



James Drew Cassidy

June 13, 1966 - January 3, 2014

James Drew Cassidy, son of the late James Steven and Sue Jane (Bankson) Cassidy, was born June 13, 1966 in Anderson, Indiana. He grew up in Pendleton, Indiana and graduated from Pendleton Heights High School.

At the age of 19, Drew joined the United States Army and served his country faithfully for 20 years. He retired as a Military Police and had attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. For his faithful service, Drew earned many awards and commendations; some of which include: Army Commendation Medal (5th Award), Army Achievement Medal (4th Award), Army Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), National defense Service Medal (2nd Award), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal , Armed Forces Service Medal, Non Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (2nd Award), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award), NATO Medal, and the Driver and Mechanic Badge for Wheeled Vehicles.

Drew served as a volunteer firefighter for 28 years; serving since 1984. He also served as EMS and law enforcement. He was active in his community and enjoyed helping people. He was also a part of the Missouri Task Force One.

On August 4, 2004, Drew was united in marriage to Carol Ann Kelley. They shared over eight years together and shared many wonderful memories.

In his spare time, Drew enjoyed swimming, mixed martial arts and mechanics. He was a member of the Military Police Regimental Association. He was also an active member of Christ's Mission Church. He was baptized into Christ on February 2, 2006.

Drew went home to be with his Lord Friday, January 3, 2014 in the Mercy Hospital of Lebanon, Missouri having attained the age of 47 years, 6 months and 21 days. He will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

Drew leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife: Carol Cassidy of Waynesville MO; four Children: James Drew Cassidy II and Krystal Jo Lechowicz of Waterloo, WI, Samantha Denison (Chad) of Salt Lake City, Utah and Linda Miller (Jeremy) of Gulfport, MS; one sister: Brandy Sutherland (Mark); close family friend: Cody Turner; three grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 8, 2014 in the Christ's Mission Church of St. Robert, Missouri with Jeff Brown officiating. The congregation was led by the Christ's Mission Praise Team in singing "Here I Am to Worship", "Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord" and "I Am Free". Serving as escorts were James Drew Cassidy II, Charles Callahan, Jeremy Miller, Sawyer Brown, Michael McCart and Jeremy Moore. Serving as honorary escorts were Dan Barnes, Shay Mason, Doug Yureko, Tobias Barnes, Scott Williamson, Herb Callahan and Jim Haggerty.

Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery – Fort Leonard Wood. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Drew Cassidy to the Free Women's Center of Waynesville and may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Christ's Mission
22535 Hwy Y
St. Robert, MO 65584

Service

JAN 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

Christ's Mission
22535 Hwy Y
St. Robert, MO 65584

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of James Drew Cassidy*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - January 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *James Drew Cassidy*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Brandy Sutherland lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy*



Brandy Sutherland - January 22, 2014 at 05:45 PM



“ *Brandy Sue, from Shelly and the Grant's very sorry to hear of Drew's passing. It was way to early. Shelly remembers Drew dunking her in the pool. she felt like he was her big brother. Errol*

Errol Grant - January 19, 2014 at 09:07 PM

BS

Thanks Errol, Shelly & family! Drew loved Shelly like a sister! Ive been trying to reach her but cant find her #. please give her my number 765-393-3163--would really like to talk to her, Thanks again!

Brandy Sutherland - January 22, 2014 at 05:26 PM

PS

*“ I worked with Drew many times at PCAD and on calls that Fire responded to. Drew you will be missed for a long time to come as you always had a joke to tell and a smiling face even in the middle of the night calls....
Carol, you and your family will be in our hearts and prayers! If you need to talk or a shoulder to cry on I am here...our loss is Heaven's gain and I can picture Drew up there making every soul laugh til they cry and wet their soul pants! Mike and I miss you both and my heart breaks to know the world has lost one of the best!!!*

Penny Cash-Skaife & Michael Skaife - January 14, 2014 at 10:42 PM

 David Wall

“ You will be missed drew the alarm may be complete on earth but Heaven has recieved a great hero REST IN PEACE BROTHER

David Wall - January 14, 2014 at 04:03 PM

JT

“ Words can't say what you meant to so many people. I am honored to have served with and worked alongside you in the Fire Service for the last 5 years. Thank you for the memories and the lessons I learned from you. Rest in eternal peace, our brother. Til we meet again

Jeff Teeters - January 09, 2014 at 02:25 PM

BB

“ Carol, Christy and I are so sorry for your loss. Drew was an amazingly funny guy and made our lives at Fort Leonard Wood happy. He will be missed.

Brian Bettis - January 09, 2014 at 07:09 AM

MO

“ Misty Osmon lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy



Misty Osmon - January 08, 2014 at 11:28 PM

MS

“ IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY



MARLIN STEVENS - January 08, 2014 at 09:30 AM

JM

“ Drew you will be missed and loved by all.



Jamie Milner - January 07, 2014 at 06:40 PM

CF

“ *Cory York And Family lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy*



cory york and family - January 07, 2014 at 01:40 PM

LL

“ *Linda Levett lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy*



Linda Levett - January 07, 2014 at 10:51 AM



“ *R.I.P James you were a great person in all the services you done for many people and lives you saved.*



Kevin Short - January 07, 2014 at 10:42 AM

DN

“ *Don Nemetz lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy*



Don Nemetz - January 07, 2014 at 08:55 AM

CW

“ Words cannot and will not explain the feeling of loss or the emptiness we feel inside. Our hearts may ache but one thing that shall never change is the love you have once bestowed upon us and us upon you. How grateful a recipient we are to have known you and loved you . To have once or more say I knew you and oh so much you helped change our lives. Carol, I extend my love and condolences to you and the girls. Drew, you will be forever missed, remembered and always loved. R.I.P. dear friend. I wish I could be there this week for you and the family.

Cindy W - January 06, 2014 at 11:48 PM



“ Audrey Augustinovicz lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy



Audrey Augustinovicz - January 06, 2014 at 05:43 PM

BS

Thanks Audrey!

Brandy Sutherland - January 22, 2014 at 05:32 PM

BS

“ I have so many great memories of my brother! Growing up with him, there was never a dull moment! Drew was a great big brother; he always looked out for me & protected me! I've always been so proud of him! He always lived life to the fullest! Drew, I love u so much & I'm gonna miss u! My heart is broken but I promise I will always be there for Carol & Boo & the girls! Rest in Peace, Big Brother!

brandy sutherland - January 06, 2014 at 03:18 PM

JM

“ John McQueen lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy



John McQueen - January 06, 2014 at 01:39 PM

GM

“ DREW you were one in a million!! Always Happy and always Caring!!! YOU will be missed by all that knew you....no doubt in my mind you are in heaven!! If you see my dad up there please tell him I love him and give him a great big hug for me...love you Drew



ginny martin - January 06, 2014 at 01:25 PM

BS

“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Wall



Barbara Shoemaker - January 06, 2014 at 12:17 PM



“ Tracie Leech lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy



Tracie Leech - January 06, 2014 at 10:17 AM

LS

“ *Linda Schonbok lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy* ”



linda schonbok - January 06, 2014 at 10:11 AM



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Leslie Hartwell - January 06, 2014 at 06:49 AM

RT

“ *Love you uncle drew!* ”

renae terborg - January 05, 2014 at 11:34 PM

Jim Haggerty

“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name* ”



Jim Haggerty - January 05, 2014 at 08:38 PM

PC

“ Pamela Cox lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy



Pamela Cox - January 05, 2014 at 08:06 PM

AP

“ April lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy



April - January 05, 2014 at 07:51 PM

EW

“ Eugene & Mary Wyatt lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy



Eugene & Mary Wyatt - January 05, 2014 at 07:36 PM

SH

“ Sheri lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy



Sheri - January 05, 2014 at 05:56 PM

DE

“ *Deb lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy*



deb - January 05, 2014 at 04:09 PM



“ *Carol, I am so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you and the family. Hugs from VA.*

Julie Emmerling - January 05, 2014 at 11:57 AM

RT

“ *You were a great man! I will miss you! Love you*

renae terborg - January 05, 2014 at 11:24 AM



“ Drew..., may you rest in peace.



ODE TO OUR FIREMEN
By Frederic G. W. Fenn

*All honor to the red-clad heroes; the boys who ran the machine
Over the highway to rescue, quick to danger's scene;
Where angry flames devour the poor man's earthly store,
Bidding to all a defiance, with its wild and sullen roar,*

*Tell me not of the gallants who wear the helmets bright,
Who boast of their deeds of slaughter in some degrading fight;
But sound aloud the praises, and give the victor-crown
To our noble-hearted Firemen, who fear not danger's frown.*

*They of many a conflict, with the haughty demon of flame,
With the rising sun of the morning, their gallant deeds proclaim.
The signal that strikes terror, to them is known full well;
Forth to do and dare they spring at the tap of the bell.*

*Some one's home is falling in the midnight solemn hour;
Now the heroic legion spring forth to show their power.
Listen to the rumble, as they clatter over the way;
There's hope in the sound as they speed on
In determined and gallant array.*

*Soon the fiery days will be over; the machine will be of the past,
And over the forms of our heroes the mantle of age will be cast,
And ere long they'll tread to the portals, and view the setting sun,
Then fall; arrayed in the glories of the gallant deeds they've done.*

*Grand honor! to such brave brothers; let the shout sweep to the sky.
Weave garlands round their memories as the ages swiftly fly,
Over each Fireman's hallowed grave write with honor's pen:
Here lieth one who delighted to aid his fellow men.*

-- Printed in The National Fireman's Journal February 9, 1878.

*Terry & Julie Baum
Kechi, Kansas*

Terry Baum - January 05, 2014 at 11:05 AM

AP

“ *Amanda (Scott) & Jeff Parker lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy*



Amanda (Scott) & Jeff Parker - January 05, 2014 at 10:52 AM

 Jim Haggerty

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Jim Haggerty - January 05, 2014 at 08:08 AM

UB

“ *Uncle Bo lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy*



uncle Bo - January 05, 2014 at 06:47 AM

JB

“ *Juli Warner Bryant lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy*



Juli Warner Bryant - January 05, 2014 at 06:37 AM

BW

“ *Always a great guy. Never seen him get mad! Never in a bad mood and always treated people with the upmost respect. He is going to be very missed by alot of people all over the world! He left a mark in somebody's heart wherever he went and that includes me.*

Brandon Williams - January 05, 2014 at 06:28 AM

JB

“ *You will be missed by many thank you for your service God Bless you as you are with our Father in Heaven*

John Bell - January 05, 2014 at 06:19 AM

SB

“ *Breaking a dining room chair just by sitting down, and causing laughs for Drew and Carol. Drew and Carol always loved me and cared aout me and my daughter. Drew you will missed and loved always <3*

Steven Brougham - January 05, 2014 at 03:22 AM

KF

“ *Kindella Walny And Family lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy*



Kindella Walny and family - January 05, 2014 at 03:08 AM

MB

“ *Mitzi Neidert Birkner lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy*



Mitzi Neidert Birkner - January 04, 2014 at 11:27 PM

PF

“ *Paula Forrest lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy*



Paula Forrest - January 04, 2014 at 10:05 PM

TD

“ *Thank you for being who you were. A mentor, an inspiration, and a guiding light. Heaven has truly gained a hero. Until we meet again...*

Tom Dickey - January 04, 2014 at 09:57 PM

BT

“ *Bob & Teri lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy*



Bob & Teri - January 04, 2014 at 09:54 PM

DG

“ *Dylan G lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy*



Dylan G - January 04, 2014 at 09:53 PM

KR

“ *Sorry for your loss carol*

kathy rossing - January 04, 2014 at 09:46 PM

DF

“ *Deb Carter And Family lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy*



Deb Carter and Family - January 04, 2014 at 09:34 PM

DF

*So very sorry for your great loss. We are keeping you in our prayers.
The Carter/Furey Family*

Deb Carter and Family - January 04, 2014 at 09:37 PM

SF

“ I loved to be around you and could feel the love for others that you had warm those close to you. Life will not be the same because so many of us have a large hole in our heart that you left. Gone but not forgotten my friend.

Steve Farris - January 04, 2014 at 09:30 PM

MW

“ *Mindy Weaver lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy*



mindy weaver - January 04, 2014 at 09:23 PM

FS

“ *Frank Smith lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy*



frank smith - January 04, 2014 at 07:15 PM

GW

“ *Gary Wilson lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy*



gary wilson - January 04, 2014 at 06:50 PM

DA

“ Cassidy Family you are in my heart and prayers. What a great husband, father, grandfather and friend. I am very sorry for your loss.



Debbe & Doug Adkins - January 04, 2014 at 06:41 PM

SJ

“ SARA JONES lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy



SARA JONES - January 04, 2014 at 04:50 PM

Joseph
Tuplin

“ Joseph Tuplin lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy



Joseph Tuplin - January 04, 2014 at 04:04 PM

MR

“ Mitch & Barbara Riggins lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy



Mitch & Barbara Riggins - January 04, 2014 at 03:59 PM

SH

“ We are all better for having known Drew. Carol you & fam are in our thoughts & prayers. Steve & Krista Hall

Steve & Krista Hall - January 04, 2014 at 02:00 PM



“ Margaret De Vido lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy



Margaret De Vido - January 04, 2014 at 11:22 AM

AB

“ Alisa And Brian lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy



Alisa and Brian - January 04, 2014 at 09:17 AM

RF

“ Rickerson Family lit a candle in memory of James Drew Cassidy



Rickerson Family - January 04, 2014 at 08:26 AM

TB

“ *There will never be another you. Rest in Peace my dear friend.
Thank you for being such an inspiration to so many*

Tammie Black - January 03, 2014 at 08:50 PM

LP

“ *Les And Mary Pero lit a candle in memory of
James Drew Cassidy*



Les and Mary Pero - January 03, 2014 at 08:11 PM