



William Travis Hoots

December 14, 1979 - July 31, 2013

Sgt. William Travis Hoots, 33, of Roodhouse died July 31, 2013 after a long battle with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. He was born Dec. 14, 1979, the son of Lanny and Sue Taylor Hoots. He married the former Jamie Cox. Together they had one son, Jesse Michael Dalton. Both survive in Jacksonville.

Surviving is his father, Lanny (companion, Sue Cotter) Hoots of Patterson; mother, Sue (husband, Chuck) Bush of White Hall; brother, Jesse Michael (companion, Crystal Reynolds) Hoots, and nephew, Eli Hoots all of Illiopolis; sister, Kelly (husband, Paul) Summers, nephew, Jeff Herder all of Roodhouse; aunt, Cheryl (husband, J.R.) Partlow of Southaven, Ms; and uncle, Michael (wife, Renee) Hoots of White Hall. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Lester and Mildred Hoots and one cousin, Dawn Merrill.

Travis was a born leader, which was seen from his academic achievements in high school to his service in the United State Marine Corps. Travis loved his fellow Marines and from the beginning of his service embraced the brotherhood, always making himself available to others, no matter what. He moved through the Marine Corps rank structure quickly and was meritoriously promoted to Corporal, but didn't stop there and was soon promoted to Sergeant. He was a squad leader in 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines Gulf Company. Travis served 2 combat tours in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003

and 2004, where he received several decorations including the Purple Heart, and a Marine Corps Achievement medal with a combat V. He possessed the ability to capture the strength and good in anyone which allowed them to achieve the impossible. He created many great memories with those close to him which will continue to grow his legacy. Travis will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and the vast amount of people that were fortunate enough to know him.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 a.m. Monday at the Roodhouse First Baptist Church with interment in the Richwood Cemetery east of Roodhouse. Visitation will be held Sunday after 2:00 p.m. with the family meeting friends from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the Daws Family Funeral Home in Roodhouse.

Cemetery Details

Richwood Cemetery

Rural route
Roodhouse, IL 62082

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daws Family Funeral Home - Roodhouse
202 West Franklin
Roodhouse, IL 62082
(217) 589-4311
mackeydawsfuneralhome@yahoo.com

Service

AUG 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Roodhouse First Baptist Church
East Side of Square
Roodhouse, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *William Travis Hoots*

January 28, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ *I served with Hoots, in 2003. He was a brave and honorable Marine that I was proud to have served with. To the family of Sgt Hoots, I would like to express my sympathy and let you know that one day we will all see Hoots again guarding the gates of heaven. Sempervivum Fi Marine.*

Sgt Grubbs

John Grubbs - March 26, 2014 at 06:55 PM



“ *Alan & Terry Barber lit a candle in memory of William Travis Hoots*



Alan & Terry Barber - August 05, 2013 at 09:36 AM



“ *I will never forget Travis. He was a wonderful individual since we were young kids.*

Kara VanGiesen - August 05, 2013 at 08:35 AM

JW

“ *Julitta Wingo lit a candle in memory of William Travis Hoots*



Julitta Wingo - August 05, 2013 at 08:29 AM

 Debra
Wooley
King

“ *Sue, I was so sorry to hear of your son's passing. Although I did not know him personally, I do know you must be hurting terribly. Just remember you are so much stronger than you think, and you know where that strength comes from. Love you like a sister and will be praying for all of you as you go through this and beyond.xxx Debbie King*



Debra Wooley King - August 04, 2013 at 11:21 PM

CS

“ *Cheryl Sherwin lit a candle in memory of William Travis Hoots*



Cheryl Sherwin - August 04, 2013 at 10:12 PM

CS

“ Sue & Chuck & Lanny, Jesse & Kelly, his younger sister & brother, & all his stepsisters & stepbrothers & families, I'm so sorry for the loss of your beloved, Travis. May our Lord Jesus lift you all up in this difficult time. And may Travis always rest gently in the arms of his Lord Jesus.

Cheryl & Kevin Sherwin

Cheryl Sherwin - August 04, 2013 at 10:09 PM

GD

“ To The Hoots Family & Sue: I send my deepest sympathy. My memories of Travis remain vast and precious. So sorry for your loss.

Grace Danley - August 04, 2013 at 06:39 PM

GD

“ Grace Danley lit a candle in memory of William Travis Hoots



Grace Danley - August 04, 2013 at 06:25 PM

GD

“ Sue & Jesse: There are no words to express how sorry I am to hear of Travis passing. I will treasure all the memories I have of you all. I send my sympathy & my love from Tennessee. Grace Danley

Grace Danley - August 04, 2013 at 06:21 PM

MB

I am so sorry Sue for your loss..It is hard I know, My son's Derrick and Chad Combs went to school with your son and I remember you and him.

Mary Jane (Combs) Basham - August 05, 2013 at 08:25 AM

SW

“ *Lanny and Sue: I was sorry to read about the passing of Travis. I send my deepest sympathy to you both during this most difficult time. Susan Wood*

Susan Wood - August 04, 2013 at 11:55 AM

DF

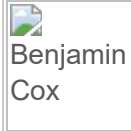
“ *Lanny, Sue and the rest of Travis family and friends.....I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for you today and in days to come that you will have the peace that passes understanding and God will hold you close.*

Desnee Ford - August 04, 2013 at 11:26 AM

JS

“ *I loved him. He was a blessing to me. He called me "Grandma" as I am the Grandma of his friend, Kendrick Ballard. I am so sorry. I Care. JoAnn Sponsler*

JoAnn Sponsler - August 03, 2013 at 05:23 PM



“ Jesse,

Sorry to hear about your brother. I remember going to church with you guys out at Gentle Shepherd in Patterson. I also remember your brother's rousing speech at graduation. He was a patriot and an all around good guy. I'm terribly sorry for your loss.

Benjamin Tyler Cox

Benjamin Cox - August 03, 2013 at 10:11 AM



“ Lanny and Sue,

We were so sad to hear of the loss of Travis. We remember him mostly as a young, quiet boy. Our prayer is that your fondest memories will sustain you and that God will sooth your pain.

Love you both!

Pat and Terry Fry

Pat and Terry Fry - August 03, 2013 at 07:08 AM



“ *My name is Carrie Bush-Gaxiola. I am Travis's step-sister. While we are not mentioned in his tribute, I will say that Travis was always a good younger brother and older brother to his 7 step siblings and 2 adopted siblings and a wonderful uncle to my kids. He was gentle, kind and fun-loving. My kids have very fond memories of Uncle Travis. We love you, Travis!*

carrie gaxiola - August 02, 2013 at 10:11 PM