



Sean Erik Maxwell

March 13, 1981 - June 20, 2025

Sean Erik Maxwell, dearly loved son of Ellen & Bill, brother of Jami & Cody, husband of Tara, father of Aiden & Piper, and friend to all who knew him, died on Friday June 20, 2025.

It is nearly impossible to picture Sean in your mind without imagining him mid-laugh. This is not to say that he wasn't a man capable of serious contemplation, of hard work, or deeply held faith. To know Sean is to know he was, without question, all of those things. But he was also just FUNNY. He was quick with a lovingly teasing joke, a hilarious aside, a story that could make you laugh out loud. Sean was always able to find the humor in whatever room he was in.

Sean was an incredible cook, a dedicated athlete, an avid movie buff, and truly one of the kindest people ever. He listened without judgment, shared without embarrassment, and showed up honestly. He brought his whole self to whatever task was in front of him, whether that was preparing a sermon, cooking a gourmet dinner, or playing a game with the kids. Sean understood better than most that life can be complicated, hard, and heavy. Be he also chose to not only see the glass as half full, but to try and fill it to the brim. Sean was proud to minister to the congregation at First Baptist Church of Chickamauga. One of the last sermons he ever gave, before his health forced him to step away from the pulpit, was about loyalty. He closed that message by pointing out the distractions we all face in our daily lives, and imploring us to make sure those distractions didn't pull our focus away from our true

priorities. Sean Maxwell was a man who focused on the priorities that mattered.

When sudden-onset epilepsy and a cascade of complications wreaked havoc on Sean's previously remarkable health, his brain and body needed to be closer to home, needed quiet, needed so much rest. It meant Sean could no longer do so much of what brought him joy. But despite what illness robbed from Sean, he was always able to hold tight to the love of his family.

Sean loved big, and none more than Tara, Aiden, and Piper. There was genuinely nothing that made him happier than being Tara's husband and Piper and Aiden's dad. He delighted in telling people how he'd been in love with Tara since seventh grade, and every conversation about his kids made it clear that he was so proud of the people Aiden and Piper already are and are continuing to become.

Sean was such an easy person to love. He will be missed by basically everyone who ever received the gift of knowing him, but particularly by his family, both born and chosen. Sean was a bright light and our world will forever be a little dimmer without him.

The Funeral service will be held at 1:00 pm Monday, June 30, 2025, at First Baptist Church of Chickamauga, with Pastor Michael Barrett officiating. The family will receive friends from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Sunday and from 12:00 noon until the funeral on Monday at the church. A family interment service will follow in Hamilton Memorial Gardens.

Donations in honor of Sean's extraordinary life may be made to TVFCU or First Baptist Church of Chickamauga, c/o Tara Maxwell, to support the future education of his beloved children.

Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Home-J. Avery Bryan Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Hamilton Memorial Gardens

5351 TN-153
Hixson, TN 37343

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Chickamauga
603 7th St.
Chickamauga , GA 30707

Visitation

JUN **30**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JUN **30**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AK

“ Anna K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sean Erik Maxwell.

Anna K. - July 08, 2025 at 03:20 PM

TF

“ The Choquette Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sean Erik Maxwell.



The Choquette Family - June 29, 2025 at 08:19 AM



“ Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Sean Erik Maxwell.



June 27, 2025 at 02:46 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Sean Erik Maxwell.



June 27, 2025 at 11:15 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sean Erik Maxwell.

June 27, 2025 at 11:15 AM



“ I am very sorry to hear about Sean's passing. Bill is my cousin. May God grant you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Jim Downey - June 27, 2025 at 09:10 AM



“ Tara, though you may not remember me, you and your family played a huge role in my childhood. After my mother died, your mom took us to see the movie Casper. Just that seemingly small gesture made me feel human for the first time in months and helped me find my footing during the first shock of grief. I wish you and your children didn't have this path ahead of you. But I have faith you will not be walking it alone.

Kathryn (Katy) Daniel - June 27, 2025 at 06:46 AM

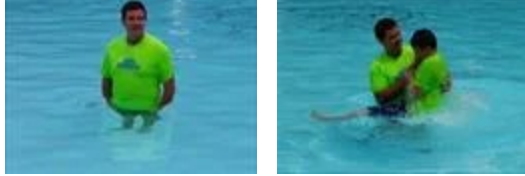


Even though God has called Sean home, you and your family have a special place in our hearts. We will always remember you and your preciousness. Our prayers continue for you all. If you ever need a friend there is a church full at First Baptist of Chickamauga. Come take your pick. Love and prayers always.

Joanie Haygood - June 30, 2025 at 05:33 PM

TF

“ In August of 2017, Sean baptized our oldest son, Benjamin. He was a true man of God. Although, our relationship with Sean was short as we were new to Pleasant Garden Baptist Church at the time. We admired him very much and his influence over our children. We are so very sorry to hear of his passing and are keeping each of you, his family in out thoughts and prayers.



Tim & Mindy Childress & Family - June 27, 2025 at 12:10 AM

M&

“ Morgan, Ashton, Katlin Pegram &family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sean Erik Maxwell.

Morgan, Ashton, Katlin Pegram &family - June 26, 2025 at 05:52 PM

M&

“ Morgan, Ashton, Katlin Pegram &family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Sean Erik Maxwell.



Morgan, Ashton, Katlin Pegram &family - June 26, 2025 at 05:52 PM

RK

“ Sean used to take time to come to our house and shoot guns in our backyard when connecting with our son. He was a wonderful man of God and will surely be missed. Heaven needed him home. Praying for his family.

Rita R Kivett - June 26, 2025 at 05:30 PM

GP

“ Granny and Papa purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Sean Erik Maxwell.



Granny and Papa - June 26, 2025 at 04:14 PM

DF

“ Diana “whatzen” Francisco purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Sean Erik Maxwell.



Diana “whatzen” Francisco - June 26, 2025 at 02:13 PM

DF

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Diana “whatzen” Francisco - June 26, 2025 at 02:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sean Erik Maxwell.

June 25, 2025 at 11:29 PM



“ *Tender Tribute* was purchased for the family of Sean Erik Maxwell.



June 25, 2025 at 11:29 PM



“ *Sweet Remembrance Spray* was purchased for the family of Sean Erik Maxwell.



June 25, 2025 at 11:29 PM



“ *The Blounts, Dooleys and Thompsons* purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Sean Erik Maxwell.



The Blounts, Dooleys and Thompsons - June 25, 2025 at 09:14 PM



“ *The Willard's- Sandra, Brian and Laura* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Sean Erik Maxwell.



The Willard's- Sandra, Brian and Laura - June 25, 2025 at 08:51 PM

AL

“ Alissa lit a candle in memory of Sean Erik Maxwell



alissa - June 25, 2025 at 08:11 PM

LR

“ Larry Ring lit a candle in memory of Sean Erik Maxwell



Larry Ring - June 25, 2025 at 07:10 PM

SD

“ Shawn was my Angel on May of 2010 when my husband had a massive heart attack. I was in the emergency room with him and when they had to resuscitate him I turned away from him and there was Shawn. He put his arms around me and held me through the 3 shock that brought him back to life! Fifteen years later Bill is still “kicking”! I could not have handled it without Shawn’s help! God sent him that day because that’s what Shawn did! Every anniversary I remember you and I always will. Prayers for the family 🙏 Bill and Sherri Davis

sherri davis - June 25, 2025 at 06:25 PM

LS

“ Tara, family, What a joy it was to get to know Sean and you and Piper and Aiden. He was so very loved as our Pastor and dear friend. Know that we love you all and are in our prayers always. ,
Linda Sears

LINDA SEARS - June 25, 2025 at 06:10 PM

SA

“ Sam lit a candle in memory of Sean Erik Maxwell



Sam - June 25, 2025 at 03:14 PM

GD

“ Gary D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sean Erik Maxwell.

Gary D. - June 25, 2025 at 01:47 PM

GD

“ Gary D. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sean Erik Maxwell.



Gary D. - June 25, 2025 at 01:47 PM

PM

“ The warm insights and accolades shared about Sean in the obituary rang true to my limited interactions with him (as a colleague of Tara's who would interact with Sean at company gatherings). Working with Tara for over a decade, it was obvious that Sean was a well-loved and admired family man with a deep, sincere outward interest in the well-being of others - a life well-lived in principle and service. I admire his life choices and the beautiful family he created in his home and beyond who will carry him with them in spirit. Much love to Tara and family whom we all admire and appreciate greatly.

Paula McMillan - June 25, 2025 at 12:38 PM

JW

“ Rest peacefully my friend. Thank you for being there for me during my times of grief, sorrow, and sharing times of Joy as well. I will miss my “hey gal”s and you always checking on me. Praying for Tara and the family for strength, peace and comfort.

Jan Wright - June 25, 2025 at 12:24 PM