



## Matthew Kael Maeker

September 19, 1999 - September 12, 2018

### OBIT

RE: MATTHEW KAEL MAEKER

DATELINE: LINDALE, TEXAS

Funeral services for Matthew Kael Maeker, age 18, of Lindale, Texas are scheduled for 3:00 P.M. Sunday, September 16, 2018 at the First Baptist Church Lindale with Rev. Tom Buck officiating. Interment will follow in the Miller Grove Cemetery in Miller Grove, Texas with services under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale, Texas. Matthew died Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at his residence. He was born on September 19, 1999 in Kaufman, Texas and was a longtime resident of Lindale. Matthew graduated from Lindale High School in the Class of 2018 and was preceded in death by his birth mother, Miracle Starr O'Pry.

Matthew is survived by his parents, Jeff & Melissa Maeker of Lindale, Texas; brother, Jared Michael Maeker of Lindale, Texas; sister, Kamryn Lewis of Kemp, Texas; grandparents, Harlan & Dora Patterson of Sulphur Springs, Texas, Linda Maeker of Sulphur Springs, Texas, Larry Maeker of Sulphur Springs, Texas; Gary & Sheree O'Pry; aunts and uncles, Bryan & Kelly Patterson of Sulphur Springs, Texas, David & Renee Maeker of Sulphur Springs, Texas and Gary & Sandra O'Pry Jr. of Forney, Texas; and several cousins. Serving as pallbearers will be Hayden O'Pry, Seth Maeker, Mason

Maeker, Gary O'Pry Jr., Bryan Patterson and David Maeker.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. prior to the service on Sunday at the First Baptist Church Lindale. Donations may be made to the Christus Trinity Mother Frances Health System Children's Miracle Network, 800 E. Dawson, Tyler, Texas 75771 or online at: <https://www.tmfhc.org/donate/childrens-miracle-network/> or charity of choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Miller Grove Cemetery

7819 FM 275  
Cumby, TX 75433

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **16**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Lindale First Baptist Church  
105 Hubbard Street  
Lindale, TX 75771

## Church Service

SEP **16**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Lindale First Baptist Church  
105 Hubbard Street  
Lindale, TX 75771

# Tribute Wall



“ *Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Matthew Kael Maeker*



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**Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home** - September 14, 2018 at 05:25 PM



“ *Matthew Kael Maeker*

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October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Matthew Kael Maeker*

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October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *Walter Degner lit a candle in memory of Matthew Kael Maeker*



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**Walter Degner** - September 18, 2018 at 09:33 AM

PA

“ *Pamella lit a candle in memory of Matthew Kael Maeker*



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**Pamella** - September 15, 2018 at 08:30 PM

JH

“ *Melissa and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. God bless.*

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**Joan Hall** - September 15, 2018 at 05:16 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew Kael Maeker.*



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September 15, 2018 at 11:01 AM

GO

“ *Gary O'Pry purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Matthew Kael Maeker.*



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**Gary O'Pry** - September 14, 2018 at 11:22 PM

GO

“ Gary O’Pry lit a candle in memory of Matthew Kael Maeker



Gary O’Pry - September 14, 2018 at 10:37 PM

TV

“ The Brunsons, Kathy and Vicki purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Matthew Kael Maeker.



The Brunsons, Kathy and Vicki - September 14, 2018 at 05:14 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew Kael Maeker.



September 14, 2018 at 03:27 PM



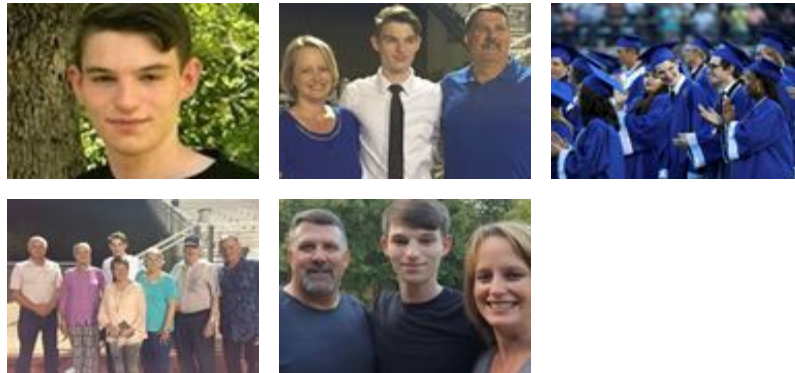
“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Matthew Kael Maeker.



September 14, 2018 at 02:42 PM



“ 59 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home** - September 14, 2018 at 01:35 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of **Matthew Kael Maeker**.



September 14, 2018 at 12:36 PM



“ *Angela Riley* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum* for the family of **Matthew Kael Maeker**.



**Angela Riley** - September 14, 2018 at 11:32 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew Kael Maeker.*



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September 14, 2018 at 11:12 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Matthew Kael Maeker.*



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September 14, 2018 at 09:49 AM

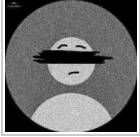
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“ Our memories are too many to count. Our last one was the beautiful breakfast we had together just two weeks ago and you spoke of how much you loved your birth mom for the gift she gave you of your parents! And how wonderful and supportive your parents have always been in your life and there could have been no greater gift that Starr could have chosen for you than them! I was in awe of how you were expressing your love for them, And now my mind is flashing back to when she handed your little body over to them in the delivery room and their tears of joy were flooding their face and how I knew we had all made the perfect choice and we did! And our journey began! Birthdays and holidays, sleepovers and so many times of just sharing in your life. Laughter and crying. And then that very sad day we lost your birth mom. I can't help but wonder did the light go out of your heart then? I asked were you resentful towards her, you said absolutely not. You said you were proud of your Mom and proud of your Dad and loved Starr even more for that great sacrifice. I do too. What a wonderful, Godly Mother and Father you have. The strength and sacrifice to love and give of their life not only for you my sweet Matthew but they loved my sweet Starr, your birth mom too with all their heart from the very beginning and for that we will always be eternally humble and grateful.

*Meme and Paw*

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Sheree O'Pry - September 14, 2018 at 06:20 AM



“ I remember when he was driving me home, he pulled over and sat there asking if I was okay. I had been thrown out and he asked if I needed to stay somewhere. I told him I had somewhere to go and he asked me if it was safe. He wanted to make sure I had what I needed and if I was gonna be okay physically and mentally. He was so caring. The late night talks we had a couple days ago were something I'll always remember. The night we became best friends..



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Phynyx Paez - September 13, 2018 at 09:38 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew Kael Maeker.



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September 13, 2018 at 09:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Matthew Kael Maeker.



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September 13, 2018 at 08:19 PM

DD

“ *D. Counts, S. Brantley, The Pelhams, D.Hickman purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Matthew Kael Maeker.*



**D. Counts, S. Brantley, The Pelhams, D.Hickman** - September 13, 2018 at 07:21 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew Kael Maeker.*



September 13, 2018 at 07:01 PM

RD

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you during this most difficult time.*

**Ron & Mary Denny** - September 13, 2018 at 06:47 PM

MS

“ *We got to know Matthew sitting on the sidelines of Jared's soccer games. Sweet Matthew with a kind heart and spirit, you will be missed by all. Prayers to the family.*



**Monetta Schwartz** - September 13, 2018 at 06:19 PM

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“ *East Texas Beekeepers Association (ETBA) purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Matthew Kael Maeker.*



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**East Texas Beekeepers Association (ETBA)** - September 13, 2018 at 06:15 PM

RR

“ *Melissa, Jeff & Jared,  
You are so heavy on our hearts and in our prayers for God's peace to surround you. It was a such a privilege to watch Matthew come into your lives and to share the joy that he brought. We love you,  
Mike & Robin Rowan*

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**Robin Rowan** - September 13, 2018 at 05:27 PM