



PFC Gerrit Seyfi Walker Erkan

August 10, 2000 - February 2, 2022

Private First Class Gerrit Seyfi Walker Erkan passed in his Cosby, Tennessee home on February 02, 2022, at the young age of 21.

Private First Class Gerrit Seyfi Walker Erkan was born on August 10, 2000 in Patchogue, NY to Michele and Seyfi Erkan. He is survived by his sister Krystal, brother Brian, sister Ashley, niece Savannah, nephew Daniel, niece Ava, niece Kay-Lani, niece Gemma, Uncle David, Aunt Jamie, cousin Brittany, cousin Hailee, cousin Robbie, cousin Raelin, second cousins Marcus and Anthony.

Private First Class Gerrit Seyfi Walker Erkan was preceded in death by his grandmother Linda whom he loved, cherished and admired, his grandfather Edward who served in the Marines during Vietnam and his Step grandfather Daniel who served in the United States Army.

Private First Class Gerrit Seyfi Walker Erkan graduated from Cocke County High School with state honors in 2019. He attended Walter State University for one year in Morristown, Tennessee before he decided to enlist in the Army National Guard with Unit Detachment 1 Troop A Support Squadron 278th Armed Cavalry Regiment in New Tazewell, Tennessee in May 2000. He enrolled as a Heavy Wheeled Vehicle Driver.

Private First Class Gerrit Seyfi Walker Erkan was special to everyone he crossed paths with, he was funny, intelligent, loving, artistic and with the biggest heart of gold. He enjoyed playing the Violin and sang beautifully. He mastered the art of basket weaving after having just one lesson with his

grandmother Linda. He loved the outdoors and the glorious Mountain scenery that Tennessee had to offer. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all that knew him.

Family and friends will gather at Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, on Wednesday February 09, 2022 from 12:00 P.M. until 1:00 P.M. A graveside service will follow at 1:30 P.M. in the Sweetwater Memorial Park with full Military Honors. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, in charge of arrangements. www.kykerfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Sweetwater Memorial Park

1838 Hwy 11 N
Sweetwater, TN 37874

Previous Events

Gathering

FEB 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Kyker Funeral Homes
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Interment with Full Military Honors

FEB 9. 1:30 PM (ET)

Sweetwater Memorial Park
1838 Hwy 11 N
Sweetwater, TN 37874

Tribute Wall



“ *Bri Sarisa lit a candle in memory of PFC
Gerrit Seyfi Walker Erkan*



Bri Sarisa - November 20, 2022 at 02:11 PM



“ *Bri Sarisa lit a candle in memory of PFC
Gerrit Seyfi Walker Erkan*



Bri Sarisa - July 22, 2022 at 02:10 AM



“ *Bri Sarisa lit a candle in memory of PFC
Gerrit Seyfi Walker Erkan*



Bri Sarisa - April 29, 2022 at 02:17 AM



“ *Rhrjdj*

Danielle Gangemella - February 12, 2022 at 10:33 PM

DG

Sorry that was definitely not my comment! My apologies. I wanted to just say and send my condolences to all of you! This is never Easy, may God give you strength. He is with you everyday. Look out for the signs. May be the smallest thing but thats him just saying hey im here with you Mom, I'm at peace now, no pain & free! It was shocking to read the post, I cried and could not believe it. I know your a proud Mom! And you loved him more than anything ❤️ xoxoxo

Danielle Gangemella - February 12, 2022 at 10:41 PM



Michele Erkan - February 16, 2022 at 08:22 PM

KH

“ I don't even know where to begin. I was blessed enough to be Gerrit's teacher in 4th grade as well as 6th grade. He stole my heart then. He was kind, funny, and always willing to be friends with anyone. He really did have the biggest heart! One of the funniest things I remember Gerrit doing is bringing a suitcase full of "stuff" to the 4th grade track meet. He rolled that luggage all the way up to the stadium. To this day I don't know what he had in it. My heart is broken just filled with so many wonderful memories of Gerrit. ❤️

Kim Hale - February 11, 2022 at 07:49 PM

RE

“ My nephew Gerrit was great at showing how much he loved his family. He was a sweet soul who will always be remembered for his great big hugs, big smile, caring ways, and love for his family and country. Each nephew and niece of mine has a special part of my heart. How strange it is when even one part of your heart starts to hurt, your whole heart aches too. May our memories of Gerrit give us some peace during this difficult time. Remember to take a picture, make the call, hug often, and always say I love you when you leave.



Robin Egloff-Tufariello - February 09, 2022 at 08:52 AM



I had been friends with Gerrit since 4th grade. He was an amazing person I'm so sorry for the family and everyone who knew his loss. Rest In Peace.

Alex Cochran - February 18, 2022 at 10:37 PM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of PFC Gerrit Seyfi Walker Erkan.*



February 08, 2022 at 11:13 AM

KV

“ This post is on behalf of Jimmy Saylor !! Gerrit and I took many trips together. This happened to be by far one of his favorite’s as his mama was there to enjoy it with us !! This was Gerrit’s first snow fall in TN and he just loved the view and being able to make memories for me to carry on with me ! Gerrit I will miss you buddy . You taught me so much and it just won’t be the same with out you !!



Krystal Villalta - February 07, 2022 at 04:01 PM

JM

“ Gerrit was a childhood friend of mine, he had a very special place in my heart. I am so grateful to have the memories I have shared with him. I love you Gerrit.

Jessa Meyers - February 07, 2022 at 03:25 PM



“ 51 files added to the album Life Tributes



Kyker Funeral Home - February 07, 2022 at 02:34 PM

TW

“ *Thorpe & Weston purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of PFC Gerrit Seyfi Walker Erkan.*



Thorpe & Weston - February 07, 2022 at 09:21 AM

JS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



jimmy saylor - February 07, 2022 at 08:10 AM

HU

“ *GOD BLESS and a Heartfelt Thank You for your service PFC Erkan and Semper Fi.*



Herb Sharfenaker Sr. USMC - February 07, 2022 at 03:08 AM



“ *Bri Sarisa lit a candle in memory of PFC Gerrit Seyfi Walker Erkan*



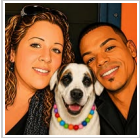
Bri Sarisa - February 06, 2022 at 08:55 PM

GA

“ *One of the best guys I've ever met. May he rest peacefully.* ”



gavin - February 06, 2022 at 07:30 PM



“ *Jamie Tufariello lit a candle in memory of PFC Gerrit Seyfi Walker Erkan* ”



Jamie Tufariello - February 06, 2022 at 09:32 AM

KV

“ *Krystal Villalta lit a candle in memory of PFC Gerrit Seyfi Walker Erkan* ”



Krystal Villalta - February 06, 2022 at 01:25 AM

KV

“Gerrit was so proud to be an uncle and to my older kids he was more like a big brother since they were closer in age !! We miss you Gerrit 😭



Krystal Villalta - February 06, 2022 at 01:24 AM



“Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of PFC Gerrit Seyfi Walker Erkan.



February 06, 2022 at 12:21 AM



“My favorite memory of Gerrit, is when I stayed the night (when he lived in Florida with my Aunt Michele) and we stayed up goofing around and listening to some crazy songs he would show me. We did prank calls, sung, threw stuffed animals around, danced and laughed so much that night. He was and will always be my best friend and I will forever miss him.



Bri Sarisa - February 05, 2022 at 08:21 PM

ME

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



michele erkan - February 05, 2022 at 07:48 PM

ME

We had a blast that day, I love you honey, I miss you like crazy, ❤️👍

michele erkan - February 06, 2022 at 05:25 PM

ME

“ *Michele Erkan lit a candle in memory of PFC
Gerrit Seyfi Walker Erkan*



michele erkan - February 05, 2022 at 03:53 PM