



## Jared Decker

January 13, 1983 - December 28, 2018

On Friday, December 28, 2018, Pastor Jared Decker, loving husband and father of six children and pastor of Grandview Pines Baptist Church, went to be with His Saviour at the age of 35. Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 4, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. from Stanhope Elmore High School Gymnasium with Pastor Edward Decker officiating. The family will receive friends at Stanhope Elmore gymnasium on Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Jared was born on January 13, 1983, in Kilgore, TX to Pastor Edward and Melody (Brown) Decker. He grew up under his father's leadership as a vital part of the music, children's, and outreach ministry as he prepared to fulfill God's plan for his life. Jared began pastoring Grandview Pines Baptist Church on January 17, 2007 where he has faithfully loved and led his church for the past 12 years. He ministered annually in Nigeria teaching nationals how to reach boys and girls with the gospel. Jared also served as a chaplain for the Millbrook Police Department, loving the time he got to spend with our officers. On October 4, 2002, Jared married April Smith Decker. They have two daughters: Lydia and Ruth; and four sons: Caleb, Josiah, Timothy, and Micah. He was such a loving and devoted husband and father, a dedicated pastor, a true friend, and the most precious son and brother. Jared was passionate about life and so much fun to be around with his abundant energy, hugs, smiles, and witty sense of humor.

Jared loved the Lord and loved making a difference. He had the biggest

servant's heart and was always available for anyone who needed him while making a lasting impact upon many lives. He served his Lord well with complete surrender and sacrificial devotion.

Jared was preceded in death by many beloved family members and is survived by his loving wife April and their six children: Lydia, Caleb, Josiah, Ruth, Timothy, and Micah; his parents: Pastor Ed and Melody Decker; a sister: Felicia Ross, her husband Michael, and their children: Abigail, Elisabeth, Jonathan, Julia, Rebecca, and Sarah; a brother: Pastor Bobby Decker, his wife Brandi, and their three children: Kathleen, Victoria, and Liberty; his uncle/big brother Kenny Decker and family, as well as other aunts, uncles, cousins, along with an innumerable host of others who loved him as family. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Jared Decker Memorial Fund at any branch of First Community Bank.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 4. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Stanhope Elmore High School Gymnasium  
4300 Main Street  
Millbrook, AL 36054

## Service

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CH

“ *Prattville Health and Rehab staff, residents and families send our deepest condolences to Pastor Decker's family and all the faithful members at Grandview Pines Baptist Church. He was a very important person in all of our lives and his memory will remain in our hearts.*

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**Cecilia Howe** - January 03, 2019 at 04:01 PM

SS

“ *Was able to visit with Jared and April at SMITE this summer after not seeing them for a few years. It was so good catching up and was such a blessing that Jared helped me with my flat tire. Never would I have imagined it would be the last time seeing him. I keep thinking of him up there in Heaven having a great time. April you and the children and all of Jared's family have been in my prayers many times a day.*

*Love in Christ,*

*Shellie Sumler*

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**Shellie Sumler** - January 02, 2019 at 10:49 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jared Decker.*



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January 02, 2019 at 05:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jared Decker.*



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January 02, 2019 at 05:30 PM



“ *Brother Jared was one of the finest young men I have ever known. I would give all that I own to have a son like him. —Dr. Tim Padgett*

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**Tim Padgett** - January 02, 2019 at 04:51 PM



“ *Dr. & Mrs. Mike Wells, Parkside Baptist Church, TX purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jared Decker.*



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**Dr. & Mrs. Mike Wells, Parkside Baptist Church, TX** - January 02, 2019 at 04:46 PM



“ *Dr. & Mrs. Randy Taylor & Mt. Salem Revival Grds. purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Jared Decker.*



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**Dr. & Mrs. Randy Taylor & Mt. Salem Revival Grds.** - January 02, 2019 at 04:17 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jared Decker.*



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January 02, 2019 at 11:41 AM



“ *April, honey....our love and best wishes go to you and the kids and the extended family. Love always,  
Dale and Judy Decker, MI*

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**Judy Decker** - January 02, 2019 at 08:21 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jared Decker.*



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January 01, 2019 at 09:32 PM



“ *Pastor Danny Dodson and CBC Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Jared Decker.*



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**Pastor Danny Dodson and CBC Family** - January 01, 2019 at 07:15 PM

SJ

“ *My Pastor, Jared Decker, was the friendliest person. He would greet you at the front door and be there when you left. He had a hug and kind word for EVERYONE. April, I am thinking of you and the children.*

*-Love Sandy Johnston*

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**Sandy Johnston** - January 01, 2019 at 06:10 PM

GC

“ *Grace Independent Baptist Church purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jared Decker.*



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**Grace Independent Baptist Church** - January 01, 2019 at 05:48 PM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss  
Jesus Christ Loves Me  
We Love You*



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**Thomas Widgeon** - January 01, 2019 at 10:45 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jared Decker.*



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January 01, 2019 at 12:19 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Jared Decker.*



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December 31, 2018 at 06:16 PM



“ *Joyce and Wendell Strait purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jared Decker.*



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**Joyce and Wendell Strait** - December 31, 2018 at 04:38 PM



“ *I remember the first time I drove the church bus for Grace Independent Baptist Church, Jared was the bus captain that day. I had just gotten my CDL and got stuck with the stick shift bus, I told him that I hadn't driven stick shift in a long time I don't think I can do it. I think he said I don't have a choice, which I didn't, Jared was a good sport and saw me through it. A good memory that me and Jared will share when the LORD decides to take me home, my love to the whole Decker family, I miss you all.*

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**David Freshour** - December 31, 2018 at 03:31 PM

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“ *TERESA TERRY sent a virtual gift in memory of Jared Decker*



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**TERESA TERRY** - December 31, 2018 at 03:12 PM

PH

*Our prayers are with this dear family! Patricia Holmes, GBC, Macon, GA.*

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**Patricia Holmes** - January 02, 2019 at 03:08 PM

LS

*I remember the time I forgot to pick Jared up for VBS. I was out looking for a truck to buy. When I saw Jared out looking for me, I said uh, oh! Well, I didn't do that again. Jared was a good bus captain and I enjoyed him being on my bus. Enjoyed Marie and I surprising him at his church years ago.*

*Lynwood Stevenson*

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**Lynwood Stevenson** - January 03, 2019 at 03:39 PM