



## Deaven Mitchell Holder

December 21, 2004 - April 27, 2023

Deaven Mitchell Holder, 18, of Mooresville, NC, left this world for heaven on April 27, 2023. His passing has deeply saddened his family and loved ones, as we have lost a unique and beautiful soul. He was a treasured son, exemplary brother, best friend, and so much more to countless people. He was a true blessing to know and love, and he will continue to be loved by many.

Deaven was born at Lake Norman Regional Medical Center on December 21, 2004. He was to graduate from Lake Norman High School in June 2023. He was employed by On the Nines Restaurant in Mooresville. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Eaven David Holder and his maternal grandparents, John and Beverly Saunders. Deaven is survived by his parents, Derrick and Carrie Holder, two sisters, Nicole Decker and husband Blaine, Jessica Holder, his Memaw Glenna Holder, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends who are too numerous to name.

In his childhood, Deaven was an adorable, sandy blonde-haired, brown-eyed, chubby-cheeked, comedic athlete. We delighted in watching him grow into a tall, handsome, strong, and confident young man. He was a natural athlete in any sport he attempted, including baseball and swimming. He was a competitive swimmer beginning at age four swimming with the Winslow Bay Wahoos in summer league. He progressed to swimming competitively for

Swim Mac and Lowe's Lightning swim teams. On Lowe's Lightning, his accomplishments include high point scorer over multiple years, qualifier for Y Nationals individual events in 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 100 backstroke and was a proud member of the first men's 4x4 Free Relay to qualify to Y Nationals. He swam for his high school teams as well. In 2020 during his freshman year at Pine Lake Prep, his relay team won the gold medal during the 1A/2A State Championship meet in the 400-freestyle relay along with the PLP men's team clenching the State Championship title overall.

Deaven had a passion for the ocean, animals, and nature overall. As a child, he aspired to become a marine biologist. He enjoyed scuba diving, snorkeling, hiking, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. He was unfiltered and independent, yet sensitive and incredibly compassionate. His strong-willed, stubborn, and outspoken nature were integral parts of who he was. He was artistic and creative. Deaven's sense of humor, witty remarks, and larger-than-life personality brightened every room he entered and he could always make you laugh. His stunning and contagious smile touched everyone around him. Deaven's caring nature left an impact on many lives just by being himself. He will be forever missed and remembered daily. Until we meet again, our sweet Dev is now at peace in heaven, reunited with his loving family beside Jesus.

A celebration of life will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 6:00PM at The Quarry at Carrigan Farms, 1213 Oakridge Farm Highway, Mooresville NC 28115. This celebration will include food, firepit, and fellowship. Please plan to join us for the time of togetherness.

In lieu of flowers, please consider purchasing a bracelet from [4Ocean.com](http://4Ocean.com) to support their cause of cleaning up our oceans. Wear the bracelet in honor of Deaven as he had a passion for their mission. In addition, donations can be made in his honor to Food for Days, PO Box 175, Mooresville NC 28115.

Food for Days ministry was established by his grandfather and holds a special in our family.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Holder family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory**

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Previous Events

## **Celebration of Life**

**MAY 4.** 6:00 PM (ET)

The Quarry at Carrigan Farms  
1213 Oakridge Farm Hwy  
Mooresville, NC 28115  
(704) 664-1450

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deaven Mitchell Holder.*



May 07, 2023 at 01:34 PM



“ *Such a nice, young fellow. You will be missed*

**Patrick Anderson** - May 05, 2023 at 12:20 AM



“ *Without a doubt, the world is less bright without Deaven walking the earth. Your smile lights up a room and you were a fabulous teammate. We will miss you!*



**Jen Hartman** - May 04, 2023 at 04:52 PM



“ *Charley Gamble lit a candle in memory of Deaven Mitchell Holder*



**Charley Gamble** - May 04, 2023 at 04:41 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Deaven Mitchell Holder.*



May 04, 2023 at 01:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deaven Mitchell Holder.*



May 04, 2023 at 01:31 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Deaven Mitchell Holder.*



May 04, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deaven Mitchell Holder.*



May 03, 2023 at 11:04 PM

TF

“ *The Brawley Market Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Deaven Mitchell Holder.*



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**The Brawley Market Family** - May 03, 2023 at 04:31 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Deaven Mitchell Holder.*



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May 03, 2023 at 02:21 PM

AN

“ *I had the joy of being one of Deaven's preschool teachers. Even after this many years I distinctly remember his smile and laugh and enthusiasm for whatever was going on in class. He was so bright and funny and could hold a full adult conversation at 3 years old. I'm so grateful to have known him! I am so very sorry for your loss and will be praying for you all as you mourn.*

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**Aime Nance** - May 03, 2023 at 01:06 PM

NF

“ *I had the privilege of being Deaven's friend and teammate on Lowe's Lightning. He was an incredible athlete and I will never forget his smile*

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**Nicole Fortin** - May 03, 2023 at 10:07 AM

TF

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family during this difficult time.  
The Todd Family



Todd Family - May 03, 2023 at 09:37 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deaven Mitchell Holder.



May 03, 2023 at 09:15 AM

EH

“ Derrick, Carrie, Jessica, Nicole, Blaine, and Riggby,  
Thank you for sharing your sweet one with us. Your love, kindness, and compassion carried through Deaven, and our lives are forever blessed to have known him. He always had a witty comment to make us laugh. We will always treasure his ability to make new friends and appreciate people as they were, without condition. I know this sweet angle will keep working in our lives. We love you



Elizabeth Hobson - May 02, 2023 at 10:26 PM

PB

“ *Derrick and Carrie,  
We are so sorry to hear about Deaven and please know you and  
your family are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Peter & Cecilia Brown*

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**Peter Brown** - May 02, 2023 at 09:21 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Deaven Mitchell Holder.*



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May 02, 2023 at 07:29 PM

MM

“ *We have been a wahoo family since 2013. Deaven was a bright  
light. When my kids felt like other coaches were tough, Deaven was  
kind and always encouraging and smiling with the kids. I was  
floored to hear of his death. He was undeniably special and  
wonderful and I am so sorry that he is gone. I'm sorry for everyone  
that knew him but I'll be praying for his family especially. I am just so  
sorry.*

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**MaryCatherine Martin** - May 02, 2023 at 04:52 PM

TK

“ The Holder family holds such a special place in our hearts. Growing up, Deaven was always in the pool, and Derrick and Carrie were never too far behind. Deaven played baseball with my brother, and my mom, as well as Mrs. Carries were always driving to and from the ball field. Seeing him thrive in and out of the water was always so exciting. Once we got to high-school, I started driving Deav home and it was always a wild ride. The laughing would never stop and we would always have our little post-school gossip sessions. This boy would always ask for a quick chickfila run on the way into Mooresville. Being a “swim family” is not a term taken lightly. The wahoos, as well as lightening hold that term so close to their hearts. Deaven encapsulates what it means to be a family and his presence and the way he held himself represented that to its fullest extent. His vibrant energy and light is one of the biggest gifts Deaven gave during his time here. I am so honored to have known this amazing man and spent the time we had together. My deepest regards and condolences go out to anyone and everyone who had the pleasure of crossing paths with him. As for Deaven, all I can say is you will be missed beyond measure. You have no clue the impact you made on everyone you met. I love you forever and always.

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Tatum King - May 02, 2023 at 04:51 PM

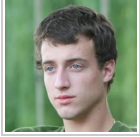
KD

“ My sincerest condolences for you at this time. You have my deepest sympathy and unwavering support. Wishing you peace, comfort, courage, and lots of love at this time of sorrow. My heart goes out to you at this difficult time. Deaven will always have a place in mine and Brooklyn's heart.  
Sending love, Kim DeCann



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Kim DeCann - May 02, 2023 at 01:05 PM



“ *Deaven was a part of our family's memories during the time we lived in Winslow Bay. He is a beautiful boy with a special light. I know you have just experienced the unimaginable. Please remember you ever want to talk to someone who knows the pain you are going through, please get in touch. We are both on Facebook. Sending so much love. Deaven is not gone. He's right there with you, he has merely changed form. Sending love, Sherri McInnis and Jillian McInnis.*

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**Sherri McInnis** - May 02, 2023 at 11:41 AM

AW

“ *deaven was my best friend. he never failed to make someone smile. his energy and beautiful soul lit up every room he stepped in. he impacted so many peoples lives for the better and no matter the situation he could always make you laugh. he will never be forgotten. i love you so much devy pooh.*



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**ari williams** - May 02, 2023 at 11:25 AM

AW

*Deaven was such a bright shining light around our home as Ari's best friend! He was the most kind, considerate and loving young man. Unfailingly he would come out to my car to see if I had anything that he could carry for me since I have a disability. He always had a smile on his face. Our home is a much sadder place with him gone. He is truly missed but will forever live in our hearts!  
With sincere sympathy,  
Anna Wiiiams, Ari's grandma*

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**Anna Williams** - May 03, 2023 at 01:10 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Deaven Mitchell Holder.*



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May 02, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *My deepest condolences for Derrick and family, there are no words that adequately express how sorry I am for your loss. I pray that God wraps his loving arms around you all and give you the peace that passes all understanding.*  
*With Love, Chari Cross Buckner*

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**Chari** - May 02, 2023 at 08:43 AM



“ *Words cannot describe how much I will miss Deaven. While I lived at home, most of my summers were spent at the pool lifeguarding and swim coaching with Dev. Our family vacation to Florida will always live happily in my memories. He was a dear friend and I remember how much he made me laugh and no matter what he was always smiling.❤️*



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**Lauren Lorenzi** - May 02, 2023 at 08:15 AM

RS

“ Rusty, Elizabeth, Clara, and Stephen purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Deaven Mitchell Holder.



Rusty, Elizabeth, Clara, and Stephen - May 01, 2023 at 09:24 PM

TL

“ Deaven was such a precious young man. I vividly recall his energy, smile, and laughter as we shared our 6th grade Math class. My heart is broken for you all. I'm so very for your loss; Deaven will be missed.

Teresa C Lewis - May 01, 2023 at 08:26 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Deaven Mitchell Holder.



May 01, 2023 at 07:48 PM

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“ - The Batta Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Deaven Mitchell Holder.



- The Batta Family - May 01, 2023 at 07:39 PM

PA

“ Paisley lit a candle in memory of Deaven Mitchell Holder



Paisley - May 01, 2023 at 06:28 PM

LC

“ My heart is broken. Deaven was a student who I taught from k-5th grade. He was so kind, funny and creative. Rest in peace sweet Deaven... Praying for his family. 🙏

Leslie Clegg - May 01, 2023 at 05:46 PM

JG

“ Such a wholesome and thoughtful person to work with while life guarding. Work was always so much fun when we were on the same shift. Gonna miss you💔 -Juliana Gallo

juliana gallo - May 01, 2023 at 05:40 PM

KM

“ One of the most personable young men and Best swim coach ever! ☐☐ Sending love and prayers during this trying time!  
The Marra Girls WBW



Karen Marra - May 01, 2023 at 04:39 PM

EL

“ I was walking to the office at Woodland Elementary school to pick up my daughter to go swimming and there was a school bus in front of the building. As I passed it, I heard, “Hi, Mrs Doña!” I looked at the bus and there was Deaven at the door waving with the biggest smile. He always greeted me with exuberance, but that interaction is how I will forever remember him.

*Rest in peace, Deaven.*

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**Elda** - May 01, 2023 at 01:41 PM

RD

“ Rick And Debbie lit a candle in memory of Deaven Mitchell Holder



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**Rick and Debbie** - May 01, 2023 at 01:06 PM

VI

“ Deaven was always so joyful and never a day he couldn't make me laugh. He was my facetime best friend throughout Covid and will always have a special place in my heart. Anyone who met Deaven should consider themselves lucky. I'm so sorry for your family's loss. I think and pray for you guys everyday.



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**vivienne** - May 01, 2023 at 12:35 PM

JA

“ John Gentile and Kathy Alera purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Deaven Mitchell Holder.



John Gentile and Kathy Alera - May 01, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Deaven Mitchell Holder.



May 01, 2023 at 11:14 AM

DP

“ I'm so sorry for your loss may god be with you all at this time of sorrow may your son RIP God be with you



Deborah Piscitelli - May 01, 2023 at 10:57 AM

AV

“ Adam Volk lit a candle in memory of Deaven Mitchell Holder



Adam Volk - May 01, 2023 at 10:13 AM

LC

“ Carrie and Derrick I am so sorry for this tragic loss. Deaven is one of my all time favorite students. I enjoyed watching him grow up in church, He gave the best hugs. He will be greatly missed. Till we meet again sweet Deaven

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**Laura Cochrane** - May 01, 2023 at 09:45 AM

LM

“ Derrick and Carrie we are heartbroken to hear about Deaven and are at a loss for words. We have many fond memories of him and you all. He was always a joyful young man even during long hours at the pool. We loved catching up with all your adventures during those fun swim meets. I wish to share this memory of a great day paddle boarding on Lake Norman. With much Love and Sympathy. Liza and Michael Bradshaw



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**LMBRADSHAW** - April 30, 2023 at 11:39 PM

SJ

“ I worked with Deaven and quickly grew very fond of him. A very unique person. Shine bright, fella.



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**Shannon Jenkins** - April 30, 2023 at 10:46 PM

TE

“ Terri lit a candle in memory of Deaven  
Mitchell Holder



Terri - April 30, 2023 at 08:54 PM

TE

*God is holding hands with this dear sweet soul. My heart and prays go out to the family. I pray for his comfort and for the family. We love you Deaven*

Terri - April 30, 2023 at 08:59 PM

KV

*Carrie, my heart is broken for you. You and the family are in my prayers.*

Kim Vargas - May 01, 2023 at 08:01 AM

MM

*Sending all our love and hugs to all. Words can't express enough our love. The Meadows family...*

Mitchell Meadows - May 01, 2023 at 10:59 AM

AC

*Sweet Carrie, my heart goes out to you and your family. Know that I am thinking of you and hoping you find comfort, in some way, in the days to come.*

Amy Calloway - May 01, 2023 at 11:03 AM

KC

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the Holder family*

Kenny Crowe - May 04, 2023 at 01:41 PM