



## Trey Bowling

December 31, 1970 - July 24, 2021

A funeral service for Orren Haskell (Trey) Bowling, III, 50, of Rusk, will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at First Baptist Church in Rusk. The service will be under the direction of Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home with Pastor Jan Michael Pate officiating. Burial will follow at Walkers Chapel Cemetery, Reklaw.

Born on December 31, 1970, in Rusk, Texas, Trey was the adored son of Sharon Jenkins Bowling and the late Orren Haskell Bowling, Jr. Through his childhood, Sharon referred to him as “Trey Trey”. The name stuck around throughout his life because it so perfectly matched his handsome looks, charming smile, big blue eyes, and fun-loving personality. He graduated from Rusk High School in 1989, and continued his education at Stephen F. Austin State University where he was a member of Theta Chi fraternity.

Trey co-owned and operated East Texas Auto in Rusk. His favorite cars to buy were those for his three girls. Most recently, he beamed with pride as he pulled up with Annie Elizabeth’s first cars, her Little Tykes Cozy Coupe and her hot pink Mercedes ride-on.

Trey became a girl-dad in the early nineties, and from that point forward his life revolved around two beautiful blonde-headed little girls. One of his favorite girl-dad roles was that of softball coach. He cherished those memories, and in

September, even posted a warning to young parents at how quickly those times pass with your children. It's as if he would have loved a chance to redo the girls' childhood at a slower pace to soak it all in again. He could not have been more proud of his girls in the most recent years though. He gained the name Aggie Dad watching them both cross the stage at college graduation and walking them both down the aisle on their most gorgeous days gaining yet another name, father-in-law. His newest name, PawPaw might just take the cake. Another name he treasured was Uncle Trey being a very proud boy-uncle.

Trey was a friend to many, a smile that brightened a room, a helper to anyone in need, and the biggest Tom Brady fan you could ever know. He referred to him as the GOAT and would love a chance to defend that claim with anyone that challenged it. He was a lover of sports, playing golf, coaching softball, and watching all levels of football.

Trey is preceded in death by his father and nephew, Parker Covington.

Trey is survived by his mother, daughters and sons-in-law, Alison and Brent Jones of Bullard, Juliann and Jacob Cheatham of Dallas, granddaughter, Annie Elizabeth Jones, nephew that he considered a son, Caleb Ferrara, sisters, Sharla Covington, Shana Ferrara and husband Ken, nephews, Conner Covington, Carter Hutchison, and Gregory Ferrara.

Pallbearers are Brent Jones, Jacob Cheatham, Caleb Ferrara, Trey Devereaux, Carter Hutchison, Tyler Baker, Conner Covington, Gregory Ferrara, Jake Ocker, and Steven Norton.

Donations may be made to the Rusk Tree of Promise, specifically for the Dream Tree, P.O. Box 605, Rusk, Texas 75785. He had the biggest heart and got so much joy from giving to others, especially at Christmas. His daughters

wish that you would continue his legacy by paying it forward.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **26.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Rusk First Baptist Church  
372 E 4th St  
Rusk, TX 75785

## First Baptist Church

JUL **27.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
372 E 4th St  
Rusk, TX 75785

# Tribute Wall



“ *Trey Bowling*

October 04, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *My daddy taught us to love big, to be kind to people, and to always give 110%. As much as he loved sports, he taught us that there were so many more important things than winning a game. He once told me that his very favorite sports memory with me was just the two of us staying in a motel and playing battle. He would go against any team I was rooting for, just to be able to call and aggravate me. I would always take the bait, and I loved every second of it! "You have to be Trey's daughter" has always been one of my very favorite things to hear. I am, and always will be, so proud to be "Trey's daughter" (and my momma's too!).*

*I know I am a little late on this, but thank you all for sharing these sweet memories - I have probably read them 100 times already!*

**Juliann Cheatham** - August 13, 2021 at 09:24 AM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Trey Bowling.*



July 29, 2021 at 06:25 PM

JO

“ One night after a few of us had golfed all day, we decided to take Trey’s Jeep out to my deer lease. It was Trey, myself, Brian Raiborn and Sam Raiborn. We were having a large time, doing what most guys do at the deer lease, when we drove up on some honey bee boxes. I don’t remember the exact time of year but it was cold enough that the bees weren’t swarming around the boxes and could hardly fly. It was at this point, and with a little liquid courage, that we decided we should open up one of the boxes and take some fresh honeycomb out for us to eat... In the midst of removing the lid and the honeycomb we somehow ended up with bees all over our clothing without us knowing. We all got back in the Jeep (remember this is 4 grown men in a 2-door Jeep) and kept cruising around, enjoying the fresh honeycomb with the heater blowing. It was at this point when the bees got warm enough to come alive. What happened next was something like a Chinese fire drill with all of us trying to exit the Jeep at the same time while Trey was trying to get the Jeep stopped all while being under attack. I don’t remember how many of us were stung that night or how many times because we were all laughing until we cried during the process. We learned that night honey was just as good store bought in a squirt bottle.

*This was just one of many stories of Trey that I can tell without any of us getting into too much trouble now. He was one of a kind.*

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**Jake Ocker** - July 28, 2021 at 11:51 PM

SJ

“ Stephanie Robinson Jones lit a candle in memory of Trey Bowling



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**Stephanie Robinson Jones** - July 28, 2021 at 05:16 PM

JL

“ *The Largent family is so sorry to hear of your loss. Trey was a good guy, always wanting to talk sports and very supportive of his girls! I enjoyed the times we spent together and was always impressed by his love for family. It is hard to see good people go so young, but we are wishing you all comfort and peace knowing that he is leaving you with many great memories. Love, Jim, Jeri, Justin and Jaci Largent*

Jim Largent - July 28, 2021 at 03:08 PM

HH

“ *“Have a large time!”  
“Make good choices!”  
“Look good, play good!”*

*So many good times with the Bowling family. Christmas Eve parties, softball trips, and gazebo hangouts. We love you all so much!*

Hillary Huggins - July 28, 2021 at 01:53 PM

CT

“ *Cathy Henry Thomas lit a candle in memory of Trey Bowling*



Cathy Henry Thomas - July 28, 2021 at 06:40 AM

DR

“ *my mother patsy holley is a customer of treys she will miss him. her prayers are with his family he will be missed. leo , pat. and roy. are with his family in spirit and prayer.*

dr.roy rowell - July 27, 2021 at 05:46 PM

SR

“ *Trey was a childhood hero of mine & a dear friend. He was an older guy that included me & was always encouraging. And when I got out of line he'd throw me in the pool or punch me in the arm. I love & miss him !*

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**Scott Ramey** - July 27, 2021 at 05:44 PM



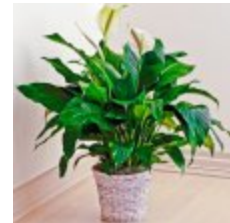
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July 27, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Trey Bowling.*



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July 27, 2021 at 10:06 AM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Trey Bowling.*



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July 27, 2021 at 09:01 AM

HF

“ Keeping the Bowling family in our thoughts and prayers!



Howie and Paige Foreman - July 27, 2021 at 08:06 AM

JR

“ Trey was a brother. We spent much of our lives together and knew each other since toddlers. We were at each other's houses very often, played all sports together, went to church camps, football camps, lifeguards, just about everything together. A memory about Trey is that he never met a stranger. In high school when someone new moved to town Trey was always the first person to welcome them, spend time with them, and get them introduced to everyone. Trey was so charismatic and was the life of any party. I loved him and I will miss him.

Jason Ramey - July 27, 2021 at 06:29 AM

CA

“ Trey always treated me like one of his own. I have so many wonderful memories growing up that I will cherish forever, a lot of mine also include the ball field! ❤️ He always had a smile on his face and he had a heart of gold!! His girls were his world and everyone that knew him, knew that! He will be missed so much.

Calah - July 27, 2021 at 01:18 AM



“ You were an awesome uncle to my son Carter. You loved him like the son you never had.  
He loved you so much! As the years went on, I noticed many of his mannerisms were the same as yours! You were such a good man, son, brother, father, etc. on so many other levels as well. I will see you again one day brother!!!

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**Brad Hutchison** - July 26, 2021 at 11:56 PM

MC

“ So very sorry for the family’s loss.

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**Mary Ann Collins Cressler** - July 26, 2021 at 08:07 PM

SD

“ Three things that instantly pop into my head when I think about Trey. One, he had the most amazing way of genuinely making you feel loved and welcome. No matter what. If you were connected to anyone in his family, you were his people. He gave everything to anyone and his home was always open to you even when he wasn’t there. Two, he had more daughters than Ali B and Hoot. He treated all their teammates as his own and loved them all. He was at every game leaning over the gym railing or standing along the fence line supporting each one and there to give a hug and usually buy dinner after. Third, he was the first one to ever give me a hard time about Tag and his helmet. He use to ask where it was when we were in the gym and pretend like he didn’t recognize him without it when when came by the house. When Easton came along and I sent him a picture he asked “Where’s his helmet?” Trey loved big and if you knew him you felt it! ❤️

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**Stephanie Dillard** - July 26, 2021 at 06:54 PM

MC

“ I don't believe Trey ever met a stranger. He was one of a kind and will truly be missed. Although I did not see him often he never failed to speak when our paths did cross. RIP my friend.!

Mary Crews - July 26, 2021 at 05:25 PM

LC

“ Luke said to me “ Somebody better post about Trey making Caleb sit on that big rock in his backyard because he was in trouble!!! It started raining and he still had to sit there!! “  
Luke must've gone over there with Jacob that day!!! He remembers that!!!

Luke Cheatham - July 26, 2021 at 04:58 PM

RP

“ My memories with Trey include tons of softball tournaments all over the US playing with Hootie on No Chance! Some of the best times of my life with the best people including the Bowling family. You never had to wonder if he loved or was proud of his girls.

Rylie Peterson - July 26, 2021 at 02:18 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Trey Bowling.



July 26, 2021 at 02:15 PM

HH

“ *My condolences to the family*



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**Helen (Ebanez) Henson** - July 26, 2021 at 01:21 PM

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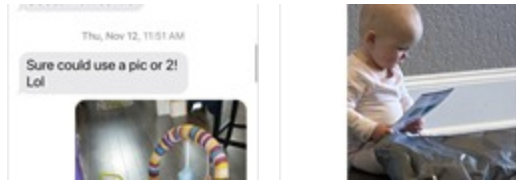
“ *I remember the first time I saw Trey. Orren and Sharon were good friends with my mom and dad. So after he was born, they brought him out to our house and I got to hold him. He had the most beautiful eyes and a happy baby. He still had those gorgeous eyes, but he had a big heart and was loved by many. He definitely loved his family, that was evident in his life. I shared on Jake's post one little thing he did for me, but in all reality it was not small but just a person who cared for others. Orren gave My husband his first job working offshore and also coached him in boxing. Trey had many of his Dad's traits by caring and wanting the best for others and invested his life doing so for many kids just like Sharon and Orren as Sharon was always supporting us kids too! I am deeply sorry for the Bowling family 🙏*

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**Weida Woodruff** - July 26, 2021 at 01:01 PM

CH

“Trey was great guy who loved his girls (& Caleb) so much. When I started keeping his grandbaby, he would text me often just for some pictures of his precious Annie. He couldn't get enough!! He will be missed and I'm proud I still have the texts from him. We love you all.



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**christy** - July 26, 2021 at 12:12 PM

CC

“I'll never forget soon after Jacob started dating Juliann, I found myself in Rusk completely out of gas and no wallet. (There was a logical excuse) Kara & Juliann had gone to Tyler. I was mortified to call Trey who I'd only met a couple of times. He was there in 5 minutes to try to fill up my car!! I made him stop at \$20 but he didn't want to. I paid that back to Juliann and my guess is she never gave it to him!!!!!! Leaving him to think I never repaid it! He didn't even hesitate to come rescue me. I was embarrassed and he kept laughing insisting it was not a big deal. I have heard over and over how much he helped people out. I was lucky enough to witness it myself.

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**Cathy Cheatham** - July 26, 2021 at 12:05 PM

SH

“ I spent many hour’s with Trey as a little girl. He was always Coach Trey! I can always remember after a game win or lose, we would have a meeting and he was always the one coach who could never stop smiling. Rather he knew we could’ve done better or proud of what we did do, he was always smiling. When I would run into him at the store or anywhere, he would always hug my neck, and tell me to take care of my babies. He will be missed by so many!! My thought and prayers for Ali and Juliann. 💜



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**Samantha Hill** - July 26, 2021 at 10:44 AM

GL

“ Lit a candle in the memory of Trey!



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**Glenna Lawrence** - July 26, 2021 at 09:46 AM

TR

“ Tammy Ryle



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**Tammy Ryle** - July 26, 2021 at 09:35 AM

AW

“Trey was a gentle giant and a man with the sweetest smile and personality. He always spoke when he saw me. His favorite thing to say to me was “girl you never age”. I will miss you and your sweet smile and words. Prayers to all the family.

Anita Woody - July 26, 2021 at 09:05 AM

JO

“Sitting on the gazebo like we did, listening to him talk about his girls while they swam with friends or practiced softball. He loved you girls more than anything.

Jake Ocker - July 26, 2021 at 08:50 AM

JC

Miss these times- There were so many nights where I would come home and see the two of you sitting out there through the kitchen window!

Juliann Cheatham - August 13, 2021 at 09:48 AM

SC

“Trey is one of my oldest & dearest friends. I have known him my whole life, from running around Rusk in the early '80's, to him talking about his beautiful baby girls, to coaching them in softball, & working with him at the prison. He was always one of the kindest & most compassionate people in my life! I'm so Blessed to call him my friend. No matter where I saw him he would come & hug me & catch me up on those beautiful girls of his. Ali, Hootie, & Annie E never forget that you're the sun, moon, stars, & entire world for him. He loved more than stars in the sky. Prayers & love to all. I'm sure going to miss my friend. Love you Trey 💙



Sharon Covington - July 26, 2021 at 08:22 AM

KJ

“ *Kristi Jorgensen lit a candle in memory of Trey Bowling*



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**Kristi Jorgensen** - July 26, 2021 at 06:48 AM

CH

“ *One of my favorite memories of Trey is making one of his favorite meals for him, Chicken Alfredo. I always enjoyed sharing chicken alfredo with him and talking about the Patriots. Trey was a truly great man and I'll always remember the advice he gave me and my brothers. I'm happy to have known him for the past six years and I can't wait to see him again. Love you Trey.*

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**Carson Hallford** - July 26, 2021 at 12:33 AM

MW

“ *Trey was an awesome man, been friends 40 yrs. didnt see him often but when I did he was still the same . Trey loved his family and I dont think he ever met a stranger!! He was a big supporter of our Childrens Christmas Tree in Jacksonville but never wanted to be recognized, he gave from the heart!! He had a contagious smile, a kind soul and a big heart!! He will definitely be missed by all.*

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**Melody Walters** - July 26, 2021 at 12:12 AM

CH

“ *Trey was the most selfless individual I ever had the pleasure of meeting. He taught me so many things and I will miss him dearly. I have too many memories to share just one, but I will never forget the positive impacts he has had on my life and how he treated myself and those most special to me. I'll miss you big guy ❤️*

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**Caleb Hallford** - July 25, 2021 at 11:59 PM

LP

“ So many memories with Trey, Shana and Sharla as our moms played bridge together. Prayers for all of his family. He will truly be missed.

~~Lisa Townsend Parr

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**Lisa Townsend Parr** - July 25, 2021 at 11:45 PM

LP

“ Lisa Townsend Parr lit a candle in memory of Trey Bowling



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**Lisa Townsend Parr** - July 25, 2021 at 11:42 PM

TC

“ Although Trey & I grew up only 10 miles apart I didn't meet him until college at SFA. He was my Theta Chi little brother. He was always the life of the party with a smile that lit up a room. I will always cherish the memories we shared. I am honored to call him my friend. Prayers for his sweet family!

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**Teresa Cox** - July 25, 2021 at 11:11 PM

AW

“ *Trey was the definition of a sweet girl dad, and he raised two of the kindest girls! I will always remember the softball memories and spending days/weeks during the summer at the Bowling house ❤️ Mr. Trey was also a business man..my most recent memory with him was just a couple weeks ago he was buying a car from me. We were negotiating the price and his idea was to flip a coin to finalize what the price would be! It was so funny & it worked out in his favor...I'm not sure if that's the first time he had tried that trick! Haha Love and prayers for his precious family. He will be missed by so many.*

Alyssa Walley - July 25, 2021 at 10:57 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Trey Bowling.*



July 25, 2021 at 10:54 PM

DW

“ *I remember Trey as the most precious little boy when I taught him in first grade. He was a beautiful child and always tried his hardest to please. My deepest sympathy to all of his family.*



Dianne West - July 25, 2021 at 10:37 PM

KB

“ *Mr. Trey was one of a kind! He loved his girls & always treated me as if I was one of his own. My favorite memories of him will always be on the ball field. He will be truly missed. Praying so hard for hoot & Ali b, & the rest of his sweet family.*



Kelsey Blankinship - July 25, 2021 at 10:14 PM

SJ

“ *Stephanie Jones lit a candle in memory of Trey Bowling*



Stephanie Jones - July 25, 2021 at 10:02 PM

TR

“ *Rest In Peace dear Trey. I'll always remember your kind words toward us. We enjoyed talking and visiting with you when Mr Jack lived next door. Everyone knows how much you loved your girls, your family, and community. Sharing a sweet memory of you checking on Ali in my Kindergarten class.....remembering you walking her to class on her first day, and peeking around the corner to make sure your “ baby” was okay adjusting to school.💕💕 We will miss you!❤️*

Tammy Rasberry - July 25, 2021 at 09:24 PM

CF

“ I remember when my twin brother Aaron & I went swimming at the bowling’s residence around 19 years ago. Trey was grilling hot dogs...he looked at me and said...”Son are you an Aggie or a Longhorn?” I told him I was a diehard longhorn! Since that day he always tried to convert me to an Aggie. But I will say this...he gladly blessed my little 6 year old heart with a delicious hot dog & a big hug. I’ll miss ya Trey...be sure to give share a hot dog with my dad in Heaven. Love Cam

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**Cameron Franks** - July 25, 2021 at 09:17 PM

HL

“ Coach Trey will always hold a special place in my heart, he was one of the kindest people I knew. I played softball for him and those were some of the best days of my life. He always greeted me with a hug no matter what. I will miss him alot.

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**Heaven Liles** - July 25, 2021 at 09:05 PM

HM

“ Every Sunday, me, Carter and Trey would sit outside and watch Sunday night football while eating crawfish! When I told him I was starting the police academy he told me how proud he was for me! I will miss you my friend! Praying for the family!

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**Houston Munsinger** - July 25, 2021 at 08:55 PM

AC

“ He was my coach in softball, Texas Pride. I will say he always believed in me and pushed me to be better. He was a kind soul and will be missed. ❤️

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**Amanda Collins** - July 25, 2021 at 08:50 PM

AJ

“ He was the very best Dad! I never once doubted his love for me and my sister! He told us daily how much he loved us! He will be missed sooooo much!

Alison Jones - July 25, 2021 at 08:12 PM



“ Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Trey Bowling.



July 25, 2021 at 05:37 PM



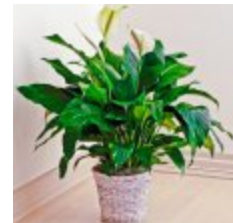
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July 25, 2021 at 05:18 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Trey Bowling.



July 25, 2021 at 05:12 PM

AF

“ Aunt Joyce, Teresa, Jon Creel & Family purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Trey Bowling.



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**Aunt Joyce, Teresa, Jon Creel & Family** - July 25, 2021 at 04:57 PM

MK

“ Trey was a loving caring very Sweet person that I loved! Bless his Family❤️

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**mary Kellis** - July 25, 2021 at 03:24 PM

MK

“ Mary Kellis lit a candle in memory of Trey Bowling



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**mary Kellis** - July 25, 2021 at 03:22 PM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Trey Bowling.



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July 25, 2021 at 02:35 PM

TF

“ *The Dover Family purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Trey Bowling.*



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**The Dover Family** - July 25, 2021 at 02:25 PM

RD

“ *I will never forget playing golf with Trey in rusk...we were on hole 8, he laid up to the middle of the fairway. He then proceeded to hit his sand wedge and shanked the ball. Then like true Bowling fashion and tin cup, he proceeded to hit every ball in his bag and he shanked every single ball. He kept asking if the club was bent. I hit it and went on the green! We just laughed and spent 15 mins picking up every shanked ball. Man, you will be missed!*

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**Robert Douglass** - July 25, 2021 at 02:14 PM

LH

“ *Leslie Ann Hassell lit a candle in memory of Trey Bowling*



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**Leslie Ann Hassell** - July 25, 2021 at 02:09 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Trey Bowling.*



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July 25, 2021 at 02:01 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Trey Bowling.*



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July 25, 2021 at 01:55 PM



“ *Aunt Joyce and Cousin Teresa purchased the Love's Embrace Roses – White for the family of Trey Bowling.*



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**Aunt Joyce and Cousin Teresa** - July 25, 2021 at 01:54 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Trey Bowling.*



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July 25, 2021 at 01:44 PM



“ *I'll never forget how he was the life of the party at every Bad Attitude tournament! Always lending a hand or a hug when it was needed.*



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**Chandler McCarty** - July 25, 2021 at 01:39 PM

SF

“ Steve Baker and Family. purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Trey Bowling.

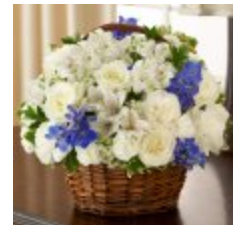


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Steve Baker and Family. - July 25, 2021 at 01:33 PM



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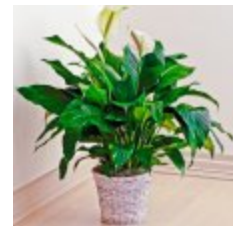


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July 25, 2021 at 01:24 PM

SC

“Trey has been a dear friend for my whole life it seems. From being teenagers together, to listening to him talk about his beautiful girls, his love of coaching them, to working with him at the prison. He never lost his sweet & caring soul! No matter where I saw him, he would come & hug me & we would catch up...he would tell me about all the wonderful things his beautiful girls were doing & ask about my life. I will truly miss my dear lifelong friend. He was one in a million!! 💙



Sharon Covington - July 25, 2021 at 01:22 PM

TN

“Aly and family, I'm so sad to hear about Trey. I really liked Him. He was so sweet. I just PM'd him on July 11 to check on Mr Jack. Jack used to be our next door neighbor and we kind of watched over him. Your sweet daddy always thanked me and told me I was kind. He adored y'all... I remember when you first started school in my Kindergarten class. Your daddy would “hide and peek” around the corner to make sure you were ok during your adjustment to school. Please know that your family is in my prayers. Love your grandmother and entire family. Love and prayers for you all! 🙏💔❤️

Tammy Nichols-Rasberry - July 25, 2021 at 01:13 PM

KS

“Trey was one of the greatest guys I had the opportunity to be around. He loved his daughters and enjoyed watching them grow up on the softball field. He spent many years and traveled many miles with these young ladies. I will remember the years we spent watching several football games at the State Football championships and talking about doing it again the next year. We were just talking about football and how he could not wait to watch Caleb this year. Will Miss your friendship ole buddy . My prayers and love are with you Alison , Juliann and Caleb!

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**Kenneth Slaydon** - July 25, 2021 at 11:54 AM