



1SG (Ret) Jeffrey Louis Kline

July 5, 1960 - July 17, 2019

Jeffrey Louis Kline, son of the late David Lee and Barbara Jean (Pilcher) Kline, was born July 5, 1960 in Dayton, Ohio where he grew up and graduated from Wayne High School.

Shortly after graduation, Jeff entered the United States Army and served his country faithfully until his retirement in 2000. He had earned the rank of First Sergeant and for his faithful service was awarded several medals and commendations; some of which include: Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award), Army Commendation Medal (6th Award), Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award), Army Superior Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal (7th Award), National Defense Service Medal, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (2nd Award), Southwest Asia Service Medal w/2 Bronze Service Stars, Humanitarian Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 3, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award), Kuwait Liberation Medal (K), Kuwait Liberation Medal (SA), Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle, Driver and Mechanic Badge, and Drill Sergeant Identification Badge.

Jeff continued his education by attending Troy University and was also in the process of earning his teacher's degree from Drury University.

Jeff was united in marriage to Karen Winkler and they were blessed with two children: Joshua and Cassandra.

After retiring from the military, Jeff continued serving his country as a civil service employee. He worked for 14 ½ years for Engility Corporation as a Database Manager building military scenarios.

On July 8, 2006, Jeff was united in marriage to Verna Sue Hughes in Phelps County, Missouri. Two families were blended and together they shared five children.

In his spare time, Jeff enjoyed cooking, traveling, rock collecting and was a huge Marvel comics fan. He loved to collect all kinds of Marvel paraphernalia. He was also a member of AUSA.

Jeff was a very giving and loving person and enjoyed being able to help others, not just family. Most importantly, he loved his family dearly and looked forward to every time they could be together.

Jeff passed away Wednesday, July 17, 2019 in his home following a courageous battle with cancer having attained the age of 59 years. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

Jeff leaves to cherish his memory, his wife: Verna Kline of the home; four children: Erika Garcille and her husband, Trevor of Rolla, MO, Cassandra Kline of Gloucester, VA, Russell Ervin and his wife, Tiffany of Union, MO and Nicholas Riley and his wife, Bonnie of Cement, OK; nine grandchildren: Skylar, Seth, Dillon, Alexa, Parker Joy, Parker James, Keller, Joshua and Leah; his daughter-in-law: Amanda Kline-Lantz of Fort Polk, LA; three sisters: Deborah Hayes of the State of OH, Kim Tussey and her husband, Dale of West Carrollton, OH and Angela Kline of Kettering, OH; one brother: Troy

Kline of the State of OH; several nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Jeff was preceded in death by his son: Joshua Kline; and first wife: Karen Kline.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 24, 2019 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Pastor Curtis Felton officiating. The songs "You Should Be Here" by Cole Swindell, "Dancing in the Sky" by Dani & Lizzy and "Jealous of the Angels" by Donna Taggart were played. Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Jeff Kline 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

JUL 24. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of 1SG (Ret) Jeffrey Louis Kline*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - July 24, 2019 at 02:27 PM

SL

RIP brother

Shawn Latour - September 19, 2019 at 07:19 PM



“ *1SG (Ret) Jeffrey Louis Kline*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Rest in piece my Brother*

John and Carry Bell

John Bell - July 28, 2019 at 12:39 PM



“ *He was my first squad leader in Germany 1989 through 1991. He was a great leader and soldier. Sad to hear.*

giorgio bertoli - July 28, 2019 at 11:50 AM

SL

Rest in Peace brother

Shawn Latour - October 04, 2020 at 08:59 PM

RC

“ *To the entire Kline family: My thoughts and prayers as you go through this time of great loss of the awesome man. RIP Jeff*



Robert Champagne - July 28, 2019 at 05:58 AM

KG

“ *Kim Gentry sent a virtual gift in memory of 1SG (Ret) Jeffrey Louis Kline*



kim gentry - July 25, 2019 at 10:05 PM

LW

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Lorna West - July 24, 2019 at 07:39 AM

SB

“ I had only met Jeff a handful of times but I still saw a funny, positive and good man. He helped me have one of the nicest fishing trips I'll ever remember along with V and Cass. My deepest condolences go out to V, Cass, Kim...all of his family, friends and loved ones. He will be missed.

Shaun Beckham - July 21, 2019 at 12:35 PM

CH

“ Hugs and prayers Erica and family! Godspeed 1SG Kline!!

Colleen and Denzil Hills - July 20, 2019 at 01:54 PM

LC

“ Linda Cole-schonbok sent a virtual gift in memory of 1SG (Ret) Jeffrey Louis Kline



linda cole-schonbok - July 20, 2019 at 09:22 AM

LC

so sorry for you loss Verna!! Prayers to you and your family during this difficult time.

linda cole-schonbok - July 20, 2019 at 09:23 AM

JS

“ My Heart Felt Condolences To Verna & Family
Jeff was a loving and caring friend he will be greatly missed. R I P MY FRIEND!! CLIFF POOLA & FAMILY 🥹🥹



Jenii shiwii - July 20, 2019 at 07:26 AM

RE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Raymond Ehret - July 19, 2019 at 03:21 PM

KG

“ My heart breaks of this news. My thoughts are with his daughter Cassandra , sisters Kim, Deb & Angelia . Jeff was one amazing man and I was glad to call him my friend. RIP Jeff you are finally home with Karen & Josh.
Luv ya
Kym Ziska Gentry



kim gentry - July 19, 2019 at 12:27 PM

WS

“ Wendy Sidwell lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) Jeffrey Louis Kline



Wendy Sidwell - July 19, 2019 at 11:45 AM

CB

“ Our sincere condolences to family and friends of 1SG (Ret) Jeff Kline, an awesome neighbor, always sharing a calm spirit, positive attitude and a wonderfully encouraging smile. Thanks, Jeff; may your legacy of caring transcend well within others for many years to follow!



CSM Ret and Brigitte Burleson - July 19, 2019 at 10:27 AM

PG

“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) Jeffrey Louis Kline



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - July 19, 2019 at 10:21 AM

DH

“ So sorry for your loss V and Kline family. Jeff was a terrific person and always had a smile. He is going to be missed.
Hugs, Don and Dottie Hutchison



Dorothy Hutchison - July 19, 2019 at 09:54 AM

KC

“ Jeff will be in our hearts and memories forever!
Keeping you all in our prayers.
Keith and Melissa



Keith and Melissa Campbell - July 19, 2019 at 09:26 AM

SN

“ Verna, I'm so sorry for your loss, you are in my thoughts and prayers..

Sheri Nickels

Sheri Nickels - July 19, 2019 at 08:26 AM

MF

“ Marie Farias lit a candle in memory of 1SG
(Ret) Jeffrey Louis Kline



Marie Farias - July 19, 2019 at 06:52 AM

CA

“ XOXOXXO Give hugs to all!

Cassandra - July 18, 2019 at 08:21 PM

CA

“ Cassandra lit a candle in memory of 1SG
(Ret) Jeffrey Louis Kline



Cassandra - July 18, 2019 at 08:18 PM

ED

“ *Ed & Deb lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret)
Jeffrey Louis Kline*



Ed & Deb - July 18, 2019 at 06:49 PM

JW

“ *Sorry for your loss Vee. You and your family
are in our prayers.*

❤️ *The Woodys*



Jodi Woody - July 18, 2019 at 05:19 PM