



William D Kinsey

June 9, 2025

In Loving Memory of William Derek Kinsey

“Outlaw. Trucker. Dad. Legend.”

William Derek Kinsey, a man who blazed his own trail and never followed anyone else’s map. He was many things in life — a fearless outlaw, a die-hard trucker, a master of the grill, and most importantly, an incredible father.

Born with a fire in his heart and a country song in his soul, Gravy (as most knew him) didn’t just live life — he charged through it in an 18-wheeler doing 90 with the music up.

He had a laugh that could shake the walls, a personality bigger than Texas, and a sense of humor that never quit — even when it probably should’ve. He could make you laugh until you cried, usually with a joke that definitely wasn’t safe for church.

He was deeply loved and will be missed beyond measure by his family, his friends, and the many lives he touched just by being unapologetically himself.

Derek is survived by his five children, Destiny Kinsey, Haven Kinsey, Justice Kinsey, Dalton Kinsey, and Kenna Kinsey.

He is survived by his Parents Pat & Bettiann Sobol brothers Patrick Sobol, Dakota Sobol, Sisters Bianca Foster, (Adam) Desiree Nichols (Fred)

In true Derek fashion, we're not saying goodbye. We're just saying keep the pedal to the floor and the music up. We'll catch up with you down the road Gravy.

Service Information

June 21, 2025

Summerdale United Methodist Church

412 W Jackson St, Summerdale, AL 36580

Service: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Departure for Burial Site: 1:00PM

* We will follow to Wynn Cemetery in Summerdale to spread some of his ashes.

Address is 17134 County Rd 73 Summerdale AL

* Anything you would want Derek to have may be dropped into the burial site with him.

Gravy's Last Ride: 3:00-3:30ish. Maybe 4 depending on how many truckers.

* Cars are welcome to follow behind the 18-wheelers.

After Party: 7:00pm

* 14635 Daugherty Rd, Foley, AL

* There will be fireworks and food on the grill.

* Byob and let's party it up with Derek one last time

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

Summerdale United Methodist Church
402 West Jackson Ave

Tribute Wall



“ Rocky Thomas lit a candle in memory of William Kinsey



Rocky Thomas - July 02, 2025 at 01:20 AM



“ Wendy Jones lit a candle in memory of William Kinsey



Wendy Jones - June 23, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ I really don't know what too say except growing up with yall in and out through our lives has given me alot of great memories and well Derek your an awesome gentleman and gone way too soon! R.I.PJESY



Jessica Rena Sarvold - June 18, 2025 at 04:15 PM

HP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with y'all. He was so much fun. I had a lot of laughs with him. I'm kind of a weirdo about my personal space, and don't hug much. Derek was the only person in the world that got away hugging me, without having to give me 30 minutes to prepare, lol! He knew how I was, but would just come on over, pick me up in the air, giving me a big ole bear hug. He felt, SAFE. He gave the best hugs, and I will miss that so much. I know we will hug again, and I will of course, be safe. My heart is broken. God be with all who loves him!



Holley Pitts - June 16, 2025 at 09:48 AM



“ Derek.. My Dear, Sweet Friend.. The nite i meet you.. I knew we would be Friends for Always.. You made me feel so Special.. You made me laugh so much... Your'e one of a kind.. a spirit of Love & Kindness.. Always wanting others to believe in themselves.. & .. Feel Loved.. Be Happy.. The little things in our friendship meant a whole lot to me as well as 4u2.. cooking you dinner & the banana pudding i made because i knew how much you Loved that dessert.. Your Smile & Big Hug.. I got from U was all I ever needed.. It Didn't take Much 4u2 express your gratefulness to others.. Show how much they meant 2u.. I've re/read our msgs.. &.. thought of many times & the places we had been thru the years.. Our talks on the phone.. Thank You for the memories Derek Kinsey.. You Will be Missed Dearly.. My Heart Bleeds for you children.. grand daughter & family.. I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LOVED THEM ALL.. & so many others.. in your life! Keep Roll'n On My Friend...":O*)

Carmen Moss - June 15, 2025 at 08:52 PM

FD

“ Gravy was one of the most dependable, hardest working men I’ve ever known. What most impressed me was his manners and respect. Any time I spoke to him, it was always yes sir and no sir. Tommy and Jimmy were his heroes. (pretty good choices) RIP buddy. Next time I see you, I’ll let you outrun me.

Flying Dutchman - June 15, 2025 at 02:57 PM



“ Carla Jones lit a candle in memory of William Kinsey



Carla Jones - June 14, 2025 at 02:30 PM

BD

“ Barbara Denham lit a candle in memory of William Kinsey



Barbara Denham - June 14, 2025 at 06:11 AM

AW

“ Amanda Wilson lit a candle in memory of William Kinsey



Amanda Wilson - June 13, 2025 at 11:49 PM

JE

“ Jeff & Cindy Eicher lit a candle in memory of William Kinsey



Jeff & Cindy Eicher - June 11, 2025 at 11:32 AM

RW

“ Derek I just can't believe you are gone. When you were born, I would babysit you so your Mama and Daddy could have a night to themselves. The only way you would fall asleep was laying on my chest sucking your thumb. After you fell asleep I would then gently put you in your crib. You were the easiest child to take care of. I will always love and miss you nephew. Give Mama a kiss for me. I love you!!

Robin Wood - June 11, 2025 at 06:45 AM