



## Jason Edward Echols

October 9, 1972 - May 29, 2018

Funeral service for Jason Edward Echols, age 45, of Decatur, will be Friday, June 1, 2018, 2:00 p.m. at Westmeade Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. Scotty Hogan, Rev. Justin McAlpin, and Bro. Junior Hill officiating, and Shelton Funeral Home directing. The family will receive friends for two hours prior to service. Interment will be in Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery, Anderson, AL.

Mr. Echols, who passed away Tuesday, May 29, 2018, in a motor vehicle accident in Hanceville, AL, was born October 9, 1972, in Decatur, to Aaron Edward Echols and Nella Middlebrooks Echols. He was preceded in death by his parents, and grandparents, Dewey and Flora Echols and Clarence and Roxie Middlebrooks, all of Anderson, AL.

Jason was a lifelong resident of Decatur, AL. He graduated from Cornerstone Christian Academy and received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama in Huntsville. He later obtained his MBA. He worked at Boeing in Huntsville for 13 years, and was currently employed as Business Manager for the Alabama Education Association in Montgomery. He loved his job and his co-workers. His family, his church, and his Lord were his passion.

He is survived by his loving wife, Melody Waldrop Echols, son Dawson Edward Echols, and daughter, Reagan Nella Echols, all of Decatur. He is also survived by: two uncles, Bryce Middlebrooks of Jackson, TN, and Royce

Middlebrooks of Guntersville, AL; one aunt, Betty Jean Roden of Huntsville; father- and mother-in-law, Robert "Bob" and Sandy Waldrop of Decatur; sister- and brother-in-law, Celeste and Jeff Cook of Winfield; and a host of cousins, nephews, nieces, and precious friends.

Pallbearers will be Chris Huys, Jeff Cook, Cory Saboie, Michael Ramm, Charles Lieble, and Byron Echols. Honorary pallbearers will be Steve Suter, Bobby Gardner, Jerry Sparkman, Tracy Lentz, Bo Gardner, and Brent Nichols. Posthumous Honorary Pallbearer is Curtis Parker.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial donations be made to the trust fund for Reagan and Dawson Echols at Renasant Bank, Decatur, AL.

# Tribute Wall

TB

“ We were so heartbroken to hear about Jason! We attended Oak Park Baptist Church with your family, many years ago. You and your children are in our thoughts and prayers!



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**Todd & Melinda Barker** - June 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Melody and children, Bob and Sandy, we are so sorry for your loss. Please know that we are praying for God to comfort your hearts and give you peace through the difficult days ahead. We love you. Bob and Ramona Crigler



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**Bob and Ramona Crigler** - June 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Dear Melody, Lucy and I are so saddened to hear about Jason. We love you and are praying God's comfort and strength for you all. God bless you!



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**Sammy & Lucy Crawford** - June 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I had the opportunity to work with Jason for approximately 6 months prior to my retirement from AEA. I am deeply sorry for your loss. I was part of the management team so I had the opportunity to work closely with Jason. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.



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**John Hudson** - June 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To the Echols Family, Your family is in my thoughts and Prayers and I will continue to pray for you in the days and weeks to come.



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**John Mahler** - June 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ I am so sorry for Melody and the children's loss. I think everyone can agree with me that they too were so blessed to have known Jason. He was a great Sunday school teacher, singer, and an overall genuine man. I know he's in a great place now and I know the memories we all have of him will be with us until we meet again.



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**Tye Wise** - June 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Our very deepest sympathy. Many prayers are with the family during this difficult time. We are friends to Bro. Bob and Sandy Waldrop. Bro. Bob was our minister of worship at Shelbyville Mills Baptist Church in Shelbyville, TN. God raise you up and guide you through the days ahead. Blessings from, Ricky and Valerie McConnell



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**Ricky and Valerie McConnell** - June 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I am so sorry to hear about Jason! Jason was a great guy! We worked in the finance group together at Boeing. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers!



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**Cindy Haynes** - May 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ My deepest sympathies for your tragic loss. I met Jason last month at an Affiliate gathering for the National Education Organization in DC. We shared stories about our family and he spoke proudly about you all. I particularly remember him talking about Dawson playing baseball for the high school. He will be watching you all from above. He was a fine man (and a dapper dresser in his bow ties) and I am glad to have known him. I am very sorry for your loss.



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**Paul Mortell** - May 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ *My heart is saddened to learn of such a loss. Jason and I were in the same class at Grace Baptist school for many years, and since the class was always small, you got to know your classmates really well. Jason was always such a nice person and it appears he went on to make quite an impact wherever he served. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time.*



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**Holly Hudson Smith** - May 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *We were so sorry to hear about Jason's passing. May the Lord wrap His loving arms around each of you and give you comfort and strength.*



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**Ricky and Anita Crow** - May 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Jason when he was in highschool and I had not seen him for many years. I appreciated even then Jason's love for his Lord and his family.*



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**Paul Matthews** - May 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PB

“Melody, Reagan, and Dawson, please know that you have people in S. C. praying for you all during this sorrowful time. Jason and Mrs. Nella were close friends of ours when we lived in Alabama many years ago. May you hold tight to your precious memories and know that God's comfort, grace, and strength will sustain you in the days ahead.



Pastor Hulon and Lynn Bryant - May 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MC

“I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Jason at Boeing and knew that he loved his family and his church. My prayers will be with you and your family during this time of loss and may you hold tight to your memories and know that you and your family will be prayed for.



Michelle C. - May 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JS

“Melody, I am so sorry to hear about Jason, we started Boeing about the same time and did the MBA together. He was a good man and you could tell by the pictures and stories that he loved his family. Keep your focus on the good memories to help see you through, I know I'll always think of him during hockey season and bad weather. You and your children are in my thoughts and prayers.



Judy S. - May 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with the Echols family*



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**Terrence Chance** - May 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Sorry, for the lost of one of your loves ones.*



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**Kevin Clark** - May 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM