



Eric N. Lembke

October 23, 2009

LEMBKE, SPC Eric Nathaniel, 25, of Plant City, Florida, departed this life on October 23, 2009. He was a Specialist in the 569th Mobility Augmentation Company, 4th Engineer Battalion, Fort Carson, Colorado, United States Army. He made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our Nation supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. He enlisted in the Army as a Combat Engineer on January 29, 2008 to fulfill his life-long dream. He deployed with pride in February 2009. He always kept the big picture in mind when times got tough, and he believed with great conviction that they were making great progress with the War on Terrorism. He was a highly decorated soldier having distinguished himself by being posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star, and by being previously awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Combat Star, Iraq Campaign Medal with Combat Star, Global War on Terrorist Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and Combat Action Badge. Eric is and will always be regarded as a hero by his band of brothers. He was a happy and free spirit who could always make you laugh when life was hard, and he always gave everything he had for the things he loved and believed in. He was a Man among Men. He married the love of his life Mashelle on March 14, 2003, and they have two wonderful children Alexis "his Princess", age 6, and Thomas "his Nater the Gator", age 3. He would have given anything for his family as they for him. He was a lifetime member of Plant City's First Baptist Church, and a 2002 graduate of Simmons Career Center of Plant City High

School. He was a beloved husband, father, son, brother and soldier. He was preceded in death by his mother Dorothy Lembke. He is survived by his wife Mashelle Lembke; children Alexis Marie Lembke and Thomas Nathaniel Lembke; father figure Jim Pollard; grandmother Mae Robinson; in-laws Thomas and Diana Norton; biological mother Sandra Sajak; and siblings Daniell Lembke, Diana Lembke, Jimmy Lembke and his wife Jeanie, Leah Heberling, Anne Stephenson, and Nelson Stephenson. Visitation on Friday, November 6 from 6 - 8:00 P.M. at Plant City's First Baptist Church, 503 North Palmer Street, Plant City, Florida 33563, where Services will be held on Saturday, November 7 at 10:00 A.M. Interment with full military honors at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida. Care provided by Hopewell Funeral Home, and expressions of condolence may be made at www.hopewellfuneral.com.

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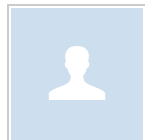
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“ *Rest in peace, Man of Honor. God is holding you in the palm of his hand, next to his heart.##imported-begin##C Boyd Allen##imported-end##*

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“ Dear Mrs. Lembke and family...today I went to see my father at Bushnell, Roy Morrison, he died 2/14/2000. My husband and I watched the memorial for your husband in tears. As his casket rolled by us and then you came by. My heart hurts for you. He is in a place that is filled with love and peace. The white doves were beautiful. Love, Marsha and Joe###imported-begin###Marsha Celic###imported-end##

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“ To know him is to love him, what a special person with so much love for everyone. I lift his family and his band of brothers and their families in prayer and support. When people like Eric give their all for us, we should work a little harder to give to others. God Bless our military wherever they are....###imported-begin###Betty Webb###imported-end##

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“ May Glod hold you in his arms during this time of grief. My son-in-law is over there also at this time also in the Army defending our freedom. I know he was proud to be a American soldier and his sacrifice will never be forgotten. May God Bless you.###imported-begin###Nancy Griffin###imported-end##

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“ Hi Sam, so sorry for your loss, I will be praying for you and your family.###imported-begin###Bonnie Ksiezopolski###imported-end##

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“ My sympathies to Alexis and her family. I knew Eric as a caring and loving father of his Kindergarten daughter. I know his children will have wonderful memories of great father. Thank you to all of you for allowing Eric to defend our country and paying the ultimate price.##imported-begin##Jane Starritt##imported-end##

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“ I didn't know SPC Lemke but want to extend my condolences to his family. He was a brave young man who gave his all to keep our country free. We are forever in his debt and will remember him as a Hero. God bless you and comfort you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Marsha Jordan##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Please take comfort in Jesus' words at John 5:28,29 "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." May God's love comfort you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Paulette Hacik##imported-end##

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“ Eric was like a brother to me, met in high school & became the best of friends. We have watched each grow, marry, created family & go seperate directions in life, but remain close in emails. I have never lost such a great person beside my grandmother & Eric's death has devastated me. But besides this being a devastating time, my memories of him overwhelm my mind and heart. To the beautiful he has, Mosh & his wonderful children, my deepest thoughts & my hardest tears along w the family. I love you guys more than ever!
Love Chrissy, Matt & Trinity###imported-begin##Christina Sublett###imported-end##

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“ Eric was a special young lad that we had in our class. It is so difficult to come up with the appropriate words at this time. He gave is all for his Country. Need I say more!###imported-begin##Ms. Judy Colding###imported-end##

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