



Roy E. Tappendick

July 23, 1963 - September 23, 2009

Roy Eugene Tappendick, one of three sons born to the union of Rayburn Victor Tappendick and the late Nancy May (Vanatta) Tappendick, was born July 23, 1963 in Salina, Kansas. As an infant, Roy was baptized in the Trinity Lutheran Church, where he was later confirmed.

Roy departed this life September 23, 2009 at his home in St. Robert, Missouri, at the age of 46 years and 2 months.

Roy grew up and attended school in Salina, KS; where he lived with his father, Ray & mother, Becky and two brothers; Ray, Jr. and Jason.

In 1981, Roy entered the United States Marine Corps. Roy was a 1316 welder and also a welding instructor at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. He also served as a Drill Instructor at Paris Island, SC and completed a three year tour in Japan. Roy's last duty station was Ft. Leonard Wood, MO where he served as a 1349 Engineer Equipment Chief for the Marine Corps Detachment. For his faithful and honorable service, he was awarded the Rifle Expert Badge, Pistol Sharpshooter Badge, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal (7th award), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2nd award), Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (4th award), Marine Corps Drill Instructor Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Unit Commendation, Certificate of Appreciation, Letter of Appreciation (2), along with other awards

and commendations. Gunnery Sergeant Tappendick retired from active duty service in 2004.

After retiring from the military, Roy earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Business from Columbia College. He then signed with Cape Fox as the lead instructor of the Motorcycle Safety Course at Ft. Leonard Wood. He was a member of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and the Marine Corp League-SGT. Darrell S. Cole, Unit 1165.

Roy married Tracie Beth (Schmidt) Nordlof on March 25, 2005, at Ft. Leonard Wood. He loved riding motorcycles and teaching others how to "ride their own ride." He enjoyed and appreciated time spent with family and friends. Roy was infamous for his lavish BBQ spreads and bon fires. He and the family had great times bringing Roy's vision of Paradise to life in his garden. Roy was a true friend to many, a dedicated father to his children and a loving and devoted husband to his wife.

He is survived by his wife: Tracie; Six children: SPC Gary Tappendick (Rebekah), stationed in Iraq, SPC Travis Tappendick (Mary), stationed in Korea, LeAnne Tappendick of Ft. Lewis, Washington, Ashley, Steven and Carrie Nordlof all of St. Robert; two grandchildren: Anthony and Hayden Tappendick; his father: Rayburn Tappendick, Sr. (Becky) of Salina, Kansas; two brothers: Ray Tappendick, Jr. (Becky) and Jason Tappendick (Stephanie) all of Salina, Kansas; several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws, other relatives and friends.

A memorial service with military honors was held at 11:00 A.M. Monday, September 28, 2009 in the Soldier Memorial Chapel of Fort Leonard Wood with Chaplain (LT) James Storie officiating. Several family members and friends recalled their wonderful memories of Roy. The songs "That's What She Gets", "I Can Only Imagine" and "My Old Friend" were played. Roy's sister-in-

law, Stephanie Tappendick sang “Go Rest High on that Mountain”. Military honors were provided by the United States Marines of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Roy Tappendick and may be left at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 28. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Soldier Memorial Chapel
Fort Leonard Wood, MO

Service

SEP 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

Soldier Memorial Chapel
Fort Leonard Wood, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Roy E. Tappendick*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM



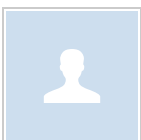
“ *Roy E. Tappendick*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *hey dad its your baby girl:)i miss you so much with every waking day..somedays i dont even know how i will make it through..this has been the hardest thing i ever have to go through and a lot of people just make this even harder..but just know your 3 kids miss you a lot..and so does the tappendick family..you maybe gone but we havent forgotten nor have we fully moved on###imported-begin###LeAnne Tappendick###imported-end###*

January 15, 2010 at 01:51 AM



“ *He was my Drill Instructor. He taught me so much. I just learned of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. Semper Fi!###imported-begin###Robb Back###imported-end###*

December 23, 2009 at 05:37 PM



“ Rest in peace Gunny you will be missed.##imported-begin##William Martino##imported-end##

November 12, 2009 at 09:54 PM



“ Gary, Travis, and LeAnne
Cindy and I send our deepest sympathy for the loss of your Dad. Roy and I had many a good laughs in Okinawa. What a great Dad, friend, and Marine he was! He will be missed. Know that our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Love you Guys!

Brian, Cindy, and Family##imported-begin##Brian & Cindy Orr & Family##imported-end##

October 27, 2009 at 08:35 AM



“ God bless your family during this most difficult time. I know that Roy was respected by all in our Cape Fox family. May the family soon find peace within their hearts and know you are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Cheryl Cashin##imported-end##

October 13, 2009 at 03:13 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. He was a good Marine and will be truly missed.##imported-begin##Jackie & Wendy Peacock##imported-end##

October 06, 2009 at 09:55 PM



“ *To the Tappendick Family:
We were saddened to learn of Roy's passing.
Our thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Kimberly
Fritz##imported-end##*

October 04, 2009 at 09:05 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.##imported-
begin##David & Theresa Backert##imported-end##*

October 03, 2009 at 10:54 AM



“ *Roy thanks for all the fun memories we had. All thru school and
working at Tony's together. It so was wonderful to re-connect with
you. Now like everyone else that was lucky enough to know you I
have a loss in my heart. God speed my friend.##imported-
begin##Monte Dunkel##imported-end##*

October 02, 2009 at 03:15 PM



“ *Tracie, we are so sorry to hear about Roy. Our thoughts and prayers
are with you and your family. We are back in the area, if you need
anything please let us know.##imported-begin##Jennifer and Kyle
DuFore##imported-end##*

October 02, 2009 at 12:04 PM



“ *we are so very sorry to hear the loss of Roy. this is such a shock to
us we will miss him. SEMER FI Brother may God be with
you.##imported-begin##Jack and Shirley Parker##imported-end##*

October 01, 2009 at 09:19 PM



“ Our sincere sympathies. I am so sorry to hear about Roy. I know he'll be greatly missed by all his family. My prayers for you all.

Jody & Gilbert Crocker##imported-begin##Jody Crocker##imported-end##

September 30, 2009 at 09:35 AM



“ Tracie and all of the kids, I am so sorry for your loss. Roy was a great friend. The time I spent with all of you while visiting FLW showed me that he was also a great father and dedicated human being.##imported-begin##Will Seymour##imported-end##

September 29, 2009 at 10:32 AM



“ Roy was one the first few trainers I hired in Cape Fox under the Army Motorcycle contract - he was a trusted teammate and a welcomed asset to the then growing CFPS Family. He never let me or the Team down, he will be missed. My wife Alice and I offer the Tappendick family our prayers and peace at this time. God Bless##imported-begin##LTC (Ret.) Joe & Alice Sette##imported-end##

September 28, 2009 at 11:23 AM



“ Tracy

Our hearts and prayers go out to you and the entire family. I wish I could say more, but I can say, I will miss my brother... I am here if you ever need my help.

*Chris J Billadeau
573 528-9220###imported-begin##Chris & Gayle
Billadeau###imported-end##*

September 28, 2009 at 09:04 AM

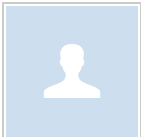


“ Tracie and Family,

Our hearts are saddened by your loss and our prayers are with you and your family. Roy was a great guy and will be missed. We are here for you and your family. If you need anything please call.

*Sincerely Jim and Casey French###imported-begin##Jim, Casey,
Kristen, Nicole & Makayla###imported-end##*

September 28, 2009 at 09:04 AM



“ Tracie, Steven and Family

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts, prayers and hearts. If there is anything that we can do, please don't hesitate to let me know.

*Wendy Whynot &
Hunter Whynot###imported-begin##Wenddy Whynot###imported-end##*

September 28, 2009 at 08:40 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this trying time. Although I only knew Roy a short time, I felt a kinship with him.

He will be truly missed.##imported-begin##Mike Snapp##imported-end##

September 28, 2009 at 06:36 AM



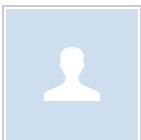
“ Tracie and Family - we are so sorry to hear about Roy's passing. It is such a shock that a great guy like Roy has passed on. Roy was a great friend and one of the few people I had most respect for, he will truly be missed by all. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to call or stop by. We are always here for you and the family.##imported-begin##Harold and Samantha Marler##imported-end##

September 27, 2009 at 11:19 PM



“ To Roy's family; You are in our prayers. May God Bless and Keep You. Roy was a wonderful person to work with.##imported-begin##Gayle Carson##imported-end##

September 27, 2009 at 03:02 PM



“ Our thought and prayers are with you at this time of great loss.##imported-begin##Brigadier General (R) Tommy G Stone & Claudette##imported-end##

September 27, 2009 at 02:59 PM



“ Tracie and Family, from the moment we heard of Roy's death, you all have been in our thoughts and prayers. May God be with you and your family as you grieve the loss of Roy, our prayers are with you. If you need anything please call us.

Sincerely

Ginger & Jay Rhine##imported-begin##Ginger @ Jay Rhine##imported-end##

September 27, 2009 at 02:59 PM



“ Roy's family: So sorry to hear of Roy's death. He was such a shining light in our workplace on post and a pleasant person to encounter when entering post. Wonderful memories will remain.##imported-begin##Mary Lynch##imported-end##

September 27, 2009 at 12:57 PM



“ Tracie, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Please know that I am here for you if there is anything I can do. May God Bless you and give you comfort in this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Vicki Hall##imported-end##

September 27, 2009 at 11:08 AM



“ Roy, you're a great guy. Over the few years I have known you, You have demonstrated repeatedly that you were dedicated to our mission, to help spare military members and their families of unnecessary pain and suffering as a result of a motorcycle or POV crash. Through your years of experience and acquired wisdom, You have made an in-measurable contribution to our company and the lives of many. Your diligent efforts and your loyalty to the CFPS motorcycle safety community has made a difference. Your hard work has resulted in our having saved many lives. You are missed, but it is apparent that The Lord has another mission for you. May the Lord watch over you as you go on your new journey. May the Lord watch over your family and provide them comfort, strength and understanding in this difficult time. Bill G.###imported-begin###bill gleason###imported-end###

September 27, 2009 at 10:26 AM



“ One of my favorite people in the Cape Fox family. Always looked forward to seeing him at our company get-together's. They won't be the same without him. My very best to his family.###imported-begin###Bobbie Carlson###imported-end###

September 27, 2009 at 09:41 AM



“ Our prayers are with you during this time. May you find peace and comfort from the us through love from us. We are a family of One. Though we try to prepare, we are never prepared enough, but there is a compassionate God in heaven who sees, who cares, who comforts. May you feel God's presence as you grieve the loss of your father.

Your Dad, Husband, Brother, Son, Uncle, Grandfather, Friend and Mentor is Free.

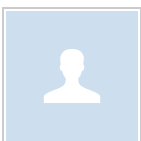
Yvette & Dillon Lewis###imported-begin##The Lewis Family###imported-end##

September 27, 2009 at 08:35 AM



“ Tracie and Family,
From the moment we heard of Roy's death, all of you have been in our constant thoughts. Draw strength and hope from one another as you honor his memory and know that he will live forever in our hearts. The heavens are brighter by one more star. We are sharing in your sorrow. With our heartfelt sympathy,
Leslie, Stan and Families###imported-begin##Leslie (Tappendick) Lauer###imported-end##

September 27, 2009 at 12:46 AM



“ Tracie,

I am deeply saddened by the loss of such a great guy that was truly a great American, and a solid Devil Dog. I am so sorry. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.###imported-begin##SgtMaj Dave Bullock and Family###imported-end##

September 26, 2009 at 10:04 PM



“ *Tracie and Family: We share your great sorrow at this time. None of us can know God's will, yet we will all follow it. Roy is in a better place with his maker. We, the living, will pick up the pieces and move on with fond memories of the life that Roy shared with so many of us. He was a wonderful man who gave so much. We will remain, Semper Fidelis.##imported-begin##Col Richard A. Hobbs Jr and Dr Yolanda L Hobbs##imported-end##*

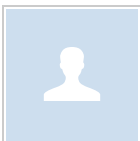
September 26, 2009 at 07:11 PM



“ *Dear Tracie and Family,
Our hearts and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow. We share your loss and suffer with you. We are here for you.*

*Respectfully,
Martin, Faith, Susanne & Amanda Tootle##imported-begin##Martin
Faith Susanne & Amanda Tootle##imported-end##*

September 26, 2009 at 04:01 PM



“ *Tracie,
My prayers go out to you and Steven. I'm so very sorry for your loss. Please call me if I can help in any way.##imported-begin##Gene Pallai##imported-end##*

September 25, 2009 at 10:53 PM



“ *Tracie and Steven may God be with you and your family. We are praying for you. If you need anything call me.##imported-begin##Sheila, Steve, Eddie and Emilio##imported-end##*

September 25, 2009 at 09:57 PM



“ Our prayers are with Tracie & all of Roy's family. Roy was great asset to our team, when he worked with us on the gates of Ft Wood. Liked & respected by all.
Ed Warden, Chief
Coastal International Security
Ft Leonard Wood, MO##imported-begin##Ed Warden##imported-end##

September 25, 2009 at 07:23 PM



“ Tracy and family, I'm so very very saddened to hear about roy. He was an amazing father, husband, brother, marine and an amazing friend to my dad. We always enjoyed his company and good laughs. No words will lessen the amount of pain you are feeling right now but just know that if theres anything me and my family can do for you, just call. We love you so much tracy and I'm so sorry.....
Sincerely Tara, Chris and family##imported-begin##Tara Tootle##imported-end##

September 25, 2009 at 07:19 PM



“ Tracie we are praying for your family.##imported-begin##Theresa Steward##imported-end##

September 25, 2009 at 06:55 PM