



Mr. Matthew David Bennett

October 20, 2019

Mr. Matthew Bennett age 40 a resident of Uniontown, AL passed away on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at a local hospital. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. from the Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, AL.

Matthew David Bennett, a beloved son, brother, father, uncle, and friend. He was born in Dothan Alabama on March 13, 1979, moved to Tennessee with his family as a child where his love for the mountains was born. Then they moved to Sebring, Florida at the age of 8, and he grew up there making great friends along the way. In high school he was active in band playing trumpet, and was an intelligent young man, graduating with honors and in the top 10 people in his class of 1997 at Sebring High School. He attended college at Florida Southern in Lakeland, Florida and was active in Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. He graduated in 2002. During his summer months and after college graduation, he served at Ridge Haven, a Christian youth summer camp in Brevard, NC where he impacted many young lives in a positive way. There he met Melissa Hall who would be his wife. They were married in 2002 in Zachary, LA. He worked in youth ministry in Lexington, NC at Meadowview Reformed Presbyterian Church and also in Cape Coral, FL at Evangelical Presbyterian Church and Providence Christian School continuing to impact young lives. His first child, Ella was born there. In 2008 they moved to St Louis, MO for him to attend Covenant Theological Seminary, and he graduated there in 2012. While they lived there, their other children Stone,

Rowen, and Scarlett were born. While in St Louis, Matt worked at several restaurants and food service businesses. Their family moved to Baton Rouge in 2015. Sadly, he and his wife divorced earlier this year.

Matt loved others well, he was a shoulder to cry on, would give the shirt off his back, and could make so many laugh with his humor. He enjoyed Alabama football, Star Wars, Marvel comics, Lord of the Rings, and so much more. He loved his kids so much.

On Thursday, Oct 17 he had a brain hemorrhage and was not able to be saved. Part of Matt's journey in life included a struggle with depression and alcohol. His family share this because that played a role in his passing. If you are also struggling, they long for you to be vulnerable, honest, and seek help for a better, healthier path and so that your family doesn't have to go through this too.

However, Matt left this world as positively as possible, a true hero, as he had made a decision to give his organs so others could live and/or have enhanced life from tissues donated. Consider being a hero like him.

We have all been blessed to have known him and to have loved him. Along with his children, Matt is survived by his parents Al & Diann Bennett and sister Rebecca Kitron ; nephew and nieces. The family will greet friends following the memorial service at the church.

Brookside Funeral Home of Millbrook, AL directing.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **26**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church
Birmingham, AL

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Matthew David Bennett*

October 09, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ *Mr. Matthew David Bennett*

October 07, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ *I just heard about Matt passing. You were a loyal friend and employee. We had such great memories of all the jobs we did together. As much as you were going through with life, you were always there when business was slow, and you stayed when I couldn't afford payroll. I have so much respect for you my friend, I just wish I could have done more for you as you did for me. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I hope you are at peace now. Again buddy I am saddened to hear about your passing.*

Your friend.

Jody Aucoin

jody Aucoin - December 22, 2019 at 11:22 PM



“ *I was so broken when I heard the news.. he was such an amazing person and I honestly can't believe this.. he and I worked together and he was one of the best friends I've ever had.. my condolences to the family and other friends. I just wish I would've been able to talk to him again..*

Victoria Dickerson - November 09, 2019 at 12:02 PM

DG

“*REV. Al Bennett, I just received this awful news of the passing of his beloved son Matthew. MAY OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST COMFORT YOU AND YOUR WIFE IN THIS HORRIFIC TIME IN YOUR LIVES. Remember all the good Matthew stood for in your lives and all of the people he touched... So so sorry for this loss..... VOVE DALE AND LORI GRUBB... SEBRING FLORIDA..*

DALE GRUBB - October 30, 2019 at 12:24 PM

PJ

“*One of my memories of Matt is when we interviewed him for the position of youth pastor at EPC. We asked him “what is your passion?” and he answered, “my wife, Melissa.” We loved Matt and he was a great blessing to many youth.*
Pam and Bob Johns

Pam Johns - October 26, 2019 at 11:55 AM



“*Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Matthew David Bennett.*



October 26, 2019 at 09:08 AM

BW

“*Barbara Winkleblack lit a candle in memory of Mr. Matthew David Bennett*



Barbara Winkleblack - October 25, 2019 at 09:21 PM