

## Allen, Brett Matthew

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*By* <u>Messenger Staff</u> | *Published on November 20, 2019* Brett Matthew Allen, 45, died Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019, after being on hospice for 17 months due to heart failure.

Memorial service was Tuesday, Nov. 19, at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Decatur.

Brett was born Oct. 9, 1974, in Oakland, Calif., to Guy Allen III and Machelle Porter. He moved to Decatur in 1983 and graduated from Decatur High School in 1993.

He was baptized May 25, 1991, as one of Jehovah's Witnesses and attended the Bowie Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. He loved being a bus driver and substitute teacher for more than 20 years at Bridgeport, Bowie and Decatur schools.

He was preceded in death by his father; grandparents Guy Allen II and Betty Low Allen, Roy Gatz and Marvin Potter; aunt Judith Chandler; and great-uncle Albert Rodriguez.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Mandy Allen; his three children, who he adored, Landon Allen, Micah Allen and Hailey Allen; mother Machelle Porter; grandmother Sarah Potter; sisters Kimberly Myers and husband, Brad, April Hughes and husband, Charles and Kelli Schraceo and husband, Travis; his in-laws, Kenneth and Vonna Shaffer; brother-in-law Nathan Shaffer and wife, Amber; nephews Devan and Tristan, nieces Autumn, Aubree, Everlee and Eleanor; aunt Diane Allison; cousins Eric and Brian Hurley and Jeffrey, Joel and Mitchell Chandler; great-aunt Ruth Ann Hunt; and a host of friends.