



William Brian Woods

September 8, 1977 - August 16, 2009

Sergeant First Class William “Brian” Woods, Jr., originally of Catawissa, Missouri, proudly laid down his life for his country and our freedom, when he was KIA (Killed In Action) in Ghazni, Afghanistan and ultimately died at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany 16 August 2009 from wounds suffered during Operation Enduring Freedom, assigned to the United States Army, Company B, 2nd Battalion, Special Forces Group, (Airborne) stationed out of Glen Arm, Maryland.

He is preceded in death by a son, Tookie Brian Woods, who is named after a dear friend and fellow soldier with whom Brian served and died January 29, 2008, his father, William Brian Woods, Sr., who served in the U.S. Marine Corps during Vietnam and died September 14, 2000 and his grandfather, John Woods who served in the Navy during World War II and died March 24, 2000.

Brian was an extraordinary husband and father and is survived by his wife, Elizabeth (nee Russell) Woods who is a native of Big Rapids, Michigan, and his two (2) daughters, Lily and Ella.

He is also survived by his mother, Pamela (nee Durbin) Woods, his sisters and brother, Katrina (husband, Mike) Kelemen, Pamela (husband, Steven) Strollo, Jesse Woods and Casey Woods, Elizabeth’s™ sisters, Jennifer

(husband, Troy) Burns and Megan (husband, Mark) Gifford, nieces and nephews, Hunter, Shelby, Kaytlyn, Rayna, Candace, Emily, Sarah, Mariya, Chase, Josh, Brian, Jesse, Christian, Gabe, Gauge, Seth and Mason, grandparents, Margaret Durbin, Joe Durbin and Rosemary Woods, aunts and uncles, JoAnn (husband, Larry) Suttles, Ronald (wife, Diane) Durbin, Lisa (husband, Mike) Kessels, John (wife, Kris) Woods and Robert (wife, Maxine) Woods, Elizabethâ€™s parents, Patricia Russell and David Russell, his German Shepherd, â€™Dieselâ€™, and lots of cousins and dear friends.

Brian was raised in Catawissa, Missouri and always had a spirit of adventure and leadership, with a love of sports and the outdoors â€™ skydiving in particular. Accomplished at anything to which he set his mind, Brian was also a talented photographer and cook, and loved to entertain family and friends. Like his father and grandfather before him, Brian was passionate about serving his country, serving in the Marines and Army prior to the Special Forces.

Brian will be remembered by family and friends at the following Events, with full military honors, beginning in Huntersville, North Carolina and concluding in St. Louis, Missouri. All Events are open to public for attending except for the Interment (Burial) and Memorial Park Cemetery.

EVENTS

Visitation Tuesday, August 25, 2009 from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. at Raymer Funeral Home at 16901 Old Statesville Road, Huntersville, NC 28078 (708) 892-9669 with Service to follow at 6:30 p.m. at Latta Plantation Nature Preserve at 5225 Sample Road, Huntersville, NC 28078.

Visitation Friday, August 28, 2009 from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at CHAPEL HILL MORTUARY at 6300 Highway 30, Cedar Hill, MO 63016 (636) 274-4100

with Service on Saturday, August 29, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. (Attendees may arrive as early as 10:00 a.m.) at Northwest High School Lecture Hall at 6005 Cedar Hill Road, Cedar Hill, MO 63016 followed by Private Interment (Procession for Family Only) at Memorial Park Cemetery at 5200 Lucas & Hunt Road, St. Louis, MO 63121. For more information, go to www.chapelhillmortuary.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *William Brian Woods*

January 06, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ *You are a hero Brian. You will be missed. We will keep your family in our prayers.*

Jessica - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *You are what makes this country great, and this fellow American thanks you. May god bless your family with the strength you need to get thru this time.*

Renee - August 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sympathies go out to the family of Sgt. Brian Woods for his ultimate sacrifice. Thank you for his dedicated service. My husband has just been deployed to Afghanistan; I know the feeling of being scared, but extremely proud. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

Tammy Franz - August 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Brian,
Thank You for your unselfishness to protect my freedom. As a mother of a son, I cannot comprehend your mother's loss. My thoughts, prayers and condolences go out to your wife, darling daughters and all your family and friends.*

Again THANK YOU!!!!

Michelle - NHS '87

Michelle Petrowsky-Schuetz - August 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Sergeant First Class Woods.*

There are not enough words to thank Sereagnt First Class Woods for his service and sacrifice in protecting our Nation.

God Bless you.

Rita Baker - August 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *I send my sympathy to the family of Brian Woods. I appreciate his supreme sacrifice in serving our country. May the Lord Jesus give Brian's entire family a peace and rest that only He can give. We are praying for you as you walk through this season of sorrow.*

Joy Laschober - August 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KV

“ To the family of Brian Woods, Jr.:

I did not know Brian or your family but I am so deeply sorry for your loss. God Bless Brian for serving our Country and my thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Kathy Voyles - August 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *My prayers and saddness are with you all. Though he is in a better place, it still hurts that they are no longer with us. Loosing is the hardest thing to deal with. May God walk with you and your family. God Bless you all. Annamarie Randazzo Parrish*

Annamarie Parrish - August 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ *Please accept our condolences.*

Norman K Wohlschlaeger - August 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all.....*

Melonie Johnson - August 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *I didnt know Brian, but I do now as a HERO.. Brian you are now an angel of God. Thank You for your unselfish gift for this country. I pray that your family finds peace knowing you are in the arms of our Lord.*

deborah lore - August 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Pam,Pj,Katrina,Jesse,and Casey, I am so very sorry for your loss, just remember this:Psalms 34:18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.I would also like to say thank you for Brians service to our country.God Bless all of you. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Janey - August 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I did not know Brian, but wanted to share with his family that I am truly sorry for their loss and am very grateful for his service to our country.

Barb Miller - August 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ My most heartfelt sympathies to Brian's entire family for your loss. I graduated with Brian and had the honor of walking with him at graduation. He is a hero and will be remembered always.

Michele Hennington - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Our hearts and sympathy are with Brian's entire family. My God Bless and keep you in your time of sorrow.

Stephen & Cris Woods - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM