

## Shepherd, Robert Dewayne, Jr. | 1964-2017

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**July 20** — Robert D. Shepherd, 53, of Alvord was killed in a two-vehicle wreck on U.S. 81/287 about three miles north of Decatur. Shepherd's Chevrolet Camaro left the roadway, struck a tree and flipped into a creek bottom after he attempted to pass a black Ford SUV. Both vehicles were traveling northbound and Shepherd failed to give the SUV enough room when passing, striking its front left fender with the back of his car, shooting the Camaro off the roadway. The SUV's occupants were not injured.

Robert Shepherd Jr.

Robert Dewayne Shepherd Jr., 53, of Alvord, died Thursday, July 20, 2017, in Decatur.

Memorial service is 1 p.m. Friday, July 28, at the First Baptist Church in Alvord.

Jones Family Funeral Home in Decatur is handling arrangements.

Robert was born June 25, 1964, in Stockton, Calif., to Robert Shepherd Sr. and Barbara Shepherd. He graduated from BHS high school in Bakersfield, Calif. He was a manager at Mattress Depot where he worked for Rob and Liz Gaylord for the past year. He thought of Mattress Depot employees like family.

Robert was preceded in death by his Grandpa Haney; his father; and brothers Ronnie Wayne Shepherd and Charlie Shepherd.

He is survived by his Grandma Haney of Alvord; his mother; sister Monica Gahagan of Alvord; nieces Michelle Carlon and husband, Casey, of Bowie, Tiffany Gahagan of Sunset and Ashley Gahagan of Bakersfield; numerous great-nieces and great-nephews; two pets he called his boys, Chopper and Johnny Cash; and numerous loving family and friends.