



Keith R. Harrington

March 28, 2017

Keith R. Harrington, 29, of Elmer passed away on March 28, 2017.

Born in Mannington, Keith was the son of Michael & Florence (McBride) Harrington. He graduated from Schalick High School in 2006 and joined the US Army soon thereafter. After completing his initial training, he was stationed at Lewis-McChord Air Force Base in Washington State. During his entire Army career, he would be stationed there, although, he was deployed several times to the Middle East and Southeast Asia. After being discharged, Keith attended college until he was diagnosed with brain cancer. Never one to complain, he put up a marvelous fight and passed away on his own terms.

He is survived by his parents, Michael & Florence, his brothers, Randy and Kris Harrington and two grandmothers, Marilyn Harrington and Elizabeth McBride as well as many more family members and friends. His grandfathers, Ronald McBride and Robert Harrington predeceased him.

A viewing will be held on Friday night, March 31, 2017, from 6:30 PM until 9 PM at the Adams Funeral Home, 111 S. Main St., Elmer, NJ 08318. On Saturday morning, April 1, 2017, a viewing will begin at 10 AM with the service following at 11 AM. Interment will take place at Olivet Cemetery in Pittsgrove. The family has suggested that donations can be sent to the Olivet UMC, 933 Centerton Rd., Pittsgrove 08318 in Keith's memory. www.adamsfuneralhome.com.

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Cemetery Details

Oliver Cemetery

Pittsgrove, NJ 08318

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Adams Funeral Home - South Jersey Cremation Services (Elmer)
111 South Main Street
Elmer, NJ 08318
(856) 358-3737

Visitation

APR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Keith is my cousin, but he's more than that to me, we are brothers. We spent countless hours together when we were kids. I can remember almost all my time during a few summers being spent with Keith over Aunt Flo and Uncle Mike's.



Elmer was my second home for a long time mainly because of the amazing friendship he and I had. We were inseparable when we were kids. Playing video games, hitting each other with sticks, you know, brotherly bonding stuff. Like a normal bond between brothers I took it for granted.

I thought he would always be here. He and I slowly grew up and grew apart. We chose much different paths in life which led us further away from each other. Some years I barely saw or talked to Keith, thinking when he was done experiencing life he and I would be able to spend the rest of ours as the same best friends and brothers we were as kids.

(We did eventually for a short time get to be in each other's lives we went back to hanging out playing video games and it was like he never left)

I was so proud of the man he had become, it was as if he transformed little by little. When he would come home to visit he seemed more adult, and responsible which inspired me to change aspects of my own life, and start trying to take better care of myself. Still, to this day, he has this same effect on me.

His morality, bravery, and strength have always been his strongest qualities. Since we were young Keith has always been there to help me if he could, and offer his support if he couldn't. I only wish I could have done more for him in his life, I feel as though I owe him for all the amazing times we spent together. Now there isn't much I can do to repay him, except keep him in my heart, and use his memory to give me strength through the trials I face in life. I miss

Keith so much the pain I feel can only be described as not having the ability to express it.

We have words to describe everything we see, and experience except the feeling of pure love, and the fear from losing what you love.

I've been afraid of losing Keith for a long time now, so much so I convinced myself he was going to be fine, even if he didn't make a full recovery, he would still be here. I didn't get to spend nearly enough time with him, and I will always be saddened by that. He and I had so many more memories to make together, now he lives on through me, and all of us. Use what you know of Keith to inspire you to be a better person. Let his memory make a difference in your life, that way something positive might come from his passing. I love you brother you will be missed but not forgotten.

Ian McBride - April 01, 2017 at 05:47 PM

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“ *To the Harrington family, I would like to offer my condolences on the loss of your beloved family member, Keith. My friend Rick and I have talked often about his illness with Florence at her place of work. God bless you all at this time and keep his wonderful memories in your hearts.*

Lester R. Sutton - March 31, 2017 at 05:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Keith R. Harrington.*



March 31, 2017 at 10:07 AM



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March 31, 2017 at 12:48 AM



“ *Ever Upward Bouquet was purchased for the family of Keith R. Harrington.*



March 30, 2017 at 03:49 PM



“ *Praying for you Flo and your family. I am so sorry for your loss*

Dawn Hendrickson and Family

Dawn Hendrickson - March 30, 2017 at 11:59 AM



“ *I'll never forget his smile. I met Keith when we were sophomores in high school. He always made me smile. We dated briefly when we were juniors and he took me to homecoming that year. He was the first boy I ever went to a dance with. After we graduated we still kept in touch. I think right before we graduated was when a group of us went to Gettysburg. Even though we didn't get to see each other very much after school we always kept in touch. He used to call me before and after his deployments to let me know he was going and when he was back safe. I will treasure my memories of him forever and my heart and prayers are with his family and friends. He was a good man. See you on the other side.*

Love Kate

Katie McLaughlin - March 30, 2017 at 08:59 AM