



## DAVID LEE WHATLEY

July 16, 2022

David Lee Whatley, 34, went to be with Jesus on July 16, 2022. David was born on October 4, 1987, in Monroe, Louisiana. He graduated from Oak Grove High School in 2006 and UAB with a bachelor's degree in 2013. He met the love of his life, Alyssa, in kindergarten and reconnected in 2019. And were finally married on January 31, 2021.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Clarence Jasper Whatley, Sarah Jewell Whatley, James Thomas Carnes and Bettie Huey Carnes, and Uncle Jimmy Bubba Carnes.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Alyssa and stepson, Cooper, who believed he hung the moon. He is also survived by his parents Charles Whatley and Dixie Owens; cousin, Trey Carnes (Robin); father and mother-in-law, Dwaine and Janet Stanley; brother and sister-in-law, Daniel and Kaylen Melton; nephew, William Melton, a list of life-long friends too numerous to name, and lastly his faithful dog, John Michael.

David was an avid Alabama Football fan and animal lover, having many types of pets over his life (some not exactly legal). Some of his favorite musical artists were heavy metal bands that no one has probably ever heard of, and he enjoyed camping, hiking, and caving. He was never seen without his favorite white Alabama hat, which is no longer white because he refused to replace it as he had just "broken it in." David sought after a simple life with his family and most nights could be found at home watching the same movies over and over on the couch or playing cards with his wife.

He was a guy that gave everybody a hug whether you wanted it or not. He let the people he loved know just how much he cared and never missed a chance to say, "I love you". He was endlessly funny, optimistic, and always tried to see the best in every situation despite all his health issues. He was a gentleman, kind, and an amazing friend to all.

The visitation will be Wednesday, July 20, 2022, from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM at Valley Creek Baptist Church. The funeral service will begin at 2:00 PM. Bro. Josh Kueckelhan officiating. Burial will follow at Valley Creek Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I knew him when he was younger and his son last year played ball with my son he was such a sweet person! Him and my sister Tina that passed we're close in high school! This is so sad I can't believe this! Praying for everyone in his family!

amanda hyatt - August 16, 2022 at 09:40 PM

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“ I met David at Flowers Baking. I only knew him for a very short time, but was glad to have known him for the time that I did. To David's family, I have been praying for you.

Michael Lord - July 21, 2022 at 04:57 PM

JA

“ I met David through my mom, Carlean Adams, at Flowers Bakery. He had just started working there, but he greeted me so warmly as if we'd been friends forever. Every time I was there, he was happy and kind to me. You don't come across many David's everyday. I'm honored to have met him. Prayers to his wife, stepson, and parents.

Jessica Adams - July 20, 2022 at 02:26 PM



“ It was a privilege to know David. He was a very sweet young man and the world is darker without his presence. Alyssa and Cooper, I'm here for you if you need anything at all. I'm praying for you and I love you.

Gina

Gina Vines - July 20, 2022 at 10:39 AM

LM

“ I had a friend who used to say, *Life is a struggle with a few bright moments! The loss of a young person like David is one of the hardest to understand! Prayers for his sweet wife and son, for Dixie and Charles, and everyone who will miss him so much!*

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**Linda May** - July 19, 2022 at 08:27 PM

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“ *Carolyn Spradlin lit a candle in memory of DAVID LEE WHATLEY*



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**Carolyn Spradlin** - July 19, 2022 at 06:50 PM