" is the comment you will hear when talking about him. The music was always sweeter and the laughter more joyful when Gary was around. Sadly, we have all missed our buddy since his passing on August 10, 2020. His many friends want to honor his memory with an ongoing music scholarship. We hope that you will help make this a reality. Sincerely,

The Friends of Gary Saunders

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## DONATE TO THIS SPECIAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP!

Gary Saunders's friends announce the new *Gary Saunders Dr. Banjo Jam Camp Scholarship*. The scholarship will be administered by the Wilkes Acoustic Folk Society of which Gary was an active member. WAFS is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization focused on nurturing musical appreciation and talent. The mission of the WAFS is to support and preserve our musical heritage. Gary was an example of what this group stands for as a fine musician and a big supporter, teacher and encourager of young musicians. He was known not only for his incredible musical talent, but his humor, storytelling, hunting, and fishing escapades, and his extra big heart of encouragement and help to others.

This scholarship is to be a yearly way to honor Gary's memory by awarding one deserving recipient (for ages 10 and above) to attend Pete Wernick's "Dr. Banjo" Jam Camp, for all string instruments. The Gary Saunders Scholarship covers tuition for the three day Jam Camp held during the week of Merlefest and is located at YMCA Camp Harrison in Boomer, NC. Participants are responsible for lodging and meals. Applications and details for the scholarship can be found online at <a href="https://www.wilkesfolks.org">www.wilkesfolks.org</a>. Look under Pete Wernick, Dr. Banjo Jam Camp. Additional information concerning the Jam Camp is available at <a href="https://www.DrBanjo.com">www.DrBanjo.com</a>.