

Rutherford, Kaleb Kent

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Kaleb Kent Rutherford

Rhome ~ Kaleb Kent Rutherford, 41, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021, in Decatur.

Funeral is 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Community Church in Decatur. Family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur. His brother-in-law, Michael Toller, will officiate. Pallbearers include Michael Toller, Dave Hoekstra, Jeremy Hoekstra, Phil Thompson, Greg Silva, Martin Morris and Kasey Denson.

Kaleb was born Dec. 3, 1979, to Billy Kent and Paula Sue (Fitts) Rutherford in Fort Worth. He was united in marriage to Emily Beth Hoekstra on Jan. 6, 2001, in Burleson.

He was preceded in death by his father, Billy Kent Rutherford; and grandparents Bill and Mary "Gibber" Rutherford and Paul "Papa" Fitts.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 20 years, Emily, of Rhome; his precious sons, who called him 'D,' Kase Kent, Karson Kaleb, Kennan Kit and Karter Kristian, all of Rhome; his mother, Paula Rutherford of Decatur; his sister, Paula-Beth Toller and husband, Michael, of New Caney; his grandmother, Treva "Nonnie" Fitts of Decatur; his mother-in-law and father-in-law; sisters and brother-in-law; and aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members and friends.