



Joseph "Joe" Souders

April 26, 1988 - May 31, 2020

Joe was born and grew up in Florissant, Missouri. After graduating High School, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He served for 12 proud years as a Marine, and the impact Joe had on "his" Marines will never die. In March of 2009 Joe hit the fleet and served with Marine Wing Support Squadron 272 based out of Marine Corps Air Station New River ("Pardon our Noise it's the Sound of Freedom"). He deployed to Afghanistan in 2011 with MWSS - 272. He returned home in the advanced party from that deployment making it possible for him to witness the birth of his oldest son. In April 2012, he and his family PCS'ed to the island of Okinawa. While there, he was stationed on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma with Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron, part of Aircraft Recovery where he served as a crew leader and maintenance chief. During his three and half years on the island, he welcomed two more children into his family, loved the island life, fell in love with CoCo Ichibanya chicken cutlet curry level 10, and he even started wearing flip flops. After leaving Okinawa, he became a combat instructor. His time with the School of Infantry - East was the pride of his military career. He was a platoon commander, weapons primary instructor, and senior weapons instructor with Fox Company. He spent a short time at MCAS Cherry Point before joining his final unit Wounded Warrior Battalion - East. Besides the Corps, he loved driving a big, loud truck, riding his motorcycles, taking "short" off shore fishing trips on his boat, but most of all he loved being a dad. Joe was a fun dad who looked amazing in his "dad shorts". He spent countless

hours moving the vehicles out of the driveway so his kids and the all neighborhood kids could ride bikes, have nerf wars, color with chalk, and play safely under his supervision. He could be heard daily yelling at cars to slow down and was known to post signs stating just how terrible a driver and person you were for speeding through his neighborhood. Joe was the kind of friend every person deserves to have in their life. He helped more people move than can be counted: laid entire houses with flooring, built bunk beds, fixed transmissions, changed every flat tire he saw in a parking lot or side of the road when the motorist looked like they needed help, made so many house calls to check on friends when things were getting too hard for them, carried food in his truck to give away, paid for the drink of the person behind him in the Starbucks drive-thru, and thousands of other small acts of kindness for his friends and those around him. He will be missed.

He leaves behind his wife, Abby [nee Hogan] Souders; his Parents: Sue and John Burnham; three children: Hank, June and Waylon; two sisters: Rachel [Joe] Kampelman and Katie [Andy] Keeven;

Father and mother-in-law: Ron and Amy Hogan; sister-in-law: Melissa [Bob] Crowley; and brothers-in-law: Matthew, Ben [Laura], Luke, and Riley Hogan.

Step-sisters: Christy, Sarah, Emily.

Uncle to: Patrick; Rosemary and Baby Boy Keeven; Lorelei, Lalya and Leo; Griffin; Alexander; Alyssa; Layla; and Aria.

Memorial contributions may be left to the:

Warrior Clan Inc
<https://warriorclan.org/donations>
Warrior Clan Inc
PO Box 8
Hazelwood, NC 28738

Services are private at Valhalla Chapel of Memories.

Interment will be a later date at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery with Full Military Honors.

Cemetery Details

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

2900 Sheridan Road
St Louis, MO 63125

Tribute Wall

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“ I'll always remember him as Souders. He introduced me to the blue motorcycle. I'll always remember him from our time in Pax River and Afghanistan. It was a pleasure serving with him and calling him a friend. He'll always be missed.

Sean Souza - June 13, 2020 at 12:51 PM

PM

“ Abby & children, Sue & John, Rachel & Katie, I love you all. You are all in my prayers.
Soooo many wonderful and fun memories of Joe! Not enough room to list them all!!!
:) Love you all--again! Pat (& Larry) Maes & Family

Pat Maes - June 12, 2020 at 07:54 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Souders.



June 12, 2020 at 11:59 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Souders.



June 11, 2020 at 11:37 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Souders.



June 10, 2020 at 08:14 PM



“ I am deeply sadden to learn of Joe's passing. I still remember Joey as a little guy running around the neighborhood in his Ghostbusters uniform or the time he got gum stuck in his hair. My sincerest condolences to Joe's wife and children & to Rachel, Katie, and Sue. Fly high Joe - fly high....

Tim Whitecotton - June 10, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Souders.



June 09, 2020 at 08:44 PM

JH

“ Sue and family—I am deeply saddened to hear this about your beloved son, husband, father, brother, friend and soldier. I have no words other than may God bring Joe and you all comfort in the days ahead and may the memories you expressed in the obituary be your peace.

*Peace to you all,
Janet Hinrichs (Christian Hospital)*

janet Hinrichs - June 09, 2020 at 06:01 PM

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“ Christian Hospital Surgery Dept. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph "Joe" Souders.



Christian Hospital Surgery Dept. - June 09, 2020 at 11:16 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Souders.



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June 08, 2020 at 11:14 PM

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“ I met Joe in Okinawa. He and I quickly grew to be best friends. We lifted together, golfed together and watched our kids grow together. Joe was very family oriented but such a hard worker. He made great BBQ and was such a great man. He was the kind of person who made you want to be better. I will never forget Joe and the memories we had.



Andrew Divico - June 08, 2020 at 11:04 PM



Thank you Andrew! As his sister, I love the stories and pics of Joe in Okinawa. We missed him so much those 3 years.

Rachel Kampelman - June 09, 2020 at 11:08 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Souders.



June 08, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Souders.



June 08, 2020 at 08:01 PM



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Valhalla Funeral Chapel, Crematory and Cemetery - June 08, 2020 at 04:56 PM