



Joshua Lee Chaney

April 29, 1982 - July 27, 2025

Joshua Lee Chaney, age 43 of Russellville, tragically drowned by swimming near McFarland Park in Florence on Sunday, July 27, 2025.

Joshua was very loving, hardworking man who was always willing to help anyone. The family rejoices in knowing that he met Jesus two weeks ago, became a Christian, and was baptized. He was a devoted Auburn fan. He was “100 % a momma’s boy” who especially loved his momma, his daughters, his grandchildren, his family, and his friends.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his daughters, Brianna Chaney (Trent Risley), Ashlee Smith (Shane); grandchildren, Ella Risley, Genesis Risley, Charlee Risley, Ava Hutchins, Logan Smith, Karson Smith; mother, Rina Chaney; siblings, Tim Chaney (Christy), Larry Chaney (Vicky), Jonathan Chaney; step-siblings, AJ Johnson, Marie Johnson, Emma Randolph; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Rickey Eugene Chaney; brother, Brian Chaney; and all of his grandparents.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the 2nd Chance Rehab

Center for leading Josh on a straight path and loving him like family. Also, we want to thank all of the agencies involved in the search which included the Florence Police Department, Florence Fire and Rescue, Colbert County Sheriff's Office, Alabama Marine Police, and Sheffield Police Department, Dive teams, watercraft, and drones who were utilized in the operation.

Since this was a very tragic accident, the family is needing and asking for any donations to help cover the funeral costs. They would appreciate any donations or prayers that you can offer. These donations can be brought to Spry Memorial Chapel or called into the funeral home, 256-332-1122.

Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family. To give private condolences, please visit our website at www.sprymemorialchapel.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Josh hey son you will be very missed and loved. You tell Chris and all the rest of them that I can't wait to meet y'all there. But our best time we had was our adventure when you were 21. To tunica bound . We had a blast But you are having a better turn out now than back then so RIP. Love you brother*

Lisa Holcomb - July 29, 2025 at 04:15 AM