

### **KAUFMAN, Howard Robert Kaufman**

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Judge Howard Robert Kaufman, age 84, went to the big courthouse in the sky 29 May 2015. Beloved father of Susan (Doug) Kaufman and Ilene (Luis) Rivera; grandfather of Dante; proceeded in death by his father Emil and mother Helen (Levy) and brother Carl; he spent his life serving others. Through volunteering and mentoring youth, through sharing his wisdom, humor and his zest for life, he left a mark on all he encountered. Growing up in Brooklyn, NY he attended American University in Washington DC and Purdue University. He received his JD at Northwestern University in Chicago, IL; was a member of the United States Marines and an Eagle Scout. His career included practicing law as an Assistant United States Attorney General; Prosecutor in Elk Grove Village, IL; private practice in Elgin and in Chicago, IL, First Chief of Consumer Fraud for the State of Illinois and finally a Cook County, IL Judge. He loved to travel, loved to play sports, and had a competitive spirit and a warm place in his heart for his dear rescue Greyhound dog, Chase. He loved a good conversation, and was not afraid to share his opinion on most anything. As a father he instilled goals, direction and love to his children, as a partner he was caring, loving and giving. Graveside service at Beth Israel, Woodbridge, NJ. Memorials may be made to The Clayton Library Friends, PO Box 271078 Houston, TX 77277-1078; to an animal rescue shelter or an organization of your choice.

### **KEATING, Charlie Keating**

(Abstracted from <http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/phoenix/2016/05/03/navy-seal-charlie-keating-arcadia-grad-and-grandson-charles-keating-killed-iraq/83891350/>)

Navy SEAL Charlie Keating, an acclaimed Arcadia High School distance runner and grandson of the famous savings-and-loan financier with the same name, died in northern Iraq on Tuesday after Islamic State militants penetrated Kurdish defensive lines and launched an attack with small arms and car bombs. Bradley Boland, Keating's uncle, confirmed to The Arizona Republic that his nephew had been killed. Charlie Keating, known as "C-4" because he had the same name as three generations before him, also is the cousin of Olympic swimming champion Gary Hall Jr. Hall Jr. said he was not comfortable talking about his cousin's death. "It's horrible, and it breaks my heart," said Conley Wolfswinkel, a Valley developer and close friend of the Keating family. "My heart goes out to the family. No one deserves this." Gov. Doug Ducey ordered the lowering of flags to honor the Navy SEAL. "Our state and nation are in mourning today over the loss of a U.S. serviceman — and one of America's finest," Ducey said in a statement. "Mr. Keating is the third American service member to be killed in direct combat in our nation's fight against ISIS. His death is a tragic reminder of the daily sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform — fighting evil and extremism on the front lines to protect freedom and democracy at home and throughout the world." The governor directed all state flags to be lowered to half-staff from sunrise to sunset Wednesday, and flags will be lowered on the day of his interment. The 31-year-old Keating, a 2004 graduate of Arcadia High School, was city and region champion in the 1,600-meter run as a sophomore, junior and senior. He earned all-city and first-team all-state honors as a high-school senior, according to Indiana University, where he went to college, following in his father's footsteps. His father, Charles H Keating III, was a three-time All-American and competed in breaststroke at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, according to a university statement. Charlie Keating was a student at Indiana from 2004-06 and ran on the track and cross-country teams. He left college to enlist in the Navy and try to become a SEAL, according to Robert Chapman, who coached cross country at the time.

### **KELLWOOD, Joe Hosteen Kellwood**

(Abstracted from a story on Legacy.com)

Joe Hosteen Kellwood was born on August 20, 1921 on the Navajo Reservation in Steamboat Canyon, AZ, and passed away peacefully at the age of 95 at the Veterans Hospital on September 5, 2016 in Phoenix. He was one of the Few, the Proud, he was a WWII U.S.M.C. Navajo Code Talker. He served in the First Marine Division and saw battle on Cape Gloucester, Peleliu and Okinawa. He was awarded the Congressional Silver Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Action Ribbon, Naval Unit Commendation, Good Conduct, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal and WWII Victory Medal. He served our country with pride and dignity. He was a guest speaker at numerous events and proudly sang the Marine Corps Hymn in his Native Language. Due to health issues he was not able to attend the recent Navajo Code Talkers event in Window Rock, AZ on August 14th. He was a carpenter by trade and a proud member of VFW 9400 and American Legion 75 for many years. We all have wonderful memories of seeing his face light up when we walked into the room. He loved to tell funny stories, laugh out loud and say "by golly". He enjoyed family gatherings, cook-outs and just spending quality time with good friends and family. He lived in the same house in Sunnyslope since the early 1950s (over 60 years of watching his children and grandchildren grow up). He was a resident of the Arizona State Veterans Home for five months. During that time, he met many Veterans and Staff who enjoyed hearing his legacy. He loved playing bingo with his fellow Veterans. He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 57 years, Andrena, his sons Paul and Robert and his grandsons Christopher, Paul, Joe and Robert. He is also preceded in death by his parents and siblings and most recently, his brother Roy, who passed away on September 2nd. He is survived by his children Connie, David and Catherine, eleven grandchildren and over twenty great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Hansen

Chapel, 8314 N. 7th Street, Phoenix 85020 handled the arrangements. Services will be at National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, 23029 N. Cave Creek in Phoenix.

### **KEMP, Eleanor Frances Huse Kemp**

(Abstracted from internet sources - this is Tom Kemp's mother, one of Elmer's genealogy friends)

Mrs. Eleanor Frances (Huse) Kemp, age 89, wife of Willard H. Kemp, Jr. of Largo, FL, passed away peacefully April 7, 2013, just short of her 90th birthday. She was born April 30, 1923, in Laconia, NH and was the daughter of Walter D. and Louise (Richmond) Huse. Eleanor was active throughout her life in civic and women's clubs in Stamford, CT, and Largo. She was director of programs at the YWCA in Stamford for more than 20 years. She was a graduate of Laconia High School and the University of New Hampshire in the class of 1945, where she was a member of the Chi Omega Sorority. She was the camp director of Camp Woodlane, Girl Scouts of America, in Stamford and president of the Suncoasters in Largo. She was a member of the Seminole Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She was also a member of the American Association of University Women. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Willard H. Kemp Jr. of Largo, sons Robert Kemp of Stamford, CT; Peter Kemp of Wesley Chapel, FL; Thomas (Vi) Kemp of East Hampton, CT; and Bill (Luisa) Kemp of Stamford, CT, grandchildren Andrew, Sarah, Chris, Laura, Billy, Dennis and Kelly Kemp; numerous great-grandchildren and her brother, Army Maj. (Retired) Warren D. Huse, of Laconia, NH.

### **KEVIANNE, Julian M. Kevianne**

(Abstracted from <http://www.recordonline.com/article/20170722/OBITUARIES/307229998>)

Sgt. Julian M. Kevianne, age 31, of New Windsor, NY, passed away on Monday, July 10, 2017, in a military plane crash in Mississippi. He was born in Detroit, MI, and is a graduate of the Detroit High School for the Fine and Performing Arts and Michigan Tech. Julian attended Michigan Technological University on a full-ride scholarship, graduated in 2007 with a degree in Humanities, and was a member of the National Society of Black Engineers, Young Democrats, Social Dance Club, played Broomball for the Lemmings team, and was named Student Employee of the Year. He helped countless students in his role as a resident assistant. Julian loved God and attended St. Mary's Catholic Church in Washingtonville, NY with his wife, Sherry. They volunteered regularly for the Red Cross at the United States Military Academy at West Point and together received an army volunteer's commendation for their service. Sgt. Kevianne was part of the Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 452 (VMGR-452, MAG 49, 4th MAW) based out of Stewart Air National Guard Base in Newburgh, NY. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps on December 1, 2009, at age 23 and most recently served as a Fixed Wing Aircraft Crew Master KC-130. He was deployed during Operation Enduring Freedom 12.2 from November 2012-March 2013. Sgt. Kevianne received the following awards and decorations: Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal (2); Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Letter of Appreciation (6); Certificate of Commendation (Individual Award). He is survived by his wife, Sherry Jennings-Kevianne; mother, Tina Albo of Detroit, MI; sisters Tiffany Terry of Detroit, MI, Julie Gray and Dawanna Byers both of Dallas, TX; brother Carlo Kevianne of Detroit, MI; grandmother Glory Albo; uncle Thomas Albo and aunt Kelly Albo; Sherry's parents Larry Jennings, Senior Chief U.S. Navy and former Vietnam U.S. Marine, and his wife Salvacion Jennings; and many nieces and nephews. Doulin Newburgh Funeral Home, 318 N Montgomery St., Newburgh, NY 12550 is entrusted with the arrangements. The family will receive visitors Wednesday, July 26th at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 42 Goshen Ave., Washingtonville, NY. A private funeral service and interment will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the "Julian Kevianne Fund" to support his wife via St. Mary's Church and mailed with that fund name in the check's memo line to: 2 St. Mary's Church, Fr. Tierney Circle, Washingtonville, NY 10992

### **KING, Brandon M. King**

(Abstracted from <https://www.fallenheroesproject.org/united-states/brandon-m-king/>)

Brandon M King, age 23, of Tallahassee, FL. U.S. Army PFC Brandon M. King, BATTERY A, 1ST BN, 320TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGT, 2 BCT, FORT CAMPBELL, KY, killed July 14, 2020 in AFGHANISTAN For so many who gathered at Christian Heritage Church Saturday morning, Private First Class Brandon King is war hero; a man who gave the ultimate sacrifice for his country. A man deserving of a hero's farewell. But to his grieving mother Freda, he's the son she'll never see again. And she's the heart broken mother who only has her faith to hold on to. Brandon was born on September 22, 1986 in Key West, FL and attended public schools in Bellevue and Kent, WA. He was a true gamer and always enjoyed a spirited game of spades. Brandon joined the Army in September 2009 and arrived at Fort Campbell in April 2010. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), in Fort Campbell, KY. 23-year-old Brandon King died on July 14th in an attack by anti-afghan forces. Close friends and family, and even some who didn't know King filled the sanctuary to pay their respects. "At first I was angry. He is a hero and he's going to be a hero forever whether he's in glory with God or here on earth with us," said family friend Lolita Dash-Pitts. Behind the uniform, those who knew him say, King was man who loved to smile, joke, and especially loved his family. And today was testament to how much he was loved back. "Thank you. You're there defending us. You're there, whether you agree with it or not, you're there making it to where we can live the

life we live every day. So all I can say and think is thank you," said friend Kelly Wolmack. Private First Class King was awarded a purple heart for his service, which was presented to his mother during today's service. Brandon is survived by his parents, USCG Ret. Gary S. and Carolyn A. King of Tallahassee; brother, Sgt. G. Stephen King, II of Camp LeJeune; and sister Porsche (Clifton) Knight.

**KING, LESLIE GEORGE (Les)** Passed away suddenly at home on February 14th, 2016, aged 81 years. Loyal husband of Anita, much-loved dad of Ian and Sean and father-in-law to Nicky, loving grandpa to Amy and William and great-grandpa to Harry and George. Known by many, loved by all. The Funeral service will be held at Wymondham Abbey on Friday, March 4th, 2016 at 2.30 p.m. Would mourners please assemble there and respect the family's privacy at the house on the day. Flowers are most welcome, however, donations may be given, if desired, with cheques made payable to Star Throwers and sent c/o Ivan Fisher Independent Funeral Home, Norton House, 17 Park Drive, Hethersett, Norwich, NR9 3EN.

**KING, Simon King (Bobendeen)**

(Abstracted from the internet - this is June's nephew)

29th September 1967 - 22nd November 2009 He's on a new mission but he's truly, madly, deeply missed by Sam, and his beautiful children Gemma, Jessie and Jamie, grandchildren Libby, Lilli and Lolli and his dog who left him many presents, Holly You have left me with so many memories, my lovely Son. My life will never be the same again. I will love you forever. -Mum x x x. A dearly cherished son, brother and uncle. He was fearless, invincible and our hero. He never hesitated to protect and be there for others. He was never without a smile, never phased and one of a kind. Always in our thoughts, forever and ever in our hearts. He will never be forgotten, our one and only Simon King, a real Superman. -Love from Dad, Danielle, Megan and Charlie. SIMON, thanks for a lifetime of laughter. The world won't be the same without your unique take on it, but you will always be there in my heart. -Your sis Sadie x. I miss you Uncle Simon, you will always be next to me. -Love you, your niece Bell. My crazy Bobendeen, thank you for being my brother, you will always be my super hero. I will love you for eternity. We will miss you always. -Niki and Little Sadie x x. Suddenly and unexpectedly on November 22nd, Simon passed away and left all his family in shock and devastation. "Kingly" has left us with so many memories he can never be forgotten. -Kathy, John, Hayley, Simon, Charlie and Evie. Rest in peace. Funeral service on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Earlham Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations payable to Diabetes UK may be sent to R.J. Bartram & Son, 42 Fairland St, Wymondham NR18 OJS.

**KIRK, Jeffrey Lynn Kirk**

Marine Sgt. Jeffrey Lynn Kirk, 24, of Baton Rouge, LA; was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA; killed Dec. 12 by enemy action in Anbar province, Iraq. Kirk had already been wounded in the line of duty once and had asked to be sent back, family members said. When Jeffrey Lynn Kirk was considering joining the Marine Corps as a student McKinley High School in Baton Rouge, his mother warned him of the possibility of dying in combat. His reply was "At least I would die doing what I wanted to do with my life," Lisa Kirk of Abita Springs said. Kirk, 24, was killed Sunday by enemy fire in Anbar province, Iraq. Lisa Kirk said although her son, whose interests included art and poetry, was an honor graduate and participated in the gifted program at McKinley, he had planned to enter the military even before graduation. "He wanted to be in the military. He wanted to be a Marine," she said. Kirk rose through the ranks to become a platoon sergeant in the Marines' Special Forces anti-terrorism security team, known as Fast Company, said Kirk's father, Peter. During his six-year military career, Kirk was awarded the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon and the National Defense Service Medal, according to the Marine Corps. When it came time to re-enlist, Kirk was set to become a pistol instructor at the Marine Corps Officer Candidate School in Quantico, VA. After the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, however, he requested a transfer to an infantry unit to serve in Iraq, his father said. "He felt like if he didn't do this he would look back on his life as this was something he should have done," Peter Kirk said. Kirk was shot in the thigh in a November firefight; he was to receive a medal for valor in combat, his father said. After he recovered, Kirk requested to be put back in action. Although his enlistment was to expire this month, he chose to extend it to stay with his men, Lisa Kirk said. "He was truly dedicated to what he was doing," she said. After returning from his first deployment in Iraq, Kirk married "the love of his life" Carly Furr, of Baker, in September 2003, Lisa Kirk said. She said Kirk's wife, who resides in California, heads a volunteer group which supports the families of Marines deployed overseas, has attended funerals of Marines killed in action and written letters of condolence to their families. Upon release of Kirk's body, his family, including his 10-year-old brother Benjamin, will hold services for him. Burial will be at Port Hudson National Cemetery in Zachary, his mother said. Family and friends gathered at Florida Boulevard Baptist Church to remember Kirk's life — his coffin positioned in the center of the church near the altar, draped with an American flag and bathed in bright light. Kirk's family, including his widow, Carly, sat in the front center pews of the sanctuary with rows of Marines sectioned on either side.

**KNOTTS, Don Knotts**

(Abstracted from several sources)

Don Knotts, the skinny, lovable nerd who kept generations of television audiences laughing as bumbling Deputy Barney Fife on "The Andy Griffith Show," has died. He was 81. Knotts died Friday night of pulmonary and respiratory complications at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Beverly Hills. Unspecified health problems had forced him to cancel an appearance in his native Morgantown in August 2005. The West Virginia-born actor's half-century career included seven TV series and more than 25 films, but it was the Griffith show that brought him TV immortality and five Emmies. The show ran from 1960-68, and was in the top 10 of the Nielsen ratings each season, including a No. 1 ranking its final year. It is one of only three series in TV history to bow out at the top: The others are "I Love Lucy" and "Seinfeld." The 249 episodes have appeared frequently in reruns and have spawned a large, active network of fan clubs. As the bug-eyed deputy to Griffith, Knotts carried in his shirt pocket the one bullet he was allowed after shooting himself in the foot. The constant fumbling, a recurring sight gag, was typical of his self-deprecating humor. Knotts, whose shy, soft-spoken manner was unlike his high-strung characters, once said he was most proud of the Fife character and doesn't mind being remembered that way. His favorite episodes, he said, were "The Pickle Story," where Aunt Bea makes pickles no one can eat, and "Barney and the Choir," where no one can stop him from singing. "I can't sing. It makes me sad that I can't sing or dance well enough to be in a musical, but I'm just not talented in that way," he lamented. "It's one of my weaknesses." Knotts began his show biz career even before he graduated from high school, performing as a ventriloquist at local clubs and churches. He majored in speech at West Virginia University, then took off for the big city. "I went to New York cold. On a \$100 bill. Bummed a ride," he recalled in a visit to his hometown of Morgantown, where city officials renamed a street for him in 1998. Within six months, Knotts Lara Lee Szuchna had taken a job on a radio Western called "Bobby Benson and the B-Bar-B Riders," playing a wisecracking, know-it-all handyman. He stayed with it for five years, and then came his series TV debut on "The Steve Allen Show." He married Kay Metz in 1948, the year he graduated from college. The couple had two children before divorcing in 1969. Knotts later married, then divorced Lara Lee Szuchna. In recent years, he said he had no plans to retire. The world laughed at Knotts, but it also laughed with him. He is interred in Westwood Memorial Park in Los Angeles, California. Knotts is survived by his wife of three years, Francey Yarborough, and two children, Karen and Thomas, from his first marriage.

#### **KNOWLES, Melbourne Knowles**

(Abstracted from information received from Jack Knowles, one of Elmer's genealogy friends)

Melbourne "Mel" Knowles - of Davison, MI, formerly of East Tawas, MI, age 94, passed away Tuesday, June 13, 2017. Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service, with Military Honors, will be held Saturday, June 17, 2017 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 706 West Flint Street, Davison, MI 48423. Inurnment in Richfield Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church Building / Parking Lot Fund, in Mel's memory. Mel was born in Flint, MI on September 11, 1922, son of the late Frederick Knowles and Marie (Aldridge) Knowles Hampton. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army from 1942-1945. Mel married Joyce Gould on December 1, 1945 and she preceded him in death on September 26, 2014. He was a member of the Tawas Masonic Lodge #274, F&AM, the Davison American Legion Post #267 and he enjoyed making cards and peanut butter pie for all of his friends and family. Mel retired from Buick Motor Division, Factory 10, Dept. 36 on August 1, 1980 after 34 years of service. Mel is survived by daughter, Janet (Patrick) Maul; son, Jack (Sharon) Knowles; 4 grandchildren, Jennifer Hayes, Greg (Lisa) Maul, Mark (Amy) Gerkin and Matthew (Shantelle) Gerkin; 12 great-grandchildren, Jessica, Jillian, Jenna, Rebecca, Allison, John, Elise, Jake, Tiffany, Peyton, Abigail and Brett and many other loving family members. He was preceded in death by 2 sisters and 2 brothers. Allen Funeral Home, 9136 Davison Road, Davison, MI 48423 is entrusted with the arrangements.

#### **KONDEK, Charles R. Kondek Jr.**

(Abstracted from internet sources)

KONDEK, Charles R. Jr. "Charlie" a Tarpon Springs Police Officer, passed away Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014 after being shot while responding to a call. He is survived by his wife, Teresa; 6 children, Charles M., Holly, Andrew, Brandon, Aleena, and Tiffany; his father, Charles R. Kondek; 1 brother, David; and 3 sisters, Laurie Ann Riddle, Lisa Marie DiFrank, and Jennifer Kondek Vaghn. Services will be held Saturday, Dec. 27 at Idlewild Baptist Church, 18333 Exciting Idlewild Blvd., Lutz.

#### **KOONTZ, Carl A. Koontz**

(Abstracted from the kokomoperspective.com/obituaries website)

Carl A. Koontz, age 26, Kokomo, passed away Sunday, March 20, 2016, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis after being shot while on duty. He was born on April 8, 1989, in Kokomo, the son of Allen P. & Jackie Koontz. On April 27, 2013, he married Cassandra Summer Floyd and she survives. Carl was a 2007 graduate of Western High School and received his Bachelors in Business Finance in 2011 from Indiana University at Kokomo. He graduated from the Police Academy on July 22, 2013. Carl started with the Howard County Sheriff's Department on July 15, 2013, and was a member of the F.O.P. Carl had worked for Marsh Super Markets as a butcher. Carl is survived by his wife, Cassandra S. Koontz, Kokomo; 1 son, Noah Allendale Koontz; his parents, Allen and Jackie Koontz; 1 sister, Alice Koontz; his grandparents, Ann and Allen Koontz, and Alice and Carl Durham; mother and father-in-law, Sherry and Jerry Floyd; sister-in-law, Lindsay Floyd; niece, Vaida Arwood; aunts and uncles, Paul

Casteel, Mike Casteel, Danny (Glenda) Casteel, Diane Howard, and John (Mitzi) Koontz, along with several cousins. Carl was preceded in death by his uncles, Lt. Don Howard and Gary Rhinebarger. Funeral services will be Tuesday, March 29, 2016, at Northwestern High School, 3431 N 400 West in Kokomo. Burial will follow in Albright Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in Carl's memory to Noah's Education Fund. Stout Funeral Homes is assisting the family with arrangements.

#### **KROL, Michael Leslie Krol**

(Abstracted from <http://www.restlandfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Michael-Krol/#!/Obituary>)

Michael Leslie Krol was born on April 5, 1976 to Frank J. Krol Jr. and Susan M. Ehlke. He passed away tragically, while serving and protecting his community in Dallas, Texas, on July 7, 2016 at the young age of 40. Mike grew up in Michigan where he loved playing all sports specifically basketball where he excelled. He graduated from East Long Meadow HS in 1994. Mike received his Criminal Justice degree from Wayne County Community college. Mike worked at the Wayne County Jail for 5 years from 2002 to 2007. He then came to Dallas, TX in 2007 to attend the Police academy for 9 months after which he was hired on the Dallas Police Department where he served for 9 years. Mike Loved Dallas, TX and the community he served. He loved country music. Mike is remembered by family and friends as a loyal honest caring person who is trust worthy. The type of person you meet and you immediately love him. Being an uncle and brother was the high light of his life he loved his family with everything he had and would drop anything to be there for them. His nephews loved to wrestle with him and being around him. He will always be a hero in the eyes of his nephews. He was a "Big Guy with a Big Heart." He was a dedicated law enforcement officer who lived out the oath he swore to "serve and protect." Mike comes from a large extended family in Detroit, MI, who loved him very much. In order to realize his dream of becoming a police officer, he left his family and moved to Dallas, TX. While this may seem a trivial detail of his life, it serves as an example of the decisions that Mike made to achieve his goals to make a career of serving others. We are so proud of our "Gentle Giant" and all that he stood for. Mike is survived by his mother, Susan Ehlke; his father, Frank Joseph Krol Jr.; sister, Heather Stacey; brother-in-law, Brett Stacey; brother, Joe Krol; sister-in-law, Alex Krol; sister, Amie Schoenbaechler; brother-in-law, Brian Schoenbaechler; nephew, Brett Stacey Jr.; nephews, Troy Schoenbaechler and Hudson Schoenbaechler; and may loving family. God Bless the Men in Blue! Funeral Service will be held on Friday, July 15, 2016 at the Prestonwood Baptist Church. The Funeral Mass will be Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church 27101 W. Chicago, (at Inkster) Redford Township, MI 48239. Michael will be laid to rest by his family in Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery 25800 W. Ten Mile Road, (at Beech Daly) Southfield, MI 48033. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Restland Funeral Home and Memorial Park, 13005 Greenville Avenue, at Restland Road, Dallas, TX 75243. In Lieu of Flowers Memorials to Assist the Officer <https://atodallas.org> National Association of Police/ Activities League, Inc [www.nationalpal.org](http://www.nationalpal.org)

#### **KUNDRAT, William J. Kundrat**

(Abstracted from <http://www.mclefphila.org/2017/07/16/staff-sgt-william-j-kundrat-33-frederick-maryland-usmc/>)

Staff Sgt. William Joseph Kundrat, age 33, grew up in Frederick, MD, where the Marine's parents, Joseph and Lynda, still live. Kundrat graduated in 2002 from Gov. Thomas Johnson High School in Frederick, where he played football and lacrosse. He also was an Eagle Scout. After graduation, he joined the Marines. And in 2004, Kundrat married classmate Ashley Cregger. They lived in Holly Ridge, NC, and had two children. Kundrat served in Iraq, later joining the Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command 2nd Marine Raider battalion stationed at Camp Lejeune. "He was a great Marine."

#### **KUSS, Jeff Kuss**

(Abstracted from <http://www.durangoherald.com/article/20160610/NEWS01/160619984/Capt-Jeff-Kuss%E2%80%99-remains-arrive-in-Durango>)

Jeff Kuss, age 32, died in a plane crash June 2 while he was training with his unit, the elite Blue Angels, for an airshow in Tennessee. He was a Durango native, graduating from Durango High School in 2002 and Fort Lewis College in 2006. "Here's a guy who is a legitimate hero to the whole state," Gov. John Hickenlooper said Friday afternoon. "He went to Fort Lewis. They told him, 'Well, we're not sure that's the right school if you want to be a pilot.' He said, 'I don't care. I want to go to Fort Lewis. I want to be a pilot. I want to do both.' The guy clearly had focus." Hickenlooper ordered flags at all public buildings statewide to be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset Saturday to honor Kuss on the day of his service. Kuss' commanding officer, Cmdr. Ryan Bernacchi, lauded his fellow pilot at a short news conference late Friday afternoon. "Jeff Kuss was, without a doubt, one of the finest Americans this country can produce," he said. "Jeff was a product of Durango, he is Durango's son." Earlier Friday, a chartered 737 brought in Marines and the members of the Blue Angels, including the honor guard that greeted Kuss' arrival in the Blue Angels' C-130 Hercules transport plane. Normally known as "Fat Albert," the C-130 was rechristened No. 6, Kuss' flight designation, for this week. His mother, Janet Kuss, stood in a hatch at the top of No. 6 with a U.S. flag as the plane taxied to the apron. As the plane came to a stop, the pilots simultaneously stopped the four propellers in the same cross-shape. The color guard stood at attention until the family left. Christina Ferrarese Kuss, the captain's wife and who is also from Durango, took time to thank members of the color guard and the plane's pilots for bringing her husband and her family home. Jeff Perino, who is married to Christina Kuss' sister Nicole, was one of several people wearing a blue wristband remembering Capt. Jeff "Kooch" Kuss and No. 6. The arrival was purposefully kept small and low key. But that didn't stop people from honoring their passage as

they left the airport. "As a veteran, I want to honor him if I can," said Bobby Phillips, who served in the Navy during the Vietnam War. He drove from Farmington to the main terminal at the airport and plans to return Saturday for the motorcade route. "As long as they have served their country, they deserve respect." Poles around the airport were decorated with blue and yellow ribbons - the colors of both the Blue Angels and Fort Lewis College - and American flags.

Periodically along the way, an individual or group stood silently by the road, including a group of veterans from Bayfield "with one Durangoan sprinkled in," he said. One more event has been added to the calendar of the weekend's remembrances of Jeff Kuss - one that residents can participate in from home. Grammy-winning sound engineer Tom MacCluskey, 84, who was a Navy pilot and announced for the Blue Angels during the 1950s, will dedicate part of his Sunday morning Mostly Classical radio show. Only friends and family are invited to the Greenmount Cemetery service as well as military members who will ride in the motorcade. "If Durango friends or family happened to be left off or an error was made on the list," Kuss' mother, Janet Kuss, said, "please don't take offense and know it's tough to plan this." Residents can line the entire route, and small U.S. flags were distributed for people to wave, or they can wave blue and yellow ribbons or tie them along the route. Signs honoring Kuss and his service and his family also can be displayed. The Blue Angel press office issued this response to a request for motorcade etiquette: "You should remove your hat (if you are wearing one) and stand at attention in respectful silence until the escort passes. Uniformed U.S. service members wearing their cover (hat) would salute." The service will be private, and Greenmount Cemetery will be closed during the service. Residents may hear the rifle volley and see jets fly over town and the cemetery in the Missing Man Formation. Capt. Clay Groover of Beaufort Marine Air Station in South Carolina said the Checkerboards were sending two F/A-18 Hornets. The flyover will be led by a pilot Kuss served in combat with from the USS Harry S. Truman in Afghanistan and will include F-18s with aviators from Carrier Group 8 and Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 312, Kuss' unit prior to joining the Blue Angels in 2014. "Pilots fly this magnificent and solemn aerial maneuver for presidents, potentates, astronauts and other pilots of note as a tribute and showing of love, respect and camaraderie for a brother pilot," the Blue Angels said in a post from the website Old Glory Traditions. "This maneuver is sometimes flown with the wingman spiraling off, or it is flown consistently with a hole where another should be." Both the salute and flyover should occur around 1 p.m. The Rim at FLC is a good viewing point for the Missing Man Formation.

#### **KUYKENDALL, Lee Arlon Roten Kuykendall**

(Abstracted from Elmer's genealogy friend - Tina Sansone - her granddaughter)

A graveside service for Lee Arlon Roten Kuykendall, 90, is set for 3:30 p.m. Friday at Oaks Hill Cemetery. She died May 28, 2013 at Sanctuary Hospice House in Tupelo. One of her survivors was Tina Sansone her granddaughter. Ms. Kuykendall died May 28, 2013 at Sanctuary Hospice House in Tupelo. Corinthian Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

#### **KYLE, Chris Kyle**

1974-2013

(Abstracted from many newspaper sources)

He said he killed 160 people, perhaps many more, making him one of the leading US military snipers of all time. In the course of four combat deployments to Iraq, he said insurgents nicknamed him "the devil of Ramadi" and placed a \$20,000 bounty on his head. "After the first kill, the others come easy," Kyle wrote last year in his best-selling memoir of Iraqi war service with the elite Navy SEALs. "I don't have to psych myself up, or do something special mentally - I look through the scope, get my target in the cross hairs, and kill my enemy, before he kills one of my people." Despite a career mostly lived by the gun, Kyle's death was nonetheless shocking. He was killed in a double slaying at the Rough Creek Lodge and Resort shooting range about 50 miles southwest of Fort Worth. Kyle, former Texas ranch hand and bronco buster who called himself the antithesis of the "refined assassin," joined the SEALs in 1999 and served four combat deployments before retiring in 2009. The SEALs specialize in surgical strike forces, and Kyle's steady nerve, his patience for stalking and his pinpoint marksmanship through his rifle scope earned him two awards of the Silver Star and five awards of the Bronze Star. His book, *American Sniper: the Autobiography of the Most Lethal Sniper in U.S. Military History*, sold hundreds of thousands of copies. Co-written with Scott McEwen and Jim DeFelice, *American Sniper* rode a crest of interest in behind-the-mystique, preserve-the-mystique SEAL volumes such as *No Easy Day*, Matt Bissonnette's pseudonymous account of the raid that killed Osama bin Laden. Kyle was at the Rough Creek Lodge for a charity event to support his Dallas-based security firm, Craft International. Kyle also helped to start a non-profit group, the FITCO Cares Foundation, to supply at-home fitness equipment to emotionally and physically wounded veterans. With his Texas drawl, hulking physique and tightly reserved public manner, Kyle drew a degree of celebrity in the past year as he appeared on late-night talk shows and in the NBC competition show *Stars Earn Stripes*, which pairs military and law enforcement veterans with actors in drill exercises. In an interview, Kyle agreed that it was "kind of frowned on" in commando circles to become a public figure. "But I'm not trying to glorify myself," he said. "I didn't want to put the number of kills I had in there. I wanted to get it out about the sacrifices military families have to make." Christopher Scott Kyle was born on April 8, 1974 and grew up on a ranch in Odessa, Texas. As a young man, he hunted deer and pheasant with a bolt-action 30-06 rifle and rode bulls and broncs in rodeos. "When I grew up, I only had two dreams," he said last year. "One was to be a cowboy and another was to be in the military. I grew up extremely patriotic and riding horses." After studying ranch and range management

at Tarleton State University, he returned to ranching before enlisting in the Navy with the ambition of joining the SEALs. He recalled his first kill in Iraq, of a woman walking with a child. Through his scope, he watched her remove a grenade from under her clothes, just as a group of Marines was approaching. It was a disquieting experience that made him hesitate at first from firing. "She had turned herself into a suicide bomber," Kyle later said. "Her intention was to kill herself and blow up the Marines.... Either way she was going to die." His sniper shots ranged mostly from 200 to 1,200 yards. Remarkably, while on assignment near Sadr City in Baghdad in 2008, he managed to kill an insurgent from about 2,100 yards away. The fighter was about to launch a rocket-propelled grenade at an Army convoy and, besides distance, Kyle had to consider factors such as wind and vibration from the shot. "God blew that bullet and hit him," Kyle said. Amid the bravado, *American Sniper* explored the impact of military life on Kyle's marriage. On an assignment in Baghdad, he wrote in the book, he called his wife on a satellite phone only to be interrupted by burst of gunfire and then a rocket-propelled grenade. The phone stayed on for much of the battle, then went dead. It was days before Kyle could call his wife and reassure her he had come through. He wrote that he left the military to save his marriage. The Pentagon does not typically confirm sniper kills publicly, but Kyle wrote that the Navy credited him with 160 kills as a sniper. That would make him a vastly more accomplished sniper than the previous known US record-holder, Adelbert F Waldron III, who was credited with 109 kills in Vietnam. Finnish sniper Simo Hayha killed more than 500 Soviets during World War II, by most estimates a world record in known combat operations. *American Sniper* provided rare insight into a sniper's telescope-lens view of the world, where there exists by the nature of the work only friend and foe. "For the most part, the public is very soft. You live in a dreamworld," Kyle said last year. "You have no idea what goes on on the other side of the world, the harsh realities that these people are doing to themselves and then our guys. And there are certain things that need to be done to take care of them." Chris Kyle is survived by his wife, Taya, and their two children.