



## Bret Warren

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Bret Warren passed away on September 7th, 2025, at Grandview Medical Center in Birmingham. He was a 1980 graduate of Albertville High School and attended Snead State Community College with a major in Computer Science and Business. Bret was a lifelong musician with perfect pitch that played completely by ear until his early twenties. He played multiple instruments but was most well known for playing the piano and began playing in church before the age of ten. Over his lifetime, he played in hundreds of churches for countless celebrations, singings, concerts, weddings and funerals. He loved his time performing with and playing for the College Street Singers and the Alabama School of Gospel Music. He wasn't known for tolerating less than perfect music or vocals as many of us experienced. Even if he didn't know the song, he always managed to make it sound like he had played it for years, while he sat at the piano, looking at the crowd, with a smirk and an eye roll. He also devoted many years to the Alabama Home Builders Association. He took immense joy in spending time with his nieces, nephews and great-nephew, doing all the things their parents said 'no' to. He was Uncle Bret to many of his friend's children as well.

He was master of sarcasm, dry wit and the infamous 'eye roll.' He was the person you didn't need to sit beside in church or any other serious situation because you were guaranteed to get tickled or in trouble. He cared for others

and was deeply loved by many.

He is survived by his mother, Janice (Jerry) Simmons. His sisters, Beth (Bobby) Stewart. Aimee (Ross) Adams. Janna (Lee J) Godwin. Joy Witte. Brother: John (Leia) Simmons. Nieces: Erin Stewart (Kevron), Harley (Dillon) Cambron, Olivia Adams (Justin) Emmy Simmons and Autumn Witte. Nephews: Warren (Madison) Stewart, Parker Godwin, Wyatt Stewart (Haley), Joshua Simmons and Pierce Witte. Great Niece: Reagan Cambron. Nephew: Karter James.

He is preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Warren. Grandparents: LC and Burma Warren and Johnny and OllieMae Allen.

A celebration of life will be held at 4:00 pm on Sunday, September 14, 2025 at Adams Brown Service Funeral Home. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to: Grandview Medical Center Auxillary: Directed to CICU. 3690 Grandview Parkway, Birmingham, AL. 35243.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

SEP 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Adams Brown Service Funeral Home  
6906 US Highway 431 South  
P.O. Box 488  
Albertville, AL 35950  
(256) 878-0231

## Celebration of Life

SEP 14. 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

FP

“ Frank and Alisa Pellegrini purchased the Heartfelt Comfort Charcuterie Gift Set for the family of Bret Warren.



Frank and Alisa Pellegrini - September 15, 2025 at 12:15 PM



“ Meeting Bret at a wedding rehearsal diner for the first time, it was at a serious fancy place. That’s when I found out, you can’t be serious around Bret. Thank goodness. We found out where they stashed the Andes Mint chocolate candies and raided those. He filled his pockets full for all of us. The next day at the wedding, I was one of the ladies cutting the cake. Having icing all over my hands, Bret politely said, let me see your hands. I thought he was going to be the gentleman and wipe my hands off. Well, he did clean my thumb off...my sticking it in his mouth! The photographer caught that moment and it is one that makes me smile all these years later. Miss you Bret!

Tina Roberts - September 13, 2025 at 04:15 PM

JL

“ John and Michelle Lemaster purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Bret Warren.



John and Michelle Lemaster - September 13, 2025 at 09:00 AM

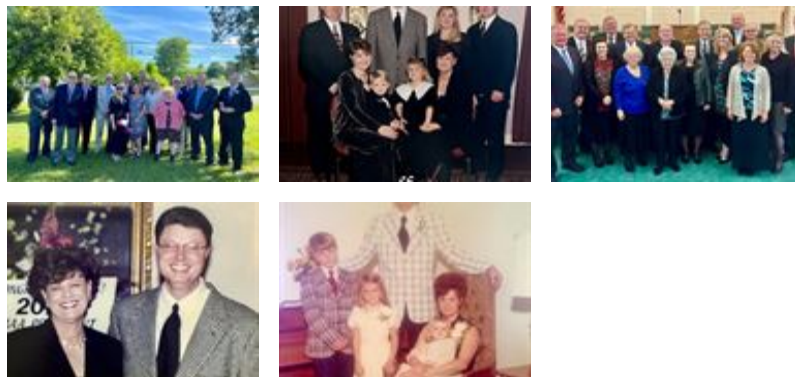
PK

“ To Janice and family, I am so sorry for your loss. We got to hear him play with the group my husband sings with a few months back. I'm so glad I did. He also played for our wedding years ago. We were so glad he did. May the Lord comfort you and your family.

Pam Kirby - September 11, 2025 at 04:02 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Adams Brown Service Funeral Home - September 11, 2025 at 03:59 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bret Warren.



September 10, 2025 at 12:04 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bret Warren.*



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September 10, 2025 at 10:04 AM



“ *I met Bret at Alabama Home Builders years ago. My first impression was I don't know who this crazy man is, but I love him. Over the years he would come to my desk whenever he came in the office. Bret always had a funny story about something going on in his life. I love him and he will truly be missed. His loving and kind friendship will forever remain in my heart.*

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**Greta Alloway** - September 09, 2025 at 10:08 AM

SL

“ I am in disbelief that this wonderful man has passed, but at least God now has a perfect musician. My favorite memories of Bret would have to be at Judgement House. I was always in the coffin and he and Donna Williamson played my parents. Year after year I looked forward to getting to spend this time with him. It was so hard, especially being in high school, not to laugh until I was shaking. I always had a dry sense of humor and liked hanging out with adults more than people my on age. I can honestly say that Bret got me. Although I haven't seen him in a few years, the memories of him seem as if I just hung out and spoke with him yesterday. Again, my condolences to his family. I know that he will be greatly missed. I'm tearing up now just thinking about him and all of the moments he had me shaking while crying because he had me laughing so hard. The Lord has gained an angelic musician and I have no doubt that he will be just as entertaining as he was on Earth. I can honestly say that I feel closer to God just by thinking of him and his shenanigans. He will be missed ever so much!

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Salina LeDon-Owens - September 09, 2025 at 03:46 AM

BB

“ So sorry to hear of Bret’s passing. We shared a lot of good memories through high school, Wagner Electric and just being close friends. Bret was one of a kind. He always wanted to be serious or sound that way at least but he also had a loving caring funny side. We spent numerous hours of being good brother/sister type relationship doing fun things together. We would go to his first house I would play the piano and he would play the organ that was in our early twenties. I will never forget when I met his mom and dad. It felt like I was one of the kids they made me feel so welcome. Over the years we lost touch for several years. We gain back in touch with each other after several years of being single again. He would come over and we would always celebrate a night of our birthdays since they was only seven days apart. He would always tease me that he was older than me. He would always check on me to see if the kids and I was ok after we found each other again and talk on the phone. The one biggest memory I had of him was on my son’s birthday when he said let me cook dinner for him since he knew I didn’t have a lot of money at the time being single. He brought over and cooked seafood and made the condiments homemade. He also made homemade key lime pies. The best they were. Then he told me one night that the nights he didn’t feel well he just didn’t contact anyone. So again we lost contact except we would find a time to celebrate our birthdays. So this year we will not have that opportunity but I will be thinking of you on your special day. Will be praying for the family with sincere love for his family. Prayers for all

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**Benita Gautney Branham** - September 08, 2025 at 06:12 PM

SH

Brett was a very caring person, he was so good to my son and helped him in so many ways. Prayers for the family.

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**Shelia Holaday** - September 08, 2025 at 06:45 PM

BS

*Bret loved teasing his friends. When my daughter and son-in-law got married, he played "The Old Gray Mare Ain't What She Used To Be" as I walked down the aisle. He was right, I wasn't and I'm certainly not now. He was truly a gifted pianist. Anything that was thrown at him to play, he did it. We thoroughly enjoyed his music and loved Bret. He will be missed.*

**Betty Williams Smith** - September 08, 2025 at 10:05 PM

TS

*We didn't know each other but a few years, but I considered you a good friend. I enjoyed our talks, your were always so funny. You were a great daddy to Quincy and Bentley. They are going to miss you, and so will I. Love you friend.*

**Teresa Shew** - September 09, 2025 at 09:28 AM

RL

*Such a talented guy. I grew up with Brett and always enjoyed his playing and just being around him. He was hilariously funny and never a dull moment around him. Brett had a talent for music unmatched by many. He and his talent will be tremendously missed!*

**Robbie (Moore) Lawson** - September 09, 2025 at 08:01 PM

Letha Wade

*Oh my, where do I start? Bret Warren was the best! He truly was one of a kind. Janice, Beth, and Aimee, my heart goes out to you all. You all were so good to me in 1999 after my brain aneurism. One of the many things I remember about Brett is he would call to check on me every day. One Saturday morning, he called and asked what I was doing, and I told him I was about to leave to go to the nail salon. He asked who was driving me, and I said I was. He said I will be right there. He showed up with a truck full of trees and shrubs, and took me to the nail salon and picked me up. Even though we haven't seen each other in years, I love you all and will remember always your kindness. Love, Letha Harris Wade*

**Letha Wade** - September 10, 2025 at 01:20 PM