



# **KALEB EVERSON**

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**P**ERRY, GA-

Kaleb Isaiah Everson passed away unexpectedly of an overdose on Sunday, April 30, 2023, after a long battle with addiction and depression. He was only 19 years old. Visitation will be held on Monday, May 8, 2023, from 2:00 until 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel at Watson-Hunt Funeral Home and will be immediately followed by Kaleb's Celebration of Life beginning at 3:00 p.m. In honor of Kaleb's life, we ask that the truth be spread, and that awareness be made regarding the ongoing drug crisis. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to Voices for Awareness foundation, 2453 Industrial Boulevard, Grand Junction, CO 81505.

Kaleb was born in Kingwood, West Virginia, on June 14, 2003. He grew up in Bonaire and Perry, Georgia, and graduated from Perry High School in 2021. He was a member of the JROTC and the Perry Panther Regiment Marching Band. Kaleb loved his family tremendously and had a heart of gold. Anyone who knew him could testify to that. He was kind, smart, funny, and loyal to a fault to those he loved the most. In turn, trying his best to block out all the negatives led him to drugs and his addiction. For years, Kaleb battled demons that some never knew about. Drugs offered an escape from his pain and unsettled thoughts.

After getting in trouble with law enforcement and being court-ordered to attend a rehab facility, Kaleb realized that he truly had an amazing support system and could get through the program. He made it to the third phase and began working. He was learning to be happy again and was so proud of his progress. Kaleb was so proud that he was learning the clean and sober lifestyle was the best choice. During the days leading up to Kaleb's overdose, he contacted everyone he could to tell them all about his accomplishments.

As mentioned earlier, Kaleb's family would like to speak the truth about his untimely death. Silence would mean Kaleb's death was in vain, but if one person's life is saved by his story, we will tell it a million times more. We (his family) know the pain of his suffering. We know the pain of



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our suffering. And we know there are thousands of addicts in our world today, and they each have family and friends loving and supporting each of them. It is important to speak the truth, no matter the circumstances, surrounding the drug crisis that is rapidly becoming another epidemic. The truth may be the difference between life and death for someone.

Kaleb was preceded in death by his grandfather, “Pop Pop,” William McGinnis; his grandfather, William Everson, his grandmother, Marlene Dillsworth; “Papa,” Russell Smith; and his son, Asher Holmes.

Left to cherish the memories they made with Kaleb are his grandmother, “Mimi,” Beverly McGinnis (David); his mother, Rebekah Everson (Jonathan); his father, William Everson (Anna); his stepmother, Beth Goulding (K.R.); his “Nana,” Gloria Smith; his uncle, Shawn McGinnis; his aunts, Stephanie Lane (Ronnie) and Martha Starcher (Matt); his brothers, Cameron Boothe (Tasherra), Darian, Zack, Aiden, Cash, and Billy; and his sisters, Ashley Myers (Trey) and Kellie Lang (Sidney). He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, and cousins; and many friends who loved him dearly.

Messages of sympathy for the family may be left in the online guestbook at [www.watsonhunt.com](http://www.watsonhunt.com). Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.



# Events

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## Visitation

- Monday**, May 8, 2023
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET
- Watson - Hunt Funeral Home**  
1208 Main Street, Perry GA 31069



## Memorial Service

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## Tribute Wall

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DM

**Dianne Mccoy** posted:

Praying that God will send his love, grace and peace for you and all who loved this beautiful young man. By having the courage to share his story you may have saved others & provided some encouragement to those who have also had these same struggles. Please know that you are not alone in this journey.

May 9 at 1:47 PM

LT

**L. Thomas** posted:

This OLD World can hurt you anymore KALEB, Let GOD be your the Light of your LIFE, NO MORE EARTHLY PAIN, ONLY HEAVENLY JOY.

May 8 at 8:24 PM

JU

**Judy** lit a candle in honor of KALEB.



May 8 at 3:36 PM

PA

**Papillion** posted:

I don't know Kaleb or his loved ones, but I know addictive disease and depression. I will share his story so that the truth be spread and pray for you to be blessed with the precious peace that passes all understanding.)i{

May 7 at 12:22 PM

PW

**Patricia Wynne** lit a candle in honor of KALEB.



May 6 at 8:30 PM

KN

**K Nice** posted:

I never had the honor of meeting Kaleb or his family but am sending prayers for comfort and healing. A beautiful soul gone to soon.

May 6 at 5:07 PM



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BD

**Brenda Darnell** posted:

I am so sorry for the loss of your Kaleb. I am praying for your family. I can not give you the comfort that you need to heal and to face the days ahead but there is One who sticketh closer than a brother, who says to cast your cares upon him for he cares for you. Look to Jesus in the days ahead and know that He loves each of you. Will and Anna if there is anything that I can do for you just let me know. Love Miss Brenda

May 5 at 8:03 PM

BR

**Brent** May 6 at 7:26 PM

Sending condolences and prayers of peace that passes all our understanding. Much love, Brent

HR

**Hope Robinson** posted:

I do not know Kaleb or his family. But just wanted to say Kaleb's obituary is beautiful and you are right..his story needs to be heard. My heart breaks for you! Hope R.

May 5 at 5:27 PM

JV

**Jamie Varner** sent a virtual gift in honor of KALEB.

My heart goes out to your family!

May 5 at 2:41 PM



WM

**Wanda Middlebrooks** lit a candle in honor of KALEB.

May 5 at 5:08 AM





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LA

**Larry Artice** lit a candle in honor of KALEB.



May 4 at 10:07 PM

LA

**Larry Artice** May 4 at 10:09 PM

Sorry for the young man's loss and his family. Depression is a awful problem and is hard to understand unless you have been there.

WT

**Wendy Truitt** posted:

Deepest Condolences to Kaleb Family. I will share your story with other Family Members to help understand the Power of the disease of Addiction. W. Truitt

May 4 at 12:37 PM

WE

**William Engledow** posted:

My son Marshall was friends with Kaleb when they went to Bonaire Elementary. Kaleb was kind, articulate and loved playing with his friends at school. His smile is unforgettable and our entire family is heartbroken that he's not here. Our heartfelt prayers and condolences seem inadequate in the face of such a loss but to Kaleb's family, we grieve with you and will keep you all in our prayers!

May 4 at 11:28 AM

KA

**Kathryn** lit a candle in honor of KALEB.

Kaleb, I'm gonna miss you!! Rebekah, you and your whole family is in my thoughts and prayers. I love you

May 4 at 4:00 AM



JB

**Janet Boring** posted:

Thank you for sharing Kaleb's story. His touched my heart. Prayers that your loss saves a life so that Kaleb will live on. Prayers of comfort for his family at this difficult time.

May 3 at 5:57 PM



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BL

**Belinda Lindsey** posted:

What a brave, courageous and an important story about Kaleb. Addiction is a thief and comes to steal love and trust. Unfortunately once you use it is too late if you have an addiction. I can't imagine the pain and tears Kaleb's family and friends are going through. Sorry does not seem to be adequate. Keep shining the light on this crisis. May God grant you peace and comfort through this journey.

May 3 at 4:36 PM

JH

**Jana Hutchinson** posted:

I don't know Kaleb or his family but my heart goes out to all of you! As a parent and grandparent, i would like to thank you for sharing his story ! I pray that everyone that knows yall and everyone who sees this obituary start discussing this epidemic that is striking so many families. It is time to stop hiding behind the curtains and bring this to light that this is happening to families of all backgrounds, good kids, and good parents! We must be active in the fight!

May 3 at 4:07 PM

BH

**Brenda Howard** posted:

My condolences to the Family. Praying 🙏

May 3 at 3:39 PM

MA

**Mark** posted:

We were so sorry to hear about your tragic loss, and the pain and suffering Kaleb went through. We are making a donation on Kaleb's behalf to the Voices for Awareness foundation as you requested, and we praying earnestly for your family. With love, cousin Mark & Carla McGinnis

May 3 at 2:54 PM

JU

**Judy** posted:

Prayers for the family and friends of Kaleb. Thank you for sharing your story with the community. I'm certain your words will touch many lives.

May 3 at 2:34 PM



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**Barbara Smallwood Mullis** lit a candle in honor of KALEB.

Prayers for family & friends. ❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏🙏

May 3 at 1:55 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring KALEB by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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