



JOSHUA "JOSH" DANIEL EDWARDS

August 5, 1978 - June 19, 2021

Joshua "Josh" Edwards was a caring father, husband, son, brother, and friend. The Lord took him suddenly on Saturday June 19, 2021 at age 42.

Josh was preceded in death by his father Daniel Edwards, and survived by his surrogate parents, Linda and Gary Anello, wife, Melinda, children, John, Anthony and Brennan, Aunt Dee Dee and Uncle Chuck, and all his military brothers and sisters which were more family to him than his blood relatives.

There was nothing more important to him than his children. He looked forward to lifting weights, going to the gun and archery ranges, and making up bro-dozer country songs and absurd Asylum Film titles and descriptions with them. He was a lover of science and dogs, whiskey and cigars, and strived to make everyone laugh all the time. Josh was a true patriot. He was a dedicated Major in the New Mexico Army National Guard after serving with the Ohio Army National Guard and serving 4 years in the Marines. He celebrated his birthday every November 10th even though that is not the day he was born.

In his civilian life he was a CBRN scientist that worked with the Department of Defense. With all his military experience you'd think he was extra clean, but clean he was not. After dinner his favorite quote was "Just leave it, I'll get it later." Well, he got me good one last time and once again, I had to do the dishes.

In life he was loved by many, he will be greatly missed.

The family would like to invite friends to join them for a Visitation to honor Josh on Wednesday July 14, 2021, from 11:30-12:30 at Carlson Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, 3477 Medina Rd. (Corner of Rt 18 and River Styx Rd) Medina, Ohio. A prayer service will begin at at 12:30. Burial with full Military Honors will immediately follow at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, 10170 Rawiga Rd., Seville.

Cemetery

Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery

10175 Rawiga Rd
Seville, OH, 44273

Events

- JUL 14 Visitation** 11:30AM - 12:30PM
Carlson Funeral Homes & Cremation Services
- Medina
3477 Medina Rd., Medina, OH, US, 44256
- JUL 14 Prayer Service** 12:30PM - 01:00PM
Carlson Funeral Homes & Cremation Services
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3477 Medina Rd., Medina, OH, US, 44256
- JUL 14 Graveside Service** 02:00PM - 02:30PM
Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery
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Comments



“ I supervised Josh at OSHP and appreciated his time as a drug chemist. He brought a good base of knowledge from his experience in the Guard. He helped me grow as a manager and Drug Chem 1 churn through casework. Sad to hear of his passing. Hope for peace and strength for his boys and the rest of his family.



Mark Hiatt - July 13, 2021 at 07:32 PM



“ Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of JOSHUA "JOSH" DANIEL EDWARDS.



July 13, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ Bob Lytton and Family purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red for the family of JOSHUA "JOSH" DANIEL EDWARDS.



Bob Lytton and Family - July 12, 2021 at 11:51 PM



“ Michael Vanderpool and George Harjung purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring for the family of JOSHUA "JOSH" DANIEL EDWARDS.



Michael Vanderpool and George Harjung - July 12, 2021 at 04:34 AM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Michael Wayne Vanderpool - July 11, 2021 at 08:15 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



DeeDee Mosolf - July 11, 2021 at 11:30 AM



“ Josh was the first grandchild in our tiny family of my little brother, myself & our mom & dad. The first grandchild is always extra special. Before he could walk, he would sometimes bang his head on the floor. I guess that he was preparing to be a jarhead right from the start. He enjoyed Tai Kwan Do & easily earned his Black Belt. It was 20 years ago that Josh, his sister Kelsey, brother, Mitch, & mother Becky had to witness the sudden death of Josh's dad, my little brother. It is unbelievable to me that now Josh's children, John, Anthony, & Brennen and his wife, Melinda must go through the very same thing. I would see so many traits of my brother in Josh, like his sense of humor, ability to tell a good story and his love of life, and, now, I can see these traits in John. Josh, you know that you were always special in my heart and that I love your boys, the grandchildren that your dad, Danny, never got to meet. I love them so much.



Dee Dee Mosolf - July 11, 2021 at 10:57 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of JOSHUA "JOSH" DANIEL EDWARDS.



July 10, 2021 at 06:31 PM



“ My heart goes out to his boys. You were always number one, never forget that.

Best Friend - July 09, 2021 at 03:36 PM



“ Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of JOSHUA "JOSH" DANIEL EDWARDS.



July 09, 2021 at 02:30 PM



“ Josh was the first person I met while I was signing in for the Chemical Basic Officers Leadership Course at Fort Leonard Wood while we were both trying to figure out where to sign in. He turned out to be one of my best buddies throughout the course. Having an older, experienced scientist in and Army course trying to teach basic science concepts to knuckledraggers (like me with a history degree) was hard on the instructors but helpful to everyone else. Since there isn't much to do in FLW we would grill and have beers on the weekends to relax. Josh liked to tease our foreign officers and invite them to the BBQ - then ask if they've ever had pork before (they were Muslim) - and when they would say of course not, Josh would tell them "great, then come on by and don't worry about it, its ah, like beef on the grill." We would also met up every weeknight to lift weights together and tried to come up with the perfect lift - one exercise that would work as many muscle groups as possible and as heavily as possible. This would look like doing a deadlift into a squat, into a press, shoulder press, then walking lunge, etc. I'm sure it looked silly, it felt awful, but it helped us pass the time and move some metal. Since Josh went back to Ohio and the NG after the course, and I went on to active duty our paths didn't cross too much, except for when I had a wedding in Cleveland and rented a car drove to Columbus to see him, Melinda and the boys. When Josh was working in DC I was able to have him over to my parents house for Easter, where he gamely ate my mom's traditional Polish food with no complaint. Josh, I wish I had talked with you more and you will be missed. Your humor and attitude is needed in the world right now and will be missed.

Miss ya bud
- Frank

Frank Curry - July 09, 2021 at 12:39 PM



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July 08, 2021 at 10:10 AM



“ Sending prayers for Josh's family for comfort and peace. You were the center of his world and happiness and all around him understood that. He was an incredible human being that we were all blessed to have known. His humanity and heart were evident in everything he did and an example for all of us to strive for. His larger than life presence will be missed beyond measure by his military brethren, COL Barb Herrington-Clemens

Barbara Herrington-Clemens - July 08, 2021 at 09:48 AM



“ Thank you so much. He admired you and your guidance always.

Melinda Edwards - July 08, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ Barbara Schonfeld lit a candle in memory of JOSHUA "JOSH" DANIEL EDWARDS



Barbara Schonfeld - July 07, 2021 at 09:30 PM



“ Melinda and boys you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jess, Joe, Bella, Kian, Stefan, and Landen Wilson

Jessica Wilson - July 07, 2021 at 07:41 PM



“ Thank you so much

Melinda Edwards - July 08, 2021 at 02:20 PM



“ Love, Linda and Gary Anello purchased the Memorial Honor Blanket for the family of JOSHUA "JOSH" DANIEL EDWARDS.



Love, Linda and Gary Anello - July 07, 2021 at 06:17 PM



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July 07, 2021 at 05:58 PM