



## Derrick Eugene Wheeler

October 30, 1960 - January 5, 2017

Mr. Derrick Eugene Wheeler, age 56, of Centre, passed away Thursday January 5th at Floyd Medical Center.

Funeral service will be at 1 P.M. Sunday January 8th at Perry Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Tommy Dobbins and Rev. Danny Tucker officiating; burial will follow in Providence Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5 P.M. to 8 P.M. Saturday January 7th at the funeral home.

Pallbearers include Doug Barton, Tim McCord, Fran Blanchard, Steve Rodgers, Dewayne Amos, Blake Martin, Tim Brooks, Dennis Gaylor, Larry Morrison, Sid Garrett, Brian Jennings, Neil Lea, Keith Baldwin, Scott Lloyd, Boyce Baker and Marc Johnson.

Honorary Pallbearers include the Class of '79 and former teammates.

Survivors include his wife Lea Anne Williams Wheeler, sons Nick (Anna) Wheeler of Centre, Haden Wheeler of Centre; daughters Harper and Harley Wheeler of Centre; Parents Charles and Sara Wheeler of Centre; sister-in-law Cynthia Wheeler of Cedar Bluff; sister Lisa (Jeff) Burk of Centre; grandson Bryce Wheeler; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his brother Keith Wheeler.

Mr. Wheeler is a native of Cherokee County and of the Baptist faith. He worked as a Nursing Home Administrator, was elected Cherokee County Board of Education, former City Council Member, and enjoyed coaching numerous youth sports teams.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Centre Upper Deck Club, Centre

Quarterback Club or Centre Tip-off Club.

# Cemetery Details

**Providence Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**JAN 7.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Perry Funeral Home, Inc.  
1611 East Bypass  
Centre, AL 35960  
(256) 927-3222  
perryfh37@gmail.com

### Service

**JAN 8.** 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DB

“ *My prayers are with the family i graduated with Derrick I always considered him a friend He looked the happiest with family*

**Danny Bryan** - January 09, 2017 at 08:28 AM

RD

“ *Praying for everyone whose life has been touched by Derrick. May God be with everyone during this difficult time. He will truly be missed by many!*

**Rachel Dunbar** - January 08, 2017 at 11:15 AM

AW

“ *Angie And Steve Whitt lit a candle in memory of Derrick Eugene Wheeler*



**Angie and Steve Whitt** - January 08, 2017 at 10:30 AM

TM

“ *Trish Moon lit a candle in memory of Derrick Eugene Wheeler*



**Trish Moon** - January 08, 2017 at 08:50 AM

CM

“ *Praying for you all. Our hearts break for you and with you. May God be with you and give you peace.* ”



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**Carol Murphy** - January 08, 2017 at 07:17 AM

BS

“ *Betty Salamon lit a candle in memory of Derrick Eugene Wheeler* ”



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**Betty Salamon** - January 08, 2017 at 06:18 AM

WH

“ *William Huggett lit a candle in memory of Derrick Eugene Wheeler* ”



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**William huggett** - January 07, 2017 at 05:50 PM

LF

“ *Continued prayers for all family and friends.* ”

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**Leah Garrett & family** - January 07, 2017 at 05:22 PM

LG

*Leah Garrett & family*

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**Leah Garrett** - January 07, 2017 at 05:28 PM

BA

“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Barton** - January 07, 2017 at 12:19 PM



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Perry Funeral Home Inc.** - January 07, 2017 at 09:49 AM

CL

“ *I worked with Derrick many years ago but his wonderful love of his family and his work family was always so evident. My heart breaks for his precious family.*

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**Cindy Landers** - January 07, 2017 at 08:35 AM

MD

“ *Derrick Wheeler was a kind, caring, giving, compassionate man that touched more lives than anyone could imagine. He loved his job, his community, coaching youth sports and more than anything his precious family. We are forever grateful for his love and dedication to our Colby and the many kids in Cherokee County! He will be forever remembered by all who had the honor of knowing him. You are all in our thoughts and prayers today and in the coming days. We love you guys!*

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**Micheal,Tiffany, Colby & Harlee Devotie** - January 06, 2017 at 08:06 PM

TV

“ *I have so many fond memories of working with Derrick. He was really a one-of-a-kind guy. He always made me laugh -- even if we needed to discuss serious subjects. He had such a good heart and a love for others.*

*He really loved his associates and patients. He was the first Administrator in our company to come to our new class about dementia where associates could get certified afterwards. He took the two days out of his schedule to take the class... He was always looking for ways to do more for his folks. To my mind, that is born out of love. A love of what he was doing and a love for making life better for those he was charged with caring for. What a legacy.*

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**Tina Valdes** - January 06, 2017 at 03:16 PM

DH

“ *Share a memory of Derrick Eugene Wheeler or send condolences to the family.*

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**Darlene Sharp Hubbard** - January 06, 2017 at 11:22 AM

TI

“ So many great memories..Sending much love and prayers to the family.



Tammy Abernathy Ingram - January 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

LM

“ Larry and Vickie Moon



Larry and Vickie Moon - January 06, 2017 at 08:37 AM

DM

“ He was such an amazing man, and coach !!!!  
This whole community lost a Great man .  
Your family is in our prayers we love you all .



Danny , Wndy and Justin Mayfield - January 06, 2017 at 08:23 AM

SP

“ Sheena Peek lit a candle in memory of  
Derrick Eugene Wheeler



Sheena Peek - January 05, 2017 at 11:16 PM

Brandy Goodwin

“ *Derrick was an amazing man...Who inspired so many of our children...He will be truly missed!!!*



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**Brandy Goodwin** - January 05, 2017 at 10:45 PM

S(

“ *Sue Love (grandma) lit a candle in memory of Derrick Eugene Wheeler*



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**Sue Love (grandma)** - January 05, 2017 at 10:01 PM

AS

“ *Derrick was a wonderful person inside and out.. He had such a passion for life and everything he did. He loved people and his community and especially his precious family!! He was so proud of his family, that's all he talked about. He will be greatly missed but never forgotten. He has made such an impact on so many lives.. Go rest high my friend.. Praying for peace and comfort*



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**Amanda Steele** - January 05, 2017 at 09:21 PM

AS

“ *Dereck and LeaAnne are family to us. They even spend holidays with us. Such a great husband father and soul in general. You will be very missed. We love you.*

**Ashlea** - January 05, 2017 at 08:21 PM



*Leeann and Children I am so sorry about Derrick. Love .hugs and prayers for you and your children .God Bless you Elaine Smith*

**Elaine B. Smith** - January 07, 2017 at 06:39 AM



“ *Kelly Shinn lit a candle in memory of Derrick Eugene Wheeler*



**Kelly Shinn** - January 05, 2017 at 08:17 PM

KH

“ *Kermit & Phyllis Hill lit a candle in memory of Derrick Eugene Wheeler*



**Kermit & Phyllis Hill** - January 05, 2017 at 08:15 PM

PH

“ *Phylis Hill lit a candle in memory of Derrick Eugene Wheeler*



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**Phylis Hill** - January 05, 2017 at 08:14 PM

VA

“ *I am so sad to hear yet another loss in this family. Lisa, Sara and Charles, I wanted you to know that you are in our thoughts today. I am heartbroken for you. You are in my thoughts and prayers and I hope to see you but if not please know that you are in my heart. We have lost another cousin and I know that so many loved him. He will be missed by many. Much love and prayers for all of you.*



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**Vivian Agan** - January 05, 2017 at 06:03 PM

KB

“ *My heart is broken for you all. Derrick was one of a kind, always happy and joking around. We would tell each other stories and laugh and laugh about things we done. He was a great man, Father, Husband, Brother, Uncle, and wonderful to the associates who worked with him ( all of Ethica). God has gained an angel and he will always be in our hearts. Me and my family love y'all and we are praying for comfort.*

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**Kim Bullard** - January 05, 2017 at 05:52 PM

JC

*Such another sad day when God Called Derrick home. We know he is in a glorious place but oh how he will be missed. We pray God gives you understanding and comfort's you in a way that only he can do. We love you all and are just heart broken. Derrick was such a sweet fun loving person. He will be missed by many.*

**Jerry Matthews & Cathy** - January 05, 2017 at 08:40 PM

GW

*“ We are so so sorry for your loss. Our hearts are with you all and we are certainly praying for you. Glenda and Jack Wheeler*

**glenda wheeler** - January 05, 2017 at 04:57 PM

LS

*There are no words to express the sadness I feel for the loss of my friend and colleague. He was always so encouraging and positive and I loved his competitive spirit. He was always good for a laugh. My sympathy and prayers to his precious wife and children, sister Lisa, and the entire family.*

**Lorie Scroggs** - January 05, 2017 at 06:29 PM

BB

*Derrick will be missed by so many. We will miss yelling across the yard at each other (we are neighbors), playing in the yard with the kids, he was always willing to help out with whatever need he saw. My boys will miss him as they spent much time at their house playing with the girls and Haden so he interacted with them a lot. He was a great leader and friend and he will be greatly missed*

**Boyce & Elizabeth, TJ & Wyatt Baker**

**Boyce & Elizabeth, TJ & Wyatt Baker** - January 05, 2017 at 07:33 PM

CF

*Nick and family, sooo sorry to hear about your dad... you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers... Love, Carol Fulford*

**Carol Fulford** - January 05, 2017 at 07:59 PM

CA

*I am so lose for words right now for coach Wheeler u will be missed by me and my boys they loved u so much. It hurt that we couldn't come see u when u was in the hospital we had ask but u shouldn't have any visitor.. To the family we is soooo sorry about ur loss coach Derrick will be missed by so many he was a good person....*

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**Cassandra** - January 05, 2017 at 08:53 PM

MF

*Words cannot express the sadness. A true southern gentleman and encouraging light. His gift to me was the many moments we shared in conversation about our families. We worked together in a demanding profession but he beamed when telling tales of his wife and kids. And man oh man could he bring words to life!! I'm so sorry for your incredible loss and so thankful you shared him with us.*

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**Michael Ferguson** - January 05, 2017 at 09:14 PM

GC

*I am so sad for the lost of a friend. Derrick was always so nice and kind to me and everyone I seen him around. We talked about out long ride to work daily, and laugh together. May God keep his Angels encamped around The Wheeler family in the days to come. May God give this family Comfort and Peace. We will continue to lift you all up in prayers. I am so sorry for your loss. God Bless.  
Gail Cliett*

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**Gail Cliett** - January 06, 2017 at 02:57 AM

JM

*I am so sorry for your loss. Derrick was a joy to work for. I will continue to keep his family in my prayers. He will be truly missed. Again, I'm sorry for your loss.*

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**Joyce Mays** - January 06, 2017 at 09:38 PM

BJ

*Sara, Charlie, Lisa, Lee Anne and family.*

*We were so shocked and saddened when we learned of Derrick's passing. Sara and Charlie, we knew and loved your children. We really had a closer connection with Keith and Derrick. We remember all the good times we spent together when Charlie and Jerry played ball together.*

*As you go through the tragedy of losing yet another son, always remember how loved they were by so many in this life and they have been reunited together again.*

*We are praying for all of your family and asking God to give you comfort, grace and peace during the days ahead.*

*Your friends,  
Jerry and Barbara Jones*

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**Barbara A. Jones** - January 07, 2017 at 10:05 AM