



Steven "Steve" C. Kneeland

September 15, 1966 - February 11, 2012

Steven "Steve" C. Kneeland, son of Michael Alton Kneeland and Patricia Ann Greene, was born September 15, 1966 in Portland, Oregon. He passed away at 11:47 a.m., Saturday, February 11, 2012 in the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

At the age of 10, Steve and his family moved to California and graduated from Santa Rosa High School.

As a young man, Steve enlisted in the United States Army and served his country faithfully until his retirement in 2004. He had attained the rank of Sergeant First Class. For his faithful service, Steve earned several awards and commendations; some of which include: Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award), Army Commendation Medal (5th Award), Army Achievement Medal (5th Award), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 3, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award), United Nations Medal, Air Assault Badge, Driver and Mechanic Badge, US Army Gold Recruiter Badge with 3 Sapphire

Achievement Stars, and Bronze German Army Markmanship Badge.

On December 15, 1985, Steve was united in marriage to the love of his life, Alicia Michelle Bayer. They shared over 26 years of marriage together and many wonderful memories. Steve and Alicia were blessed with one son, Steven Michael.

Due to Steve being in the military, he and the family moved to several different places, but eventually ended up in the Fort Leonard Wood area in 2001. After his retirement from the military, he began working for Civil Service as an instructor and was presently employed there.

Steve was a fun loving person. He loved being with his friends and making them laugh. He enjoyed helping with the Waynesville Animal Shelter and also at the Summer Jam on the Waynesville Square. He loved being outdoors while riding his motorcycle and taking trips to the lake. He was very much a family man and loved spending time with his family.

Steve will be remembered for his big smile and laugh. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife Alicia Kneeland of Waynesville, MO; one son: Steven M. Kneeland of Waynesville, MO; his mother: Patricia Greene of Reading, CA; his father: Michael A. Kneeland (Paulette Passarge) of Portland, OR; step-brother: Jerry MacGregor of Denver, CO; step-sister: Stacy Rubbert of Portland, OR; mother and father-in-law: Nida and Richard Bayer of Santa Rosa, CA; brother-in-law: Matthew and Jennifer Strouss of Ft. Stewart, GA; brother-in-law: Brandon and Jessica Bayer of Santa Rosa, CA; Robert Wayne Strouss, Mattie and Sue Strouss, all of Alma, AR; several other relatives and friends.

Services with military honors were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 18, 2012 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood.

Tribute Wall



“ Steven "Steve" C. Kneeland

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ I am reminded by a verse in the MP Regimental Prayer "We have been called to serve our Nation as Military Police, and we are proud of the honored heritage of the Regiment and our motto: "Of the Troops and For the Troops."
Steve, thank-you for your service to our Regiment and the Nation. You did us proud and will truly be missed.##imported-begin##Dave Ross##imported-end##

February 19, 2012 at 02:01 PM



“ My deepest sympathy over the passing of Steve. I was so shocked to hear the news. Gone much too soon!! May God continue to give his family strength.
We thought so much of Steve and appreciated all he did for the dogs at the Waynesville Animal Shelter. A very compassionate man and a wonderful spirit.##imported-begin##Billy Jean Walker##imported-end##

February 18, 2012 at 03:24 PM



“ Steve it was an honor serving with you and it was an honor having you as a friend. You will be missed by so many people and you have left us with so many awesome memories. Until we meet again my Brother wear your wings proud. Alicia and Steven and the Kneeland family you will continue to be in our prayers and may God be with you all as HE promotes Steve one last time to the rank of ANGEL!###imported-begin##Stacy Ball###imported-end##

February 18, 2012 at 10:35 AM



“ My heart is just breaking for you, Alicia, your son, and all Steves family. Hold tight to one another in this dark hour.###imported-begin##Sharon Red Deer (aka "Pinky")###imported-end##

February 18, 2012 at 12:46 AM



“ Steve will truly be missed....I know that I will Always miss that smile on the other end of the phone line. He was always a pleasure to do business with no matter the situation. My heart aches for his family....gone way to soon!! Steve you will be gone but never forgotten!! Thanks for being a wonderful friend.###imported-begin##Rhonda Lunsford-Brown###imported-end##

February 16, 2012 at 10:01 AM



“ Alicia and Family, My heart aches for you. Steve will always be remembered as a great man. I am sorry to hear of this loss. There were many times you and Steve both told me what I needed to hear to set me straight and I will forever be thankful for that. When I often had no one else to turn to for advice you and Steve were there. May God Bless You and your family during this hard time. I love you guys and Steve, you will be missed.##imported-begin##Megan##imported-end##

February 15, 2012 at 01:54 PM



“ Alicia and Steven, My heart is breaking for you during this terrible time. All the comforting words have escaped me. Steve was so young and alive that it is hard to comprehend that he is gone. I will be thinking of you all in the days to come. Please know that all who knew Steve, liked and admired him and his fun nature and loving outlook. He loved his family so much that it just shone through his face. Thoughts and prayers your way.##imported-begin##Luge Hardman##imported-end##

February 13, 2012 at 10:42 PM



“ I am seldom speechless but this is one of those times we are praying for you all, my heart aches for each of you##imported-begin##Pam Seda##imported-end##

February 13, 2012 at 08:47 PM