



## William Ian Graddy

December 8, 2001 - June 22, 2021

Will was a Christian and member of East Gardendale Baptist Church, Played the guitar and piano self taught, always had a smile on his face. He lived with both his grandmother and grandfather Sandra & Carl Krause and mother and step father Matty & James Whittaker. He is survived by Grandparents Sandra & Carl Krause, Mother & Step father, Matty & James Whittaker, Grandparents: Walt & Cookie Whittaker, Sisters:

Elise Graddy, Mina Whittaker, Angela Rayborn, Evie Whittaker, Penny Whittaker and his beloved brother Patrik Whittaker. Uncles Steve McCullars (Laura) and Kenny McCullars and many cousins. He was a big star wars fan and loved music. He was loved by all his family and will remain in our hearts and lives forever.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **25**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home  
2214 Decatur Highway  
Gardendale, AL 35071  
(205) 631-8810  
gardendalefuneralhome2@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

JUN **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Will I loved you so much I wish so badly that we had gotten the chance to have more memories together. You are so missed by your whole family. The world isn't the same without you in it. I tell your nephew about you all the time because he reminds me so much of you. ❤️ You're forever loved and missed

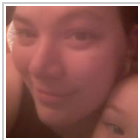
Angela Rayborn - December 08, 2024 at 04:54 PM

EM

“ Erin McCullars lit a candle in memory of William Ian Graddy



Erin McCullars - December 08, 2024 at 09:49 AM



“ We are thinking of you today.



Erin McCullars - July 02, 2024 at 10:01 PM

LM

“ We could never forget you, Will. Love you, Steve and Laura



laura mccullars - June 19, 2024 at 12:07 AM

MW

“ I've been missing you alot lately. Looking to see you again soon.



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**Matty Whittaker** - May 03, 2024 at 08:27 PM

MW

“ *Matty Whittaker lit a candle in memory of William Ian Graddy*



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**Matty Whittaker** - April 27, 2024 at 01:35 PM

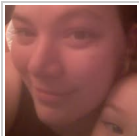
SJ

“ *Sometimes the ones we miss the most are the ones we never got the chance to get to know.*



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**Sylvia Janiak** - February 09, 2024 at 11:10 PM

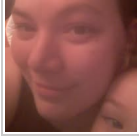


“ *Thinking of you,  
Oliver and Rowan*



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**Erin McCullars** - December 12, 2023 at 05:51 AM



“ We are thinking of you on your birthday.



Erin McCullars - December 08, 2023 at 05:13 AM



“ It's been over 2 years but I still miss you everyday I love you Will and miss your sweet smile. Hoping to see you soon. Love grandmother

sandra krause - October 20, 2023 at 07:45 PM



“ thank you Will for being there for me when you were. I'll never forget the friendship you gave to me when I needed it, and being there for you too. I'm very sad still to know you're gone. i'm sad i never to got hang out with you like we always talked about, but someday we will see each other again. forever listening to Rush by Depeche Mode in your honor. thank you for the great friendship and experience 💜



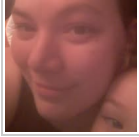
Harley - July 14, 2023 at 01:10 AM



“ Laura McCullars lit a candle in memory of William Ian Graddy



Laura McCullars - June 22, 2023 at 10:12 PM



“ Remembering you on your birthday.



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**Erin McCullars** - December 08, 2022 at 09:28 AM



“ *Matty Whittaker lit a candle in memory of William Ian Graddy*



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**Matty Whittaker** - October 12, 2022 at 10:58 AM



“ *Matty Whittaker lit a candle in memory of William Ian Graddy*



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**Matty Whittaker** - September 11, 2022 at 03:59 PM



“ *Matty Whittaker lit a candle in memory of William Ian Graddy*



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**Matty Whittaker** - July 28, 2022 at 07:26 PM

SK

“ Sandra Krause sent a virtual gift in memory of William Ian Graddy



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Sandra krause - June 23, 2022 at 07:51 AM

SK

“ Sandra Krause lit a candle in memory of William Ian Graddy



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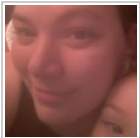
Sandra krause - June 23, 2022 at 07:49 AM

SK

“ It's now been a year yesterday when I woke up in this nightmare. I miss you so much my sweet boy. My heart longs for you. I know I'll see you again and hopefully soon  
Time is not a healer only a reminder that you're not here. I love you Will.

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Sandra krause - June 23, 2022 at 07:49 AM



“ Erin McCullars lit a candle in memory of William Ian Graddy



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Erin McCullars - June 22, 2022 at 12:11 AM

SK

“ Will in 3 weeks it will be a year since you left us. My heart is still broken. Time doesn't heal wounds. I miss you and my heart hurts as much today as it did a year ago. I love you more than I can say. I pray for Jesus to return and to see you again never to be parted again  
Grandmother loves and misses you and will until I depart this world.

Sandra krause - May 31, 2022 at 09:28 PM

EV

“ happy late birthday will

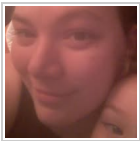
Evie - December 10, 2021 at 10:53 AM

EV

“ Evie sent a virtual gift in memory of William Ian Graddy



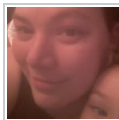
Evie - December 10, 2021 at 10:52 AM



“ Erin McCullars lit a candle in memory of William Ian Graddy



Erin McCullars - December 07, 2021 at 09:01 PM



Thinking about you on your birthday tomorrow. You are dearly missed.

Erin McCullars - December 07, 2021 at 09:05 PM

MW

*I'd appreciated it if you'd refrain from posting on my son's memorial wall...Will didn't know you very well and what he recalled is how mean you were to him as a little boy.*

Matty whittaker - June 17, 2022 at 08:15 PM

EV

“ *Evie lit a candle in memory of William Ian Graddy*



Evie - October 22, 2021 at 05:59 PM

ST

“ *It's so hard without you my little man. I hope you know how much joy you brought to all of your family. We all think about you everyday. It's truly been a struggle without you. But we all know we'll be with you again. We love you so much Will. Thank you for all the laughs, smiles, and hugs you always gave. You made all of our lives brighter. You have always been a blessing. I'll always have you in my heart and mind.* ❤️🎹🎸🎮



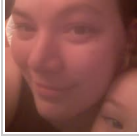
steve - July 07, 2021 at 08:16 AM

Laura McCullars

“ *Missing you today, buddy. Uncle Steve and I loved listening to music with you and your visits. I know you're at peace with Jesus. Love you, Aunt Laura*



Laura McCullars - July 06, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ A donation has been made to The Gatehouse in loving memory of William Ian Graddy. He is such a kind and gentle soul. We dearly miss him! Our deepest sympathy and prayers for his family and friends.



Love,

*Erin, Oliver, and Rowan McCullars*

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**Erin McCullars** - June 26, 2021 at 01:22 PM



*That's so nice of you to donate to the abused women and children who are actually in crisis. Thank you on behalf of our family.*

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**Laura McCullars** - July 06, 2021 at 12:51 PM

EC

“ *Deepest condolences to all the family. I wish you comfort and peace. Elizabeth Congdon*

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**Elizabeth Congdon** - June 25, 2021 at 12:50 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Ian Graddy.*

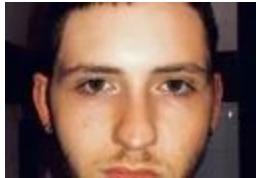


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June 25, 2021 at 10:11 AM

ST

“ I'd like to share with everybody how Will had such a talent for music. One of the things we really bonded over was music and playing songs together. One of his favorite songs to play with me was Echo & the Bunnymens “ the killing moon” . He loved that song and always had a good time singing and playing it. He played mainly by ear but was really quick to pick up any song really. I love this guy so much! He really helped me through one of the hardest times of my life just by hanging out with me. He always made me laugh. This is the last pic he sent me about two weeks ago. I was teasing him by asking him if he was going for the Trent Reznor look. I can't even begin to explain what a huge chunk of my heart is now missing. I love you so much Will.



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**steve** - June 25, 2021 at 09:25 AM

AM

*I'm so sorry for your loss Steve... 💔💔💔 you were such a huge beautiful influence on him... xo Meshell*

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**Aunt Meshell** - June 25, 2021 at 06:30 PM



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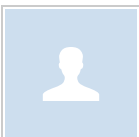
Loreleigh Graddy - June 24, 2021 at 05:46 PM



“ Sandra,  
Words cannot express how sorry I am about the loss of Will. It's hard to lose a young person, we lost a son at 24. Prayers for all the family for comfort and strength for you all.  
Thinking of you, God Bless  
Joanne Blaikie

*John 16: 22 So with you: Now is your time of grief, but, I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.*

Joanne blaikie - June 24, 2021 at 02:20 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Ian Graddy.



June 24, 2021 at 02:04 PM

LW

“ Lee Krause and Sally Wolfe purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of William Ian Graddy.



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**Lee Krause and Sally Wolfe** - June 24, 2021 at 12:16 PM

LH

“ I am so so sorry for your loss. It is heartbreaking to lose a loved one , but even more difficult when your loved one is so young.

*I lost my mom February 28. I will not say I know how you feel as your loss is grieving at a whole different level. He is young. He is your grandson. He is gone too soon. And having lived in your household will be a constant reminder of how much you miss him.*

*As time goes on, the big hole in your heart will be VERY slowly touched with good memories. You may partially smile but will definitely feel sadness. There are not enough words to offer consolation to make you feel better.*

*It will take a long time for you and Sandra to heal. You will be surrounded by other loving grandchildren. You will have to lean on each other to stay strong.*

*I will add your grandson to my prayer list. Be strong. Stay safe.*

*Hugs*

*Lucy Harrison*

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**Lucille Harrison** - June 24, 2021 at 11:26 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of William Ian Graddy.



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June 24, 2021 at 09:31 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet* was purchased for the family of William Ian Graddy.



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June 24, 2021 at 08:22 AM



“ *Alana Watson and family* purchased the *Touching Tribute Spray* for the family of William Ian Graddy.



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**Alana Watson and family** - June 24, 2021 at 08:22 AM

AM

“ *To Will... and his vibrant soul... I so much enjoyed our road trip from AZ to WA... he was so thrilled to see all the different terrain and visit the Redwood Giants, Serenade the hotel neighbors with live guitar kareoke, see Kurt Cobain's childhood house and tour around...you will truly be missed.... xo Aunt Meshell*



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**Aunt Meshell** - June 24, 2021 at 02:40 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Ian Graddy.*



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June 24, 2021 at 02:22 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of William Ian Graddy.*

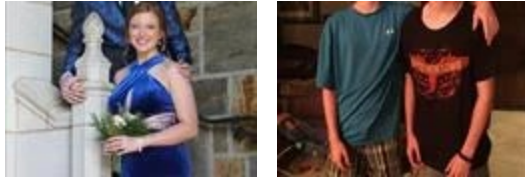


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June 23, 2021 at 11:45 PM

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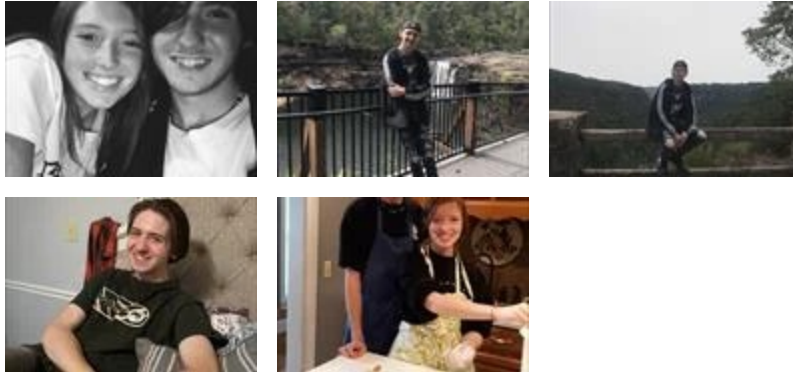
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**steve** - June 23, 2021 at 09:52 PM

AW

“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



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**Alana Watson** - June 23, 2021 at 08:09 PM

AW

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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**Alana Watson** - June 23, 2021 at 07:49 PM

AW

*I love Will truly and deeply. I always will. I only knew him for ten months, but they were the best months of my life. He was with me through many hardships I faced and I could not have coped without him by my side. He was kind, caring, hilarious, and the most loveable person I will ever meet. I will never meet anyone like him again. He was honestly one of a kind and he will always hold half of my heart.*

Alana Watson - June 23, 2021 at 08:04 PM

TB

*I am so sorry I loved will he was a good guy and I remember prom day y'all looked sooo good he will be missed RIP Will*

Teresa Brown - June 24, 2021 at 07:40 PM

TB

*I will truly miss u will I enjoyed knowing u you were a delight fly high with the angels I love u Alana*

Teresa Brown - June 24, 2021 at 07:43 PM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Jeannie Dollar - June 23, 2021 at 06:53 PM



*Will with my Nick and Madison*

Jeannie Dollar - June 23, 2021 at 06:54 PM



“ Always enjoyed when Will was around. He was so talented. Our family and friends enjoyed hearing him play the piano, guitar and keyboard. We will surely miss him from the bottom of our hearts.

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**Jeannie Dollar** - June 23, 2021 at 06:31 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Ian Graddy.



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June 23, 2021 at 06:25 PM



“ i remember will as a sweet young boy who loved and collected anything and everything related to STAR WARS and his grandmother Sandra always looked everywhere for the newest toy we are going to miss him and may God give peace and comfort to his mother sandy and his grandparent carl and Sandra and his many brothers and sisters

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**elaine smith** - June 23, 2021 at 05:17 PM



“ 40 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home** - June 23, 2021 at 05:16 PM