



## Derrick Michael Bussey

June 20, 1982 - February 26, 2018

Derrick went to his Heavenly home on February 26, 2018 at the young age of 35 years.

Derrick was born June 20, 1982 in Huntsville, Texas, the only son to Donna Sue Bussey. Prior to moving to Colorado in November, 2017, Derrick lived his entire life in Huntsville. He graduated from Huntsville High School in 2000 and then Sam Houston State University in 2017 with a Bachelor's Degree in Plant and Soil Sciences, minoring in Mass Communications.

As a boy, Derrick loved bugs – mainly snails, Ninja Turtles and Transformers. Derrick, as an only child, and Donna, as a single parent, shared a great deal during his short time on this earth. They confided in each other and helped each other as they moved through life's journey together.

They shared a real passion for their cats. He loved his four legged fur babies - Luna, Casanova and Jack. Even though he was a cat lover at heart, he loved all animals. They could sense his kindness and were drawn to him naturally. Derrick enjoyed playing games. He played board games, video games and online games. His favorites were strategic games. He played in many online and video game tournaments throughout the State.

As Derrick grew to adulthood, he developed a passion for plants, particularly the succulents and cacti. One of Derrick's goals in Colorado was to conduct

research in plant oils to treat and eventually cure adult epilepsy.

Derrick was diagnosed with epilepsy in 2016 and suffered from severe seizures which ultimately took his life.

Derrick is survived by his mother, Donna Bussey; grandparents, Alvera and Billy Guyton of Huntsville; great grandmother, Alvina Luedke of Huntsville; aunt Carrie Hines and husband Tim of Bryan; cousins Laura Polasek and husband Steven, Jonathan Hines and wife Anna and Kelsey Manning and husband Clint; second cousins, Micayla Polasek, Madi Polasek, Jaxon Hines, Jordan Hines, Kali Manning, Colt Manning and Braxton Manning, all of Bryan; great aunt Shirley Easterling and husband Billy of Huntsville, goddaughter, Scarlet Jackson, numerous second and third cousins and a host of truly awesome and dear friends.

Derrick was preceded in death by his great grandfather, Alfred Oscar Luedke, great grandmother, Maudie Mae Thorne and great grandfather, Rufus Guyton. Derrick leaves a void in the hearts of all who knew him, but will live on through our special memories.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Rita B. Huff Humane Society of Walker County, Texas in Derrick's honor.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 10. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfh.com

## Memorial Service

MAR 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Derrick Michael Bussey*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Donna,  
I wanted to give you my condolences. Derrick was just a kind soul  
and we shared many great times together. The bond you shared  
was special. My heart goes out to you during this time.*

*Love,  
Melissa Colunga*

**Melissa Colunga** - March 09, 2018 at 08:31 PM

DB

*Thank you so much Melissa. Derrick was the best son a mother could  
ask for. He had lots of great friends that I really appreciate. I am  
completely devastated.*

**Donna Bussey** - March 19, 2018 at 06:14 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the  
family of Derrick Michael Bussey.*



March 09, 2018 at 01:00 PM

RC

“ Donna,  
Words can never express how much my heart hurts for you and your family. Derrick was a kind and gentle young man. I am so glad that I got the chance to see him recently at your home when he came in from Colorado, after not seeing him in person for many years. He was fun to talk with and hear him speak of things that were close to his heart like his cats that jumped for joy when he arrived to Texas. He was so blessed to have such an amazing Mom like you Donna. He left from here to heaven knowing he was loved beyond measure. Just know that the Cowans are keeping you in constant prayer and here for you always.



With love,  
Ruby & Richard Cowan

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**Ruby Cowan** - March 08, 2018 at 03:26 PM

DB

Thank you Ruby and Richard for your kind words about Derrick. You know how much I love him and miss him.

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**Donna Bussey** - March 19, 2018 at 06:17 PM

JC

“ Ms. Bussy, We are so sorry for your loss. No words can express the depth of your loss. We knew Derrick through our son, Ryan Cruz & his wife, Kristy Nuckols Cruz. He will truly be missed. They will always carry him in their hearts. We keep you and your family in our prayers. Sincerely, Rudy & Jacqueline Cruz

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**Jacqueline Cruz** - March 08, 2018 at 07:05 AM

DB

*Thank you Rudy and Jacqueline. I am so glad Derrick has Ryan and Kristy as his friends, ge loved them so. I would not have made it without them.*

Donna Bussey - March 19, 2018 at 06:20 PM

DB

“ Donna, I am so saddened to hear about Derrick. I am Kristy and Ryan's mom (MIL). I had met Derrick and knew him through Ryan and Kristy. He was a treasure and am so grateful that Kristy and Ryan had such a special friend. It is so hard to understand God's reasoning for things like this to happen but we have to have faith and know that He has a plan. Please know I am praying for you and your family for peace and comfort. I am so very sorry. Diana Brod

Diana Brod - March 07, 2018 at 10:50 PM

DB

*Thank you Diana. Derricks was so lucky to have them as his friends, he loved them very much, as I do.*

Donna Bussey - March 19, 2018 at 06:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Derrick Michael Bussey.*



March 07, 2018 at 03:11 PM

BL

“ Dear Mrs. Bussey,

*I am so sorry to hear of Derrick's passing. He was a student in several of my classes at SHSU and I was always impressed with his passion for learning more about plants and soils and his inquisitive nature. He worked for me a short while at Gibbs Ranch in the olive orchard and I served as his academic advisor, so I got to know him quite well. He was such a kind-hearted individual and such a pleasure to be around, always respectful of others. He will be missed dearly by all who knew him. My deepest condolences to you and Derrick's entire family.*

*Bobby Lane  
SHSU Professor*

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**Bobby Lane** - March 07, 2018 at 08:49 AM

DB

*Thank you so much Dr. Lane. Derrick thought very highly of you and enjoyed your classes. I appreciate you getting to know and teaching my son, it meant a lot to him.*

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**Donna Bussey** - March 19, 2018 at 06:26 PM

TL

“ Sorry your loss ..my prayer with you and your family  
From Tina Landrum-Voitle



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**Tina Landrum-Voitle** - March 05, 2018 at 12:24 PM

TL

“ Sorry your loss and my prayer with you and yr family  
From Tina Landrum-Voitte

Tina Landrum-Voitte - March 05, 2018 at 12:19 PM

 Sandra  
Cowins

“ Sandra Cowins lit a candle in memory of  
Derrick Michael Bussey



Sandra Cowins - March 05, 2018 at 11:54 AM

DB

Thank you Sandra

Donna Bussey - March 19, 2018 at 08:29 PM

VB

“ Valla Anderson Brossman lit a candle in  
memory of Derrick Michael Bussey



Valla Anderson Brossman - March 05, 2018 at 11:07 AM

DB

Thank you Valla

Donna Bussey - March 19, 2018 at 08:30 PM

KO

“ Kasi O'Bryant lit a candle in memory of  
Derrick Michael Bussey



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**Kasi O'Bryant** - March 05, 2018 at 10:56 AM

KO

*Donna you and your family are in our prayers.*

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**Kasi O'Bryant** - March 05, 2018 at 10:57 AM

DB

*Thank you Kasi*

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**Donna Bussey** - March 19, 2018 at 08:31 PM

MW

“ Mickey Wagner lit a candle in memory of  
Derrick Michael Bussey



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**Mickey Wagner** - March 05, 2018 at 10:25 AM

DB

*Thank you Mickey*

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**Donna Bussey** - March 19, 2018 at 08:31 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Derrick Michael Bussey.*



March 04, 2018 at 09:01 PM



“ *Vicki And David Easley lit a candle in memory of Derrick Michael Bussey*



**Vicki and David Easley** - March 04, 2018 at 06:42 PM



*Thank you Vicki*

**Donna Bussey** - March 19, 2018 at 08:32 PM



“ *I've known Derrick almost his whole life no one loved his family more than Derrick. His big heart was always happy & loving to everyone. He will be so missed such a shock & tragedy to a wonderful committed young man who only wanted to better himself in life & make his family proud! He was on that journey when God took him home. Know that his love with life will live on through his family & friends. God be with the family with comfort, faith & support. You will be sorely missed my sweet man your smile & love of life will continue to live on through your family & friends! Love you Derrick thanks for being a part of my life you did make a difference!*

**Darlene Williams** - March 04, 2018 at 06:09 PM

DB

*Thanks Darlene*

Donna Bussey - March 19, 2018 at 06:27 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl lit a candle in memory of Derrick Michael Bussey*



M. Hyvl - March 04, 2018 at 01:42 PM

DB

*Thank you.*

Donna Bussey - March 19, 2018 at 08:32 PM

PA

“ *You were a thoughtful, kind coworker and friend of mine for some years. I hate that you were taken too soon with so much life left in you. Condolences to your mother and grandmother. And thanks again for the homemade cheesecake for my birthday circa 2011.*

Paige Ables - March 04, 2018 at 01:40 PM

DB

*Thank you very much Paige.*

Donna Bussey - March 19, 2018 at 06:28 PM



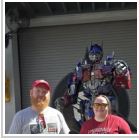
“ *Derrick you will be missed, even though we grew apart as we became older I have some great memories of you. I wish I could of seen you one last time to say good bye. Rest in peace friend.*

Winston Jones - March 04, 2018 at 11:18 AM

DB

*Thank you and Terri for coming to the funeral and giving a donation. It meant a lot to see his old friends there.*

**Donna Bussey** - March 19, 2018 at 06:30 PM



“ *Shared some of my best childhood memories with him. Good guy. Great friend. Thanks for the memories my friend.*

**Matt Wright** - March 04, 2018 at 01:13 AM

RK

“ *Ramona Koch lit a candle in memory of Derrick Michael Bussey*



**Ramona koch** - March 03, 2018 at 03:20 PM

DB

*Thank you Ramona*

**Donna Bussey** - March 19, 2018 at 08:33 PM

MC

“ *Donna, Mary & I send our prayers to you and your family. While Derrick will now be yalls guardian Angle, it is NOT supposed to work that way. The Lord's Will is so hard to understand sometimes.*

**Mark T Chalker** - March 03, 2018 at 12:07 PM

DB

*Thank you Mark and Mary*

**Donna Bussey** - March 19, 2018 at 08:34 PM

BC

“ *Bridgette Clay lit a candle in memory of  
Derrick Michael Bussey*



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**Bridgette Clay** - March 02, 2018 at 07:23 PM

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*Thank you Bridgette*

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**Donna Bussey** - March 19, 2018 at 08:34 PM