



Heather Laine Watkins

November 21, 1984 - July 31, 2018

Heather Laine Watkins, age 33, of Flat Rock, AL passed away at her home Tuesday July 31, 2018. She was a veteran of the U.S. Army 320th MP Company of St. Petersburg, FL serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. She was a graduate of Rhea County High School Class of 2003 in Evensville, TN.

Mrs. Watkins was preceded in death by her sister Julie Anne Brown, Grandparents Russell (Helen) Roberts and Ross (Gertrude) Kirkpatrick; and father-in-law Billy Roy Watkins.

Surviving include her husband Brian Watkins of Flat Rock, AL; two step-children Robert John and Grace Elizabeth Watkins of Elizabethtown, N.C.; Mother Mary Kirkpatrick of Flat Rock, AL; Father Bill Kirkpatrick of Bryant, AL; godparents Michael (Carol) Hensley of Charleston, S.C.; sister Malinda (Mathew) Sherman, niece Emily Brown (AKA "sisant") of Trenton, GA; also, several nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and many close friends.

A Celebration of Life service will be held 2 PM Saturday August 4, 2018 in the chapel with Michael Hensley officiating and military honors proceeding the service. Family will receive friends from 12 PM until 2 PM Saturday at Ryan Funeral Home.

If you are a veteran and are thinking about taking your own life, contact the

Lifeline for Vets at 888-777-4443 and speak to another vet who can help or visit www.NVF.org to donate in memory of Heather Watkins.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Ryan Funeral Home and Crematory
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Tribute Wall



“ Heather Laine Watkins

October 09, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ As a friend of Brian's father, I only met Heather once, she made quite an impression. I am very saddened by the loss of her and my memories of her will remain with me always. I will continue praying that she rests in peace. I send heartfelt condolences to her family, friends, and especially to Brian.



In the name of peace always, Kathy and Chevy...

Kathy and Chevy - August 10, 2018 at 04:27 AM



“ 67 files added to the album Life Tributes



Ryan Funeral Home - August 04, 2018 at 09:17 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Heather Laine Watkins.*



August 03, 2018 at 08:47 PM



“ *I always enjoyed getting to spend time with Heather and Julie when I would go with Cindy to Aunt Sissy's house for a visit. We would play dress-up and put makeup on each other! Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Mary and family. I love you all so very much.*



Robin Jones - August 03, 2018 at 05:17 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Heather Laine Watkins.*



August 03, 2018 at 12:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Heather Laine Watkins.*



August 03, 2018 at 11:01 AM

RS

“ Rhea Co. Music :Bryan Massengale / Frank Sheddman purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Heather Laine Watkins.



Rhea Co. Music :Bryan Massengale / Frank Sheddman -
August 03, 2018 at 09:54 AM

JM

“ Heather was about 4 years old when I first met her. She had the most beautiful blond hair and tiny little glasses. So saddened for your loss and praying you have God's mercy and comfort.

James and Brenda McCord - August 03, 2018 at 08:16 AM

BW

“ You were my best friend. you kept me on the straight and narrow. You protected me , guided me, and you were my soulmate. I'll search for you in the next life and never stop looking till I meet up with again. Until Valhalla reunites us again my warrior princess. I will always love you and miss you so much

Brian Watkins - August 02, 2018 at 05:03 PM

MF

“ Heather, was a Soldier. She was loved by all battles. The 320th MP CO, was a better Company with her part of the team. As her First Sergeant, I recall her as a can-do, let's get this job done Soldier. Her southern charm was contagious. I will also be proud that I served with a young women, true American, like Heather. God's blessings
SGM Marty Faulkner

Marty Faulkner - August 02, 2018 at 01:39 PM

CH

“ Carol Hensley lit a candle in memory of Heather Laine Watkins



Carol Hensley - August 02, 2018 at 01:23 PM

SC

“ Heather was with me when I got my first tattoo. She said your dad is gun a kill us both when he finds out. One of my favorite memories of her.



sarah curvin - August 02, 2018 at 12:36 PM

DR

“ I do remember Heather from my old unit (320th MP CO-St. Petersburg); I want to send my heartfelt condolences to family and friends during this difficult time. God bless.
SSG Douglas J. Rodoski

Douglas J. Rodoski - August 02, 2018 at 07:56 AM

ET

“ Heather, my memories of our time together on the deployment will forever be etched in my heart and brain. May you finally find peace. Till we meet again. My sincerest condolences to your entire family, especially Brian and your momma.



Eric Tucker - August 01, 2018 at 10:38 PM



Richard
Penfield

“ Dear Heather, I remember the day we met you had so many questions. You made me laugh a little, your face was all aglow knowing that you were going into battle with a fearsome MP Co. You were accepted into our family almost immediately. You made friends quickly and learned our style of combat tactics quickly, you always had a smile on your face and quick to take someone under your wing. Your sense of humor and witty comebacks had me laughing, You were a high speed low drag hard charging kind of gal, and you gained my respect quickly. When I saw you and Brian together I could see the bond you both had for each other. I will miss you Heather, with a tear in my eye I have to say goodbye to such a wonderful woman, I am so honored to have had the privilege of knowing you. Until we meet again Heather. Brian I am so sorry for your loss, You and your family are in our prayers.

*Rick Penfield SGT.
320th MP Co
(Retired)*

Richard Penfield - August 01, 2018 at 10:13 PM

RH

“ She was the first to welcome me into the 3397th GSU...she was so welcoming and willing to show me the ropes. She will be forever missed. RIP Heather.

Ryan Hudson - August 01, 2018 at 09:55 PM

JS

“ *Mary, Stanley and I are so sorry for your loss. Sending you lots of hugs, and prayers sweet lady...*

Love in Christ,

Jennifer (from clean room 5)



Jennifer Stephens - August 01, 2018 at 07:11 PM