



LTC Randall Jeffrey Adams

July 8, 1972 - October 31, 2020

Randall Jeffrey Adams, son of William Lee Adams and Lucie Anne (Staples) Adams Trepanier, was born July 8, 1972 in Walla Walla, Washington.

Randy, as he was known to his family and friends, grew up in the Northwest, graduating from high school near Auburn, Washington. He furthered his education and graduated from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. While in the university, his father, Bill Adams, passed away.

After graduating from Andrews University, Randy worked in a psych unit for troubled teenagers. He then enlisted in the United States Army and served his country faithfully for 22 years. He served first as an enlisted soldier and then as an officer. He began as a specialist and ended his enlistment four years later as an E-6. After OCS (Officers Candidate School), he began as a Second Lieutenant and ended his career as a Lieutenant Colonel. Some of his proudest moments was as a Commander of the 21st Chemical Company, the Warrior Transition Battalion (WTB-E) and when he was involved in writing doctrine for the Chemical Corps. He thoroughly enjoyed being a teacher and mentor at the BOLC (Basic Officers Leaders Course) and Captains Career Course while he was stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood. He valued his Army career even through three deployments to Iraq, and Afghanistan and four years in Germany. For his faithful service, LTC Adams received several awards and commendations. While in the Army, Randy continued studying

and earned his Master's Degree.

Randy met a young lady by the name of Lori Kay Bretsch and they were united in marriage on August 9, 1996 in Clackamas, Oregon. They shared many wonderful memories and adventures together.

Randy enjoyed being outdoors. You would find him either boating, playing golf, traveling in his RV with Lori and the kids, or playing a round of Frisbee golf in the air and sunshine. He loved going to movies with Lori and hated the COVID-19 for shutting down the theaters for months. He loved his family tremendously and treasured all the times they spent together.

Randy had made a profession of faith earlier in his life and attended Discovery Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He attended Bible studies on a regular basis with friends and family.

Randy went home to be with the Lord Saturday, October 31, 2020 while serving on active duty at Fort Carson, Colorado having attained the age of 48 years. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

Randy leaves to cherish his memory, wife: Lori Adams of Newburg, MO; mother and stepfather: Lucie and James Trepanier of Woodland, WA; four children: Dameon Nanocchio of Rolla, MO, Gavin Adams of Colorado Springs, CO and Trevon Jackson and Aaliyah Adams, both of Newburg, MO; two brothers: Tony Adams (Shannon) of Camas, WA and Tim Adams of Oregon City, OR; father and mother-in-law: Bob and Beverly Bretsch of Las Cruces, NM; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Even though he is gone from our sight, we know that we will see him again one day!

Services were held at 12:00 p.m. Friday, November 13, 2020 in the Westside Baptist Church Family Life Center of Waynesville with Chaplain (MAJ) Vincent Bain officiating. Gavin Adams and Bob Bretsch recalled their wonderful memories of Randy. The songs "I Will Be Here For You", "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)", "(Everything I Do) I Do It for You" were played. Pianist Karla Reel and violinist Kasondra Reel provided the prelude music. Serving as escorts were the United States Army. 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. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of LTC Adams and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Westside Baptist Church
801 Historic 66 West
Waynesville, MO

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of LTC Randall Jeffrey Adams*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 16, 2020 at 02:05 PM

TS

“ *Captain Adams was such a wonderful company commander.*

We loved him. He was witty, compassionate, and understanding. with a huge smile!

I served as a platoon leader under his command.

We miss you Sir.



Tammi Summers - January 25, 2024 at 08:51 PM



“ *LTC Randall Jeffrey Adams*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

SD

“ *Sherri Doenges lit a candle in memory of LTC
Randall Jeffrey Adams*



Sherri Doenges - November 13, 2020 at 12:20 PM

SM

“ *Sharon McCann lit a candle in memory of LTC
Randall Jeffrey Adams*



Sharon McCann - November 13, 2020 at 05:43 AM

SF

“ I have known 2Lt, Captain, Major, and even LTC Randy Adams since he went through COBC class #02 in 2003. As a 30 year old, he was one of the older 2LTs in a class where the average age was 23 years old. Others in class looked up to him because he was a quiet helpful leader. Later I had the pleasure of working with Captain and Major Adams while he was a small group leader and chief of the officer training department, and on Hellfire battalion staff. Even recently, we traded messages while he was stationed at Fort Carson and preparing his Division for CBRN defense. He was always a professional CBRN leader and someone that others could look up to as a role model.

As Randy awaits his reawakening, I shall always remember Randy for his positive 'Can-do' spirit, and love for his wife Lori, and his family/extended foster children whom he all loved.



Scoot Farrar - November 12, 2020 at 03:39 PM

KC

“Randy, I'm so thankful to have known you. You always brought laughter and fun with you everywhere you went. Our families became fast friends, and I cherish all the fun memories we shared together. We love you and your family so much, and we truly are heartbroken. We miss you so much!



Kim Childs - November 12, 2020 at 02:45 PM

KC

“Randy, I'm so thankful to have known you. You always brought fun and laughter with you, and I'll truly miss you. Our families hit it off immediately, and I cherish the precious friendships we built. We have so many amazing memories together: ski trips, cruises, Oktoberfests, Carnivals, and so many fun times just hanging out. We love you and your family so much.



Kim Childs - November 12, 2020 at 02:37 PM



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November 12, 2020 at 09:44 AM



“ My deepest condolences, Randy was a great person and I am proud to have known and worked with him at the WTB-Europe. He will never be forgotten.

-Derrek Gibson SFC ret.

Derrek Gibson - November 12, 2020 at 08:24 AM



“ 110 files added to the album LifeTributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 11, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ 18 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 11, 2020 at 03:40 PM

CB

“ CSM(Ret) Harold & Brigitte Burleson lit a candle in memory of LTC Randall Jeffrey Adams



CSM(Ret) Harold & Brigitte Burleson - November 10, 2020 at 08:49 AM

PG

“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons sent a virtual gift in memory of LTC Randall Jeffrey Adams



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - November 10, 2020 at 08:49 AM



“ *Kathy Goodman lit a candle in memory of LTC Randall Jeffrey Adams*



Kathy Goodman - November 10, 2020 at 08:42 AM



“ *My favorite memory of Aniyah’s uncle Randy was when the girls were outside playing with their squirt guns!! He was running and they were having a blast! He then allowed them to squirt and style his hair! They had the time of their lives!!!*

sarah johnson - November 09, 2020 at 11:06 PM

TY

“ *TeamYow had the privilege of doing LIFE with Randy, Lori, and Gavin when he was stationed at Ft Bragg. We will always remember our speedball games and our times together at Cadence ministry Hospitality House and our friendship .*

Story: Randy was a Captain then and Randy and Lori came over to our house because he was to take command of his first Company . Lori asked my advice - they were budgeting \$400 and were thinking maybe Chik-fil-a platters as a reception. My brother Mark was in on the conversation . We looked at each other and said- give us the \$400 and we will make it look like you spent \$1,000. So much fun! An event to remember! Haha!! thanks Randy and Lori for giving me my first catering event that later led to many more ministry related catering events and discovering one of my callings.

Randy was a Kind, Loving, fun, people loving person who always put His family first. Randy and Lori Adams are a powerful Godly couple who were called to love many people and impact hearts for God’s Kingdom. Randall “Randy “ Adams, TeamYow celebrates the man God created you to be and the Joy and Life you breathed into the hearts of many!

“Well Done, good and faithful servant” our Hope In Christ Jesus promises that we will meet again! What a reunion that will be! Lori, Gavin, Dameon and the whole families Adams & Bretsch... God is with you, watching everything and Keeping you. His favor is with you and His Perfect Peace will shadow you as you walk through this.

We Love you guys,

Tim, Arlene

Adam & Emalee

Nick & Cassidy

Tim and Arlene Yow - November 09, 2020 at 10:28 PM

SH

“ There are many things I admired and liked about Randy. He was in our men’s Bible Study and his transparency really help me and others to be real with each other, our struggles, faith and relationship with God. Our families were also friends so occasionally we did things together in Germany. One evening the Adams treated us to an old train station that had the biggest Schnitzel in Germany. When I asked for hot sauce, they brought me a tray of the hottest sauces in the world. As I gingerly added drops to my food, Randy and the boys could not help but to join in on the adventure. As each one of the Adam men tasted the hot sauce and began turning colors, shaking and became speechless with tears, it fueled and inspired the next Adams man to join in and sample the sauce. Randy enjoyed adventure and took his military service to our country extremely serious. As a Captain, he was our Headquarters Company Commander and responsible for taking care of irresponsible Majors, Colonels and Generals. It was like herding cats, but he did it successfully and with great professionalism. Lori was able to Quest with my wife Dennie, and I was looking forward to when Randy would have a break in his busy schedule to Quest with me. Sadly Randy’s busy life is over for me, his friends, and family. The happy news is Randy is enjoying an eternity with our Father. I miss you Randy and when we see each other again, we will have eternity to catch up on old times. Love you brother, Sam

Sam Hamontree - November 09, 2020 at 09:58 PM

SB

“Randy was a close friend of mine. We spent hours together as teenagers at PAA. We spent the night at each other's house. Sometimes I wondered if he had a fear factor. We did some insane stuff. He loved the arcade at Mall 205 after school. Randy loved watching movies in into the morning. He loved life. I still hung with him even when he was better at most things. I don't think I've ever been closer to another friend as him. I loved him as a brother.

Shawn Browning - November 09, 2020 at 06:46 PM