



Michael Phillip Staton

May 19, 1968 - July 15, 2020

Michael “Mike” Phillip Staton, 52 of Richland, Missouri died July 15, 2020 at his home. He was born May 19, 1968 in Birmingham, Alabama to Garry and Brenda Staton. Mike served in the United States Army for over 30 years with multiple assignments and combat deployments. He served as a Combat Engineer, Drill Sergeant, and First Sergeant. His final duty location was at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Survivors include his son Michael “Kai” Staton and wife Catherine, of Fort Bragg, North Carolina; his brothers Garry Staton of Fayetteville, Arkansas and David Staton and wife Kimberly of San Antonio, Texas; sisters Sharon Walkup and husband Paul of Neosho, Missouri, Brenda Franklin of Rogers, Arkansas, Carolyn Staton of Van Buren, Arkansas and Rose Marie Rose and husband Mike of El Dorado Hills, California; step brother John Jones of Maui, Hawaii and long time friend Jody Shepherd of Gentry, Arkansas.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 25, 2020 at Wasson Memorial Chapel, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Burial will be at Gentry Cemetery, Gentry, Arkansas with full military honors. For the funeral service, guests will be limited to 150 people and everyone will be required to wear their own facemask, per the guidelines set forth by the State of Arkansas.

Cemetery

Events

Gentry Cemetery

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Service

10:00AM

Gentry Cemetery

25

Gentry, AR, 72734

Wasson Funeral Home

441 Highway 412 West, Siloam Springs, AR, US, 72761

Comments



“ When I went away to college, I was terrified! I knew I wasn't as smart as my brothers and I didn't think I would make it, in fact, I thought of dropping out my first semester. Enter Mike Staton. He talked to me on the phone and in person many times that first semester. He told me that I was smart, and that I was tough and that I was going to do well in college, he KNEW it! He had faith in me LONG before I had faith in myself. But that is the type of person he was. He did not want to see you be down on your self confidence so he would raise it for you! I have many wonderful memories of Michael but that one stands out. This world is not going to be the same without him. He will be sorely missed! I love you my friend! I will see you again!

Brooke Lockhart

Brooke Lockhart - July 26 at 08:25 PM



“ Mike, you were my True friend. I remember when we became battle buddies at the Drill Sergeant Academy at Fort Leonard Wood. You were a good friend and mentor. When you came back to Fort Leonard Wood as a 1SG, we were able to get a lot closer as our friendship blossomed and we became even closer. I was truly honored to be able to spend many days with you before you passed and the last phone call we had only days before you passed away in one that I will never forget. You were always laughing and no matter what you were going they you always had a big heart and great attitude. I love you Mike, and my heart is truly broken.

Dan Little - July 25 at 02:05 PM



“ Condolences to the Staton family from 1st Engineer Brigade. We will miss Michael very much. We will cherish all the fond memories we have of him.

Ray Ramirez - July 25 at 07:49 AM



“ Oh Mike, where do I start? You were always a wonderful big brother! A protector for sure!! Their are so many memories. From playing hide and go seek and jumping off the barn. You teaching me to drive the stick shift. That's ones I'll never forget!! You threatening some of my guys friends they better never hurt me. From the day you told me you were so proud of me for not having a college education and making a career for myself that requires one. The day you showed up and delivered me a lawn mower because you knew I needed it and times were tough for me. I love you so much Mike!! I will miss our 2 hour long talks. They may have been every couple of months but we would talk for hours! You always called to wish me a Happy Birthday when you could. Yeah we had our rough patch, I won't deny that! But I know you loved me so much! Which ironically is what caused that rough patch. I pray that you are happy and dancing with the angels. Oh and I know you will find a way to prank, because that's what we did best growing up....the Staton pranks that the stories will live one forever. Some of my girls favorite times were talking about all the pranks. I make you a promise that Kai will always know my love and when him and Catherine have a family, your grandchildren will know how much love their Grandpa had! And how much you would have loved them. RIP my Brother!! Until I see you on the flip side, keep things Friggin Awesome and Roll Tide!!!



Brenda Franklin - July 24 at 03:12 PM



“ Gelmart lit a candle in memory of Michael Phillip Staton



Gelmart - July 24 at 03:11 PM



“ Thank you to my Gelmart Family for all of the support and Kindness you have show to me and my family during this most difficult time. I will forever be grateful

Brenda Franklin - July 24 at 06:45 PM



“ Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Michael Phillip Staton.



July 24 at 12:13 PM



“ I was one of Sgt. Staton's soldiers at Fort Polk. He was a great leader and I enjoyed being under him. While at Ft. Polk we were assigned to temporary duty at West Point to train cadets. We had such a fun time while there took weekend trips down to NYC. I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of this great NCO and offer my deepest condolences to the family. My God grant you peace and understanding in this difficult time.

Greg Relyea - July 24 at 10:51 AM



“ Your friends at A3Q purchased the Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Michael Phillip Staton.



Your friends at A3Q - July 23 at 11:05 PM



“ I will never forget the days spent up and down Flint Creek looking for fishing holes one day and a great place to swim the next. You are like a brother to me. I feel as though a great chasm has opened where you once filled the world. I am so very proud and honored to have known you. You will live on in my memory and my prayers. God Bless to Family and Friends. Those who burn brightest...



Buster McCall - July 23 at 10:48 PM



“ I love you Michael. I'll never forget you and the time we shared. The time you taught me about chess. And how comfortable I felt in your arms when you hugged me. I will always love you. You didn't deserve this and we won't forget you. Love always your little sis.



Sharon Walkup - July 23 at 05:42 PM



“ Michael, my brother. I don't know where to begin. So many memories. You were one of the kindest people I have ever known. I never in my life seen him in a fight. Yet he is the one that served our country in War time like a warrior and a HERO. 30 plus years service. This guy was so smart and intelligent, he didn't even have to study in school. Always head of his class. Like David said it wasn't the events we attended it was the company. The random knocks on my door with him standing there saying whats up man, lets go do something. I miss you Mike, you are the best brother I guy could have. I will always have your back. Although I'm the oldest of us siblings, Mike was the one I looked up to like the my big brother. I love you Mike, one day we will see each other. Until then thank you for being my brother and friend, a Hero and a great father to an amazing Son. Salute.

Garry Staton - July 23 at 05:30 PM



“ I never met Michael, but if he is anything like his brother Dave, I'm sure he was a great man, and served our country with honor and integrity. I'm very sad for the whole family. You are all in our thoughts. Respectfully, Bobby G.



Bobby G - July 23 at 03:58 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Phillip Staton.



July 23 at 10:42 AM



“ George Rosa purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Michael Phillip Staton.



George Rosa - July 23 at 08:21 AM



“ My brother, my friend, my teacher, my trusted confidant, my counselor, my hero. Our Early years were filled with so much innocence, joy, love, mischievousness, wonder, and dreams. As time went by we learned about life, experienced things, learned of the ups and downs that life throws. We leaned on each other and helped one another through difficult days. We discovered our passion together, to give, protect, and defend. We shared our deepest and darkest secrets and we talked through our most difficult times. We celebrated our successes together, bragged on our kids non stop, and rooted each other on. We made it a point to never be too far away or to busy that we couldn't be to together and we found excuses to do so. It wasn't the football games that we went to that we're important, it was our time together. It wasn't the air shows, it was time with my bro. And we served together in a combat environment...few will ever know or feel that feeling of having your brother with you when the alarm goes off, and the shit hits the fan..but we did. You're the smartest guy I've ever known and the most patriotic, selfless and no BS soldier there was. Few will measure up. What happened to you is not right and I won't let it go. Rest in peace Michael, I love you with every ounce of my soul.

David Staton - July 23 at 03:12 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Michael Phillip Staton.



July 22 at 07:43 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Michael Phillip Staton.



July 22 at 07:41 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael Phillip Staton.



July 22 at 05:36 PM



“ SFC Staton, it was a pleasure to work with you and to have known you. My first impression of you was that you had a tough exterior but in time after getting to know you realized you were a very lively person that was just very passionate about always getting the job done. The last time I saw you I remember you came down to our shop and offered eggs you had farmed and told us a little bit about your animals. To the family, I am truly sorry for your loss. Rest In Peace.

~SSG Heaven Martinez



KoKo Martinez - July 22 at 02:52 PM



“ Joseph Lukowski, San Antonio TX purchased the Multi-Color Standing Sympathy Wreath for the family of Michael Phillip Staton.



Joseph Lukowski, San Antonio TX - July 22 at 11:53 AM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Michael Phillip Staton.



July 22 at 11:36 AM



“ Gil purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Michael Phillip Staton.



Gil - July 22 at 09:54 AM



“ We salute your veteran. Our condolences for your loss & gratitude for your loved one's service to our country. May your memories & God's love bring you peace, comfort & strength at this difficult time. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal but LOVE leaves a memory no one can steal.
Death takes the body. God takes the soul. Our mind holds the memories. Our heart keeps the love. Our faith lets us know we will meet again someday.



Larry & Lana Hurt (NE OK PGR) - July 22 at 08:41 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Phillip Staton.



July 21 at 09:32 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Michael Phillip Staton.



July 21 at 07:35 PM



“ Jody Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Michael Phillip Staton



Jody Shepherd - July 21 at 05:39 PM



“ Red & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Phillip Staton.



July 21 at 04:18 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Michael Phillip Staton.



July 21 at 03:59 PM