



Mr. Derek Lee Chastain

December 18, 1980 - August 1, 2020

Derek Lee Chastain, cherished husband, father, son, brother, uncle, cousin, nephew and friend was killed in a car accident in Scottsboro, AL on Saturday, August 1, 2020, he was 39.

Born December 18, 1980, Derek lived his early childhood in Chickamauga, GA and later called Chattanooga, TN and Scottsboro, AL his home. He attended Hixson High School, graduated from Oxford High School and attended Jacksonville State University.

Derek started his 22-year restaurant/bartending career in 1998 at Applebee's Grill & Bar in Hixson, TN and was working as a Manager at Applebee's Grill & Bar in Fort Payne, AL at the time of his death. He spent 15 years of his career working as Manager and Bartender at The Docks in Scottsboro "behind the pine" which he proudly called bartending, where he loyally served his customers food, drinks, friendship, kindness and love with smart, quick-witted humor.

Derek married his best friend Steffany Grentz on November 11, 2011. A devoted father, Derek was most proud of his three children Lily, Dylan and Brooklyn; he loved them with all his heart and enjoyed spending family time with them and his wife Steffany. A Top Gun movie fan, he would playfully respond to them with phrases from it like "negative ghost rider, the pattern is

full” or “talk to me Goose”. Derek was an avid outdoor BBQ and grill master, making his own sauces and rubs and always up for trying new techniques. He was a protective big brother to his sister Jennifer but never missed an opportunity to poke fun or remind her just how lucky he thought she was to have him as her brother.

Derek is survived by his wife Steffany, children Lily Jones, Dylan and Brooklyn Chastain; parents Raymond Chastain Jr. (Tonya) of Scottsboro, AL, Criss Martin Grant (George) of Chattanooga, TN; sister Jennifer Young (Ryan) of Soddy Daisy, TN; grandfather Raymond Chastain Sr. (Evon) of Chattanooga, TN; aunts and uncles Richard Chastain (Ted) of Nashville, TN, Missy Martin Davis of Ringgold, GA, Tony Martin (Amy) of Thompsettown, PA; In laws Mary Lou Upton, Jarred Grentz (Amy), Jamie Grentz; cousins, Bridget Neelley (Jeremy), Mackenzie and Bryce Martin; niece and nephews Madison Ledbetter (Ryley), Heath Brockman (Courtney), Marlee McBride, Maya and Halle Grentz, Alyssa, Connor and Easton Young. He was preceded in death by grandparents Barbara Chastain, Mark Martin, Mary Martin Gray; nephew Hunter Haislip, niece Rylan Brockman.

Derek had a heart of gold and was loved by all who knew him, a memorial service for family and close friends will be held 2:00 p.m. Central time Sunday, August 9, 2020 at Scottsboro Funeral Home. There will be no visitation, a celebration of Derek's life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements Entrusted to Scottsboro Funeral Home

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Derek Lee Chastain*

October 05, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Mom - June 13, 2021 at 11:20 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Mom - June 13, 2021 at 11:18 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Mom - June 13, 2021 at 11:17 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mom - June 13, 2021 at 11:15 AM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Mom - June 13, 2021 at 11:11 AM

CO

“ Cow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Lee Chastain



cow - March 16, 2021 at 01:32 PM

MO

“ 10 files added to the album Life Tributes



Mom - August 10, 2020 at 04:46 AM

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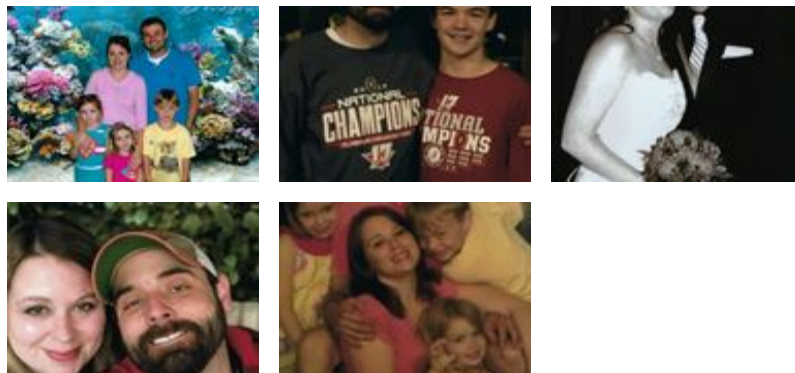
“ Mom lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Lee Chastain



Mom - August 10, 2020 at 04:15 AM



“ 24 files added to the album Life Tributes



Scottsboro Funeral Home and Pinehaven Memorial Gardens - August 09, 2020 at 10:02 AM



“ *ElizabethandScott Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Lee Chastain*



ElizabethandScott Kennedy - August 09, 2020 at 02:57 AM



“ *Scott and I cannot express how sorry and heartbroken we are for your loss . Derek was a great husband and father. He loved y'all with all his heart. He was also our dear friend. He will be greatly missed. Praying for comfort and peace . We love y'all ! We are here if there is anything we can do.*

ElizabethandScott Kennedy - August 09, 2020 at 02:57 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Derek Lee Chastain.*



August 07, 2020 at 03:30 PM



“ *May God be with the family and friends and embrace all of them and help them through all of this.*

Kelly janecel - August 07, 2020 at 02:50 PM

DH

“ David Hatchett purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Derek Lee Chastain.



David Hatchett - August 07, 2020 at 11:22 AM

SW

“ Steffany I am so sorry. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. If you need anything, just let me know.
Love you! ❤️❤️

shelly walker - August 06, 2020 at 11:20 PM

WM

“ Steffany, you and the family are in my thoughts and prayers. Derek will be missed by many.
Wayne McDaniel

Wayne McDaniel - August 06, 2020 at 04:46 PM

SW

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Derek. Family will be in my thoughts and prayers. I love you Raymond & Tonya. If you need anything, please let me know.

shelly walker - August 06, 2020 at 02:26 PM

SW

“ *Shelly Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Lee Chastain*



shelly walker - August 06, 2020 at 02:25 PM

JV

“ *Sending love and prayers to you and your family, Criss. We are so sad for your unimaginable loss and pray for the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding.*
Jenni Veal



Jenni Veal - August 06, 2020 at 01:57 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Derek Lee Chastain.*



August 06, 2020 at 12:13 PM

JN

“ *This is such a tragedy. I'm very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.*

Jeanne Whitlock Neperud - August 06, 2020 at 12:01 PM

AB

“ Tonya, My love and prayers are with you and your family in the loss of your son Derek.

Alice Marie Billingsley

Alice Marie Billingsley - August 06, 2020 at 10:24 AM

BJ

“ My sincerest sympathies on the untimely death of Derek. There are no words that can ease your pain, but please know that our hearts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. We didn't know Derek, but we know, work with and love his Mom - Criss. She is part of our SETD family and we are sending lots of prayers and virtual hugs of comfort your way!

Beth Jones

Beth Jones - August 06, 2020 at 10:24 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Derek Lee Chastain.



August 06, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Derek Lee Chastain.



August 06, 2020 at 09:52 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mr. Derek Lee Chastain.*



August 06, 2020 at 09:29 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Derek Lee Chastain.*



August 05, 2020 at 10:50 PM



“ *Sandy Mashburn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Lee Chastain*



Sandy Mashburn - August 05, 2020 at 09:56 PM



“ *When I would keep Derek as a toddler, he would use my husbands pager and walk around talking in it like a walky talking and after he left I would find candy wrappers in the couch cushions, what a cutie and charmer even back then.
I love you, and will miss you dearly.
Aunt Missy*

Malissa Davis - August 05, 2020 at 09:51 PM

DA

“ Derek was employed at *The Docks* restaurant when Chris and I first met him. He was a loyal and devoted employee, so much so that we thought he was family. I guess, in fact, he was. Family is not always blood. He always had a kind word, a joke and a caring heart. We loved you Derek, you will be missed beyond words.

Dama Allen - August 05, 2020 at 08:55 PM

LB

“ This is just exactly what an obituary should be. He will be so missed.

linda bray - August 05, 2020 at 04:16 PM

EG

“ Ellen Gay lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Lee Chastain



Ellen Gay - August 05, 2020 at 04:00 PM