



## Mr. Delane Erby

July 11, 1971 - February 18, 2025

On Tuesday, February 18th, Delane Erby, passed away at Crestwood Medical Center in Huntsville at the age of 53.

Delane Erby lived his life with a deep sense of love, commitment, and service. At just 18, he embraced fatherhood, stepping into the role of provider, husband, and, eventually, grandfather—each title bringing him joy beyond measure. His family was his greatest pride, and he dedicated himself to them wholeheartedly.

From the age of 16, Delane found purpose in serving his community as a volunteer firefighter with the Grant Fire Department. That commitment to helping others never wavered, and he continued to serve in any way he could until the day he gained his wings. His impact on those around him will never be forgotten.

Of all the roles he held, being "Papa D" to his two beautiful grandbabies was his favorite. They were the light of his life, and every day with them was a gift he cherished.

Delane also shared a love story that could fill the pages of a book. Since the moment he met Chastity—he was 18, she was 16—they built a bond that stood the test of time. Their love was unwavering, a rare and beautiful

example of devotion that inspired everyone who knew them.

Delane leaves behind a legacy of love, sacrifice, and service. He will be deeply missed but forever remembered in the hearts of those who were lucky enough to know him.

Those left to cherish his memory include his love wife, Chastity Erby; his son, Justin (Katherine) Erby; his daughter, Jaden (Joseph) Smith; a grandson, J.D. Smith; a granddaughter; Josie Smith; his parents, Freddie and Ann Erby; a brother, Richard (Chrissy) Erby; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Jess and Cora Lee Erby and Anna Belle Evans.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 21, 2025, from 12:00 - 2:30 p.m. at Grant Memorial Chapel. Funeral services to follow at 3:00 p.m. with Bro. Jerry O'Neal officiating. Burial will take place in Free Home Cemetery. Pallbearers to escort Delane to his final resting place include Patrick O'Barr, Logan Erby, Gabe Yates, Cody Whitt, Luke Hastings, Corey Brown, Chris Sutton, Chris Sutphin and Garrett Ruark. Honorary pallbearers will be Guntersville Police Department, Marshall County Sheriff's Department, North Marshall EMS, Grant Fire Department, Hebron Fire Department, Grant Police Department, Marshall County 911 and Alabama State Troopers.

Arrangements Entrusted to Grant Memorial Chapel

# Cemetery Details

## Free Home Cemetery

Free Home Rd.  
Grant, AL 35747

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Grant Memorial Chapel  
4930 Main Street  
P.O. Box 484  
Grant, AL 35747  
(256) 728-2000  
grantmemorial@nehp.net  
<https://www.grantmemorialchapel.com>

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



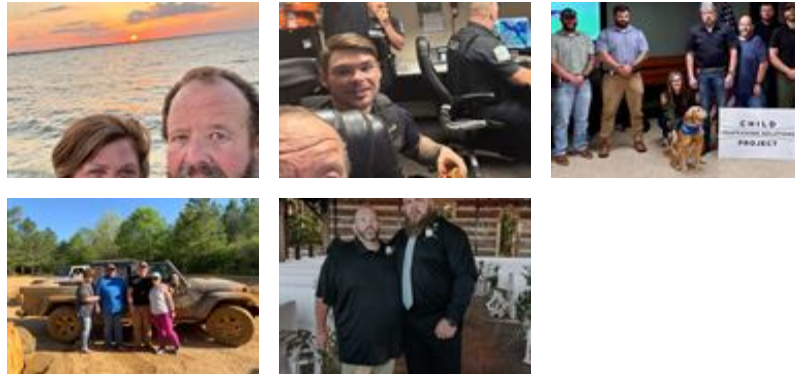
“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Delane Erby.*



February 21, 2025 at 09:39 AM



“ *65 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Grant Memorial Chapel** - February 21, 2025 at 09:31 AM



“ *With love...Terry, Ariana and Jay planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Delane Erby.*

**With love...Terry, Ariana and Jay** - February 20, 2025 at 11:36 PM



“ With love...Terry, Ariana and Jay purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. Delane Erby.



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With love...Terry, Ariana and Jay - February 20, 2025 at 11:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Delane Erby.

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February 20, 2025 at 06:07 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Delane Erby.



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February 20, 2025 at 06:07 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Delane Erby.



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February 20, 2025 at 05:53 PM

EP

“ *E Pendergrass lit a candle in memory of Delane Erby*



**E Pendergrass** - February 20, 2025 at 05:16 PM



“ *Heart Throw was purchased for the family of Mr. Delane Erby.*



February 20, 2025 at 04:53 PM

TD

“ *We were so very saddened about Delane's passing but celebrate that we were lucky enough to have known him. He was witty and comical, yet kind and caring...a truly great guy and community servant. He loved deeply and was loved in return for sure. Praying for God's comfort and peace for his precious family in the days to come.*

**Tony and Karen Denton** - February 20, 2025 at 04:20 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Delane Erby.*



February 20, 2025 at 02:41 PM

BK

“ *Billy and Becky Knight purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Delane Erby.*



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**Billy and Becky Knight** - February 20, 2025 at 01:12 PM

SN

“ *Delane was such a great guy. I loved seeing him around Grant he will be missed love you guys and praying for comfort. Sherry and Danny and Morgan Newton*

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**SHERRY NEWTON** - February 20, 2025 at 10:43 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Delane Erby.*



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February 20, 2025 at 10:33 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mr. Delane Erby.*



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February 20, 2025 at 10:23 AM

DA

“ Danno purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. Delane Erby.



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**Danno** - February 20, 2025 at 10:10 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Delane Erby.



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February 20, 2025 at 09:19 AM

JP

“ Jim's Pools purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. Delane Erby.



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**Jim's Pools** - February 20, 2025 at 09:14 AM

JT

“ Delane was a pleasant young man in high school. He respected his teachers and treated others the way he wanted to be treated. As I read his obituary about his life of service and love for family, I was pleased and not surprised. I am truly sorry for Chastity and all the family. My prayer for God's peace and comfort to all of you.

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**Joe Teal** - February 19, 2025 at 10:52 PM

EE

“ Ed and Jen Eschbach purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mr. Delane Erby.



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**Ed and Jen Eschbach** - February 19, 2025 at 10:33 PM

EE

“ Ed and Jen Eschbach planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Delane Erby.

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**Ed and Jen Eschbach** - February 19, 2025 at 10:33 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Delane Erby.



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February 19, 2025 at 09:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Delane Erby.

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February 19, 2025 at 05:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Delane Erby.



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February 19, 2025 at 05:59 PM

GM

“ Gregg & Renee Minton purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Delane Erby.



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**Gregg & Renee Minton** - February 19, 2025 at 05:46 PM

JH

“ Jeff & Nichole Hutchens planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Delane Erby.

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**Jeff & Nichole Hutchens** - February 19, 2025 at 04:57 PM

JH

“ Jeff & Nichole Hutchens purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Delane Erby.



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**Jeff & Nichole Hutchens** - February 19, 2025 at 04:57 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Delane Erby.



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February 19, 2025 at 04:50 PM

LR

“ I have never met Delane. However, Anna was our neighbor in Honeycomb Valley as a high school student. She and Freddie started dating and we met him at their home. I am heartbroken for you two, and his family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I will probably not be able to drive over for his service, due to our weather conditions. I always enjoyed reading about your son on Facebook.

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**Lynn Russell** - February 19, 2025 at 04:29 PM