



Derek Michael Elam

July 14, 1992 - March 9, 2018

Derek Michael Elam, son of Mark Allen Elam and Teresa Darlene (Hudgens) Elam, was born July 14, 1992 in Springfield, Missouri. He passed away Friday, March 9, 2018 having attained the age of 25 years.

As a young boy, Derek grew up in the Laquey, Missouri area where he graduated from high school.

Derek stayed in the area and began working for David Hanson at Mid-America Trailer Manufacturing Company, where he worked as a powder coat painter for six years.

On December 31, 2016, Derek was united in marriage to Korynn Alicia Steinman in Springfield, Missouri.

In his spare time, Derek enjoyed playing basketball, swimming in the lake, playing Madden on the X-box and watching Sunday football, especially his favorite team....the Dallas Cowboys. He also loved music and enjoyed singing and writing his own music. One of his favorite things to do was eat, especially anything with Valentine Salsa.

Most importantly, he loved his son and spending time with his family every chance he could. Derek will be sadly missed by all those that knew and loved

him.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Korynn Elam of the home; his son Kase Michael-Allen Elam of the home; his father, Mark Elam and his wife, Debra of Cisco, TX; his mother and step-father, Teresa Elam of Lebanon, MO and Miguel Arredondo of Tulsa, OK; one sister, Jessica Scott (Victor Gomez), and their children, Jaime and Jariel of Marshfield, MO; one brother, Mark Elam-Garrett of Springfield, MO; step-siblings, Victor Arredondo of Roswell, NM, Victoria Arredondo of Roswell, NM, Billy Messer (Alissa Stoner) of Lebanon, MO, and Hope Messer of Lebanon, MO; his maternal grandmother, Thelma Tackett (Howard) of Lebanon, MO; his paternal grandfather, Kenneth Elam of Lebanon, MO; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Tammy and Steve Shultz of Fort Smith, AR; a number of aunts, uncles, cousins; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Derek was preceded in death by one brother: Jeremy Scott; his maternal grandfather: Loren Hudgens; and his paternal grandmother: Betty Elam.

A Celebration of Life service was held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, March 17, 2018 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Pastor Danny Graves officiating. Derek's mother, Teresa Elam, read several family members and friends wonderful memories of Derek. The songs "God, Your Momma and Me", "I'm Already There" and "You Should Be Here" were played. Serving as honorary escorts were Victor Gomez, Devon Williams, Dallas Austin, G.W. Hobbs, Billy Messer and Miguel Arr.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Derek Elam and may be left at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Derek Michael Elam*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - March 17, 2018 at 02:00 PM

ME

*My Son,
I miss you, knowing you are no longer here, I will always miss you. I love you more than there is words to say. Son, You go now and rest, your work here is done. I love you, Dad*

Mark Elam - March 17, 2018 at 11:16 PM

TE

*Derek,
I miss your smile, the twinkling in your eye and being just one call away! You brought me great joy many times and to so many people, loved life and loved with all your heart. Your free spirit, song of heart, so many things I shall miss. I am and always will be proud of all you overcame and accomplished! God has you in his arms, I have you in my heart. Your memory is a keepsake in which I'll never part. I love you, Mom*

Teresa Elam - March 27, 2018 at 12:22 AM

SS

My dearest friend Teresa I know what you are going through but know that Derek is in a much better place I won't lie this is the hardest thing you will do but if you need to cry you cry because those are memories of the awesome man you raised

Shelly sargent - March 27, 2018 at 04:03 AM

AH

Oh my god, this video hit me very VERY hard. I miss you forever buddy, we had SUCH great times together

Arlinda Hughes - March 27, 2018 at 11:50 AM



“ *Derek Michael Elam*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *42 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - March 16, 2018 at 05:21 PM


DuRonda
DePreist

“ Me and my boyfriend Justin Brewer and my daughter Marlena had such a pleasure of knowing you and your family. I am so saddened by this. This is the first death I've ever had affect me and you're not even related to me. I considered you a really good friend and I'm so sadly hurt you are gone so soon. first person I've cried over to a death I can honestly say that I can barely believe that you're gone. I really hope that we can make it to your funeral. we miss you. Derek we all miss you. Please keep an eye on your family that's still here with us they need you right now. I'm going to sit here and think of all the great times that we had even though we didn't know each other long you're still a very important person that was in my life. Love and miss you Derek I'll see you on the other side one day. I'm trying not to cry while writing this but the tears keep flowing.



DuRonda DePreist - March 15, 2018 at 08:59 PM

RB

“ Teresa, My heart aches for you...I am beyond sorry for your loss. Sending thoughts and prayers to you and your family at this sad time. Love you!!!

Rhonda and Don Brown - March 15, 2018 at 12:29 PM

GG

“ I remember my first little summer job was getting to baby sit Derek. Every time they came over we would swim in the pool for hours, how we never broke that thing with the tidal waves we had going I have no clue.... then about 15 years later I ran into him again and he actually remembered our family dog at the time Tyson, I was amazed he remembered that dog... for the family... I'm so deeply sorry for the loss.. I will be thinking and praying for guys a lot! Love you all!

Gentri Gruenwald - March 15, 2018 at 08:24 AM

BP

“ *Brenda Pentecost lit a candle in memory of
Derek Michael Elam*



Brenda Pentecost - March 15, 2018 at 12:04 AM



“ *Brenda York Wood lit a candle in memory of
Derek Michael Elam*



Brenda York Wood - March 14, 2018 at 09:29 PM

RB

“ *Sorry for your loss! Thoughts and prayers!*



Robin Ballhagen - March 14, 2018 at 03:59 PM

RW

“ *Roberta Wilson lit a candle in memory of
Derek Michael Elam*



Roberta Wilson - March 14, 2018 at 02:48 PM

PG

“ *Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Derek Michael Elam*



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - March 14, 2018 at 10:10 AM

BS

“ *“May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord shine his face upon you and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.” Numbers 6: 24-26*

Bryan Steele - March 13, 2018 at 03:03 PM