



## Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey

August 24, 1964 - June 12, 2015

Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey, son of the late Thomas and Ruthane E. (Crecelius) DeKorsey, was born August 24, 1964 in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Red, as he was known by his family and friends, grew up in Waynesville and St. Louis. He graduated from Waynesville R-VI School District in 1982.

Shortly after graduation, Red joined the United States Army and went to Ft. Polk, Louisiana and Germany and after his honorable discharge, "came back to the place he was never coming back to".

In 1986, Red went to work for Ham Auto Vending. He then worked for Anderson Distributing. In 2005, he started working for the United State Postal Service as a contract carrier until his health declined.

On October 16, 1983, Red was united in marriage to Rebecca Rauhoff in Waynesville and they shared two sons, Brenden and Colby.

In his spare time, Red enjoyed reading, woodworking and was an excellent cook. He loved being outdoors and you could find him either hunting or target practicing. Most importantly, he liked spending time with his family and friends.

Red passed away Friday, June 12, 2015, near Waynesville having attained the age of 50 years. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

Red is survived by two sons, Brenden and Colby DeKorsey of Waynesville, his former wife, Rebecca DeKorsey of Waynesville, and his brother, Robert DeKorsey of Waynesville; two aunts, one uncle, several cousins and many friends.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, 2015 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Rev. Christopher Hendrix officiating. The songs "In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida" performed by Iron Butterfly and "Immigrant Song" by Led Zeppelin were played. Serving as escorts were Brenden DeKorsey, Robert DeKorsey, Martin Lochert, Terry Pettijon, Derrick Biggs, Guy Hyman, Troy Frey and Curtis Currin.

Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville. Military honors were provided by the Missouri Honors Team.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey 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

JUN 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - June 17, 2015 at 04:14 PM

CD

“ *colby dekorsey lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red" DeKorsey*



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**colby dekorsey** - April 22, 2024 at 10:22 AM



“ *Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey*

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**Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey**  
January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

EC

“ *Our condolences to the entire family - he was one of a kind - sending prayers for comfort & healing to you all - much love from the Carpenter family - Michael - Elizabeth & kids.....*



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**Elizabeth Carpenter** - June 23, 2015 at 08:41 PM

CD

*thank you I am one of his son's actually I'm colby and I still miss him and I know brenden does as well*

**colby deKorse** - April 22, 2024 at 10:23 AM

PG

“ *Pulaski County Gideons lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorse*



**Pulaski County Gideons** - June 21, 2015 at 07:03 PM

MS

“ *IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.  
MARLIN STEVENS*



**MARLIN STEVENS** - June 18, 2015 at 03:49 PM

CS

“ *Carl & Dawn Shimer lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorse*



**carl & dawn shimer** - June 18, 2015 at 03:26 PM

RD

“ Robin Dickinson lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey



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Robin Dickinson - June 17, 2015 at 10:18 PM

SD

“ Danny introduced me to Tom when we were dating. I instantly fell in love with him. The first night Danny came to my house to see me he brought Red for moral support. Red and I ended up playing basketball all night lol it was great. I have so many more memories of him everyone wonderful. He stood as Danny's best man in our wedding. Love and prayers to everyone who loved and will miss our big red teddy bear xoxoxo



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Sheila Dool - June 17, 2015 at 08:58 PM

LS

“ Linda Schonbok lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey



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Linda Schonbok - June 17, 2015 at 11:37 AM

NP

“ *Nellie Pitcock lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey*



Nellie Pitcock - June 17, 2015 at 10:21 AM

MR

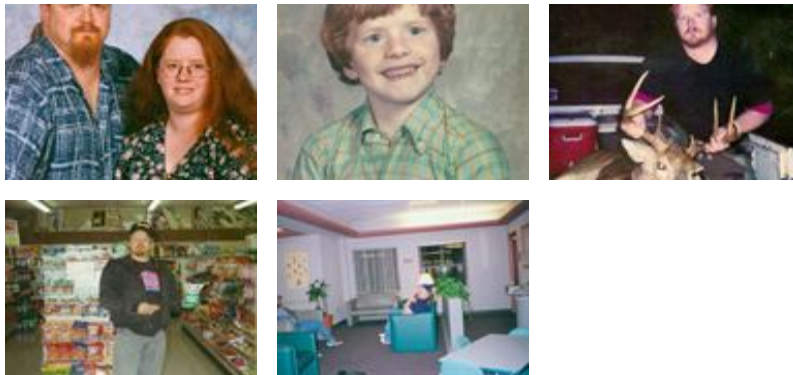
“ *Mickayla Romans lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey*



Mickayla Romans - June 16, 2015 at 03:22 PM



“ *61 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - June 16, 2015 at 02:02 PM

KM

“ *Kandi Mislevich-Greer lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey*



Kandi Mislevich-Greer - June 16, 2015 at 01:00 PM

CS

“ *Red came into the shop on a frequent basis to buy flowers for other people who were hurting and sad. He had the biggest heart and was always so kind. I will miss him very much because we used to talk about life and how to survive difficulty with God's help. He was a good man.*

Cynthia Stinson - June 16, 2015 at 11:40 AM

JR

“ *Rest in Peace Red!*



J Reilly - June 16, 2015 at 09:41 AM

DB

“ *Dawn Beasley lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey*



Dawn Beasley - June 16, 2015 at 08:08 AM

DL

“ Back as a young man, 'Tommy' Red took care of my daughter Hope. He and his mother and Robby helped shape her into the wonderful person that she is today. He was a great 'big brother' for her while I was working. Thanks, Red.

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**Don and Eileen Jentsch, Hope Love** - June 16, 2015 at 08:08 AM

VW

“ Vicki WillisHall lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey



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**Vicki WillisHall** - June 16, 2015 at 07:11 AM

BM

“ I have known Red for many many years and I am so very sorry for your loss. He was a great man, a gentle soul and will be missed by so many!!!



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**Barb Melton** - June 16, 2015 at 06:50 AM

JG

“ He was my big red teddy bear. And a great friend and worker I will miss you red

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**joann goethe** - June 15, 2015 at 11:53 PM

LT

“ Lillie Teufel lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey



Lillie Teufel - June 15, 2015 at 11:17 PM

PM

“ It was a pleasure to be your friend. Until we meet again Pame' Morgan is lighting this candle in your memory.



Pame' Morgan - June 15, 2015 at 11:11 PM

AW

“ Your bear hugs popped my back the best. I'm proud to call you a brother, no matter the history. I love you, Red.

Andrea Wham - June 15, 2015 at 11:06 PM

EG

“ Eric And Lisa Graves lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey



Eric and Lisa Graves - June 15, 2015 at 11:03 PM

Moon  
Choung

“ Moon Choung lit a candle in memory of  
Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey



Moon Choung - June 15, 2015 at 10:58 PM

DS

“ My heartfelt condolences to Tom's family. I remember last seeing  
him at one of our high school reunions and having a blast talking to  
him. Rest in peace bud.

Debbie (Taylor) Savoie - June 15, 2015 at 09:26 PM

LL

“ Lois And Leroy Lofton lit a candle in memory  
of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey



lois and leroy lofton - June 15, 2015 at 09:14 PM

JO

“ John lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red"  
W. DeKorsey



john - June 15, 2015 at 08:23 PM

LG

“ I will always remember the big bear hugs!!



little g - June 15, 2015 at 07:39 PM



“ A million thoughts, a thousand memories xo  
You have walked with me in many phases of  
my life and I yours xo Time could never  
change or taint the bond we have xo You and  
Curtis cleared the parking lots together, time  
after time, having each others back xo The respect and love that  
grew from a mutual understanding of the ways of the streets xo We  
love you so much Red xo We wish you peace amongst the stars xo



Nori Marie - June 15, 2015 at 06:42 PM

CD

hi aunt nori

Coby deKorsey - April 22, 2024 at 11:43 AM

BS

“ Bruce Payton And Samantha Swanson lit a  
candle in memory of Thomas "Red" W.  
DeKorsey



Bruce Payton and Samantha Swanson - June 15, 2015 at 06:31 PM

CA

“ Will miss you, brother.



Candice Armstrong - June 15, 2015 at 04:48 PM

HD

“ Homer Daniel lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey




Homer Daniel - June 15, 2015 at 04:14 PM

HD

“ Red and I worked together at the "R" one of the greatest guys I have ever met. Rest In Piece Brother. The world is worse off without you.

Homer Daniel - June 15, 2015 at 04:13 PM

  
Shauna Houston

“ Definitely gonna miss your hugs, help, and great conversations on the weekends at the club... Forever gonna be missed.



Shauna Houston - June 15, 2015 at 04:02 PM



“ Jennifer Wilhelm lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey



Jennifer Wilhelm - June 15, 2015 at 03:39 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sue Covert - June 15, 2015 at 03:10 PM



“ Carey Schehl lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey



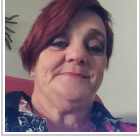
Carey Schehl - June 15, 2015 at 03:03 PM



“ Share a memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey or send condolences to the family.



Barbi Surmiller- Hoskins - June 15, 2015 at 02:39 PM



“ *Red, gonna miss you buddy. You could always bring a smile to my face or make me laugh. Till we meet again my friend love you* ”



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**Sarah Southwick Campo** - June 15, 2015 at 02:13 PM

SB

“ *Stephanie Brown lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey* ”



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**Stephanie Brown** - June 15, 2015 at 02:01 PM

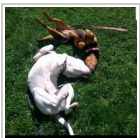
JB

“ *John Bell lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey* ”



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**John Bell** - June 15, 2015 at 01:55 PM

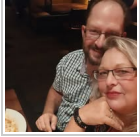


“ *Deb Schehl lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey* ”



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**Deb Schehl** - June 15, 2015 at 01:54 PM



“ *Ruth Keen lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey*



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**Ruth Keen** - June 15, 2015 at 01:36 PM



“ *Mylisa Franks lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey*



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**Mylisa Franks** - June 15, 2015 at 01:32 PM



“ *April Davis lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey*



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**April Davis** - June 15, 2015 at 01:07 PM



“ *Laura Huffman lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey*



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**Laura Huffman** - June 15, 2015 at 11:49 AM

DM

“ *Debby Myers lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey*



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**Debby Myers** - June 15, 2015 at 11:04 AM

RW

“ *Rhonda Whittaker lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey*



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**Rhonda Whittaker** - June 15, 2015 at 10:47 AM

BW

“ *Barbara Whittaker lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey*



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**Barbara Whittaker** - June 15, 2015 at 09:04 AM

LK

“ *Linda Kidd-Levett lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Red" W. DeKorsey*



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**Linda kidd-Levett** - June 15, 2015 at 08:43 AM