



Joshua D. Olmstead

August 20, 1976 - September 26, 2013

Joshua D. Olmstead age 37 of Knoxville went to be with the Lord Thursday September 26, 2013. A graduate of Roane County High School, the University of Tennessee, and honorably served in the U.S. Air Force. He was a blessing to all who knew him.

Preceded in his new life by his grandfathers Phillip W. Ingle and Hiram B. Olmstead.

Survived by his parents Wayne and Julie Olmstead of Kingston.

Brother Chad Olmstead of Chattanooga.

Fiancée Christine Stroud and son Patrick of Knoxville.

Grandmothers Lena Olmstead Clower of Kingston.

Many Jane Ingle of Kingston.

Numerous aunts and uncles.

We are grateful that you were a part of our lives, we all love you, and you will be missed so much.

Funeral 3pm Saturday September 28, 2013 in the Kyker Chapel with the Rev. Sonny Works officiating. Burial will follow at Roane Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorial donations to the First Baptist Church of Kingston or St. Jude's. The family will receive friends from 1pm until 3pm Saturday at the Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston.

Tribute Wall

BB

“ Josh was my first love, and maybe one of the most important men I've ever met. He taught me what love should be like. He was sweet, and gentle, and secure. Our paths left each other when it was time for me to move to college, but I will never forget him. Your son taught me what love looked like, and I can credit him with recognizing it when I saw it in my husband. We've been together for 17 years now. But Josh was always my first love. I don't know anyone that came in contact with him, that didn't love him. He was a light. Josh, I'll never forget you. I miss you.

Brynne Berry - January 22, 2020 at 03:17 PM

HT

“ Very grateful for the genuine person Josh always was and that we had a chance to know him. He was a great role model for my son Preston and was always kind. We didn't get to see him that often, but he still made a lasting impression on our lives. We are thankful for his years of service for our country and all of the dedication that he had in both his career and his personal life. He was truly someone who inspired others. Josh will forever live on in our hearts and memories.

Heather and Preston - Kingston, TN - October 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ I had been trying to find Josh on Facebook for last couple of years, I'm saddened that I never got the chance to tell him 'Thank You'. I met Josh back in '99 when I was working at a gym and we became great friends. He was actually the one who inspired me to join the Air Force. I still have the poem he had framed for me before I left for basic training. My prayers are with his family during this time. Josh was an amazing person and I'm sure he'll be missed by many.

Rest in Peace Josh

Austin Raths - Houston, TX - Friend - October 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ You do not know me but after seeing your beautiful son, I felt compelled to write you a note. First may I thank you for his service to this our Great Nation.
May I add his beautiful blue eyes are captivating. I know you must be so proud of him. My prayer is may you all find peace in the days and years ahead.

Deborah Wyatt Finley

Deborah - Harriman - Greatful American - October 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ Julie and family, so sadden to learn of the loss of your love one my prayers and thoughts are with each of you, verna webb

Verna Webb - Harriman, TN - Friend - October 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ Dear Julie and Wayne,

There is nothing as painful for a parent than the loss of a child. Our hearts hurt for you and we are praying for your family. Josh was such a great kid and a fine young man with a fun yet gentle spirit, great smile and quiet demeanor. Words aren't really very helpful right now but we pray that you will allow God (and memories) to comfort you in the weeks, months and years to come. You will see Josh again.

Nancy and Sam Davis - Kingston, TN - September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *I worked with Josh at the airbase and never met a nicer person. He was so easy to get along with and had a strong work ethic. He inspired and made a friend of everyone who crossed his path.*

Deb Benito - San Antonio, TX - Friend - September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Josh was a wonder. He came to our dental office for many years and was well loved by all of us. As his Dental Hygienist, I had the most chance to talk to and get to know Josh. I considered him my friend. He was a kind, big, beautiful spirit in a body that in the end let him down. What I will always remember about Josh was his smile and the love he spread to everyone he met. He will be missed.*

Pamela Stanner - Lenoir City, TN - Friend - September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Wayne and Julie

You and your family are in my prayers.

There is a glorious day coming where all tears, pain and sorrow will be gone.

May the Holy Spirit surround you with Jesus' love during this time.

Gary Williams - Berrien Center, MI - September 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WN

“ We share the loss of Josh as a member of our greater Olmstead family.

Genealogist, Olmste(a)d Family Association

Walt Steesy - Interlaken, NY - September 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ JOSH WAS A FINE YOUNG MAN AND HE WILL BE SADLY MISSED. I AM PRAYING FOR ALL OF YOU.

SHERRY CUNNINGHAM AND FRANK CASELLA - KINGSTON, TN - friend - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ What wonderful memories I have of Josh in math class during his 8th grade year at Cherokee Middle School. He was unfailingly polite, well-prepared, and a delight to know. My heart is grieving with the family and all Josh's friends.

Anne Horner - Kingston, TN - 8th grade teacher - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ It's hard to find the words to write to express my sadness when I heard the news of the passing of your son. I cannot imagine your grief.... But I do know that there is a peace that comes from the Father above and it passes all understanding at times like this....That peace is what I am praying for you.

Amy Gamble - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PU

“ Im sort I didn't get to say good bye. Even though I didn't get to see you very often I still love you very much.

preston - kingston, TN - uncle - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Josh ~ you were such a great guy . You always had a smile and kind words when I knew there were times you were not doing well. Thank you for being such a great neighbor. I am praying for your family and loved ones knowing how much you will be missed. Your fight is over you have no more pain ~ go rest high on that mountain
Josh

Mary Ann Johnson - Knoxville, TN - friend & neighbor - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ We're saddened by the passing of Josh. I'm sorry we never had the opportunity of sharing with him some social and furniture stories we had with his grandfather, Hi.
Bethel & Carol Poston

Bethel & Carol Poston - Harriman, TN - Family friend - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HT

“ Julie & Family,
I was saddened to learn of the death of your son. I know I can't understand your grief as I haven't experienced it, but I know the Lord does and will comfort you during this time and the days ahead. I'll be praying for your family.s69XH

Helen Walker - Kingston, TN - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Josh was my neighbor. He was such a great guy. He had such a kind heart and a gentle spirit. Always willing to help out any of his neighbors.
My heart goes out to his family and Christina.
He will be missed.

Sherry Purnell - Knoxville, TN - Friend - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

D/

“ Joshua was a gentle soul, always ready to help out any neighbor! We two often laughed over Josh "being walked" by Patrick's gentle giant of a dog! Josh was a private person when dealing with his medical problems; I know he dealt with great pain and distress; now that suffering battle is over. To his parents and extended family, know that you raised a wondrous man who has left a hole in so many lives! Condolences to the family and to Christine and Patrick who gave his life and joy great hope! May God help you as you deal with this overwhelming grief and loss.

Donna Riffe - Knoxville, TN - Across-the-road neighbor /friend - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Wayne, Julie, and Chad,
My heart broke when I heard the news from Mom. While I have not seen Josh in years, I still thought of him often. He was always so kind and had a peaceful soul. I will always remember building forts in your house and of course, the tree house! My love and thoughts are with you as you grieve and celebrate Josh's life. He will be missed by many.

Whitney Nelson - Alexandria, VA - Family Friend - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Josh. The family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Beverley Kelley - Kingston, TN - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WT

“ We are so sorry for your tremendous loss. We are praying for your family.

In Christian love,

Warren, Debra, Brian Walker

Warren, Debra, Brian Walker - Kingston, TN - September 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ We will always remember Josh's visits during his treatments at Vanderbilt Hospital and were so sad to hear of his passing. Josh was always so kind and patient with a great big heart. Everyone that knew him well loved him. We enjoyed our conversations and time spent with him. We will love him always and he will live in our memories forever.

Allison was especially upset to hear the news. We will be there tomorrow to join the family to celebrate his life.

Janet Ingle - Brentwood, TN - Aunt - September 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Think of you in this time of deep sorrow. Got to know Josh while he was at RSCC, a young man anyone would be proud to know.
Sammie

Sammie Mowery - Harriman, TN - September 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Julie, Wayne, Chad,
My heart is so sad for the loss of Josh. He was a great young man and served our country well. Thank you for his service to keep our country safe. He fought a great battle with the C-monster and I admire his courage. I am just glad his baby nickname of Ziggy did not stick. My prayers will be with you through all this and if you need us, we are a call away. Love you all lots.

Kathie Parks - Kingston Springs, TN - cousin - September 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM