



Michael Stephen Loftis

September 14, 1970 - February 17, 2019

Michael Stephen Loftis, 48, of Scott Depot, passed away February 17, 2019 at CAMC Teays Valley. He was born September 14, 1970, in Anderson, IN, to Forrest Loftis and Cheryl Rackley.

Michael entered active duty in the US Navy in December 1990 as a Hull Technician, and retired in 2010 as a Chief Petty Officer. During his 21 years of service, he served aboard ships, earning his Enlisted Service Warfare Specialist designation. He ended his career working with the US Navy SEAL team 1, and was highly decorated with numerous commendations and achievement medals. He was also a member of the James Marshall American Legion Post 187.

He is survived by his wife, Shelia Loftis of Scott Depot; children, Corey Loftis of Pensacola, FL and Lillianne Loftis of Jacksonville FL; mother, Cheryl (Tom) Rackley of Jacksonville, FL; dad, Forrest Loftis of Blue Ridge, GA; sister, Laura DeVincentis (Lou) of Jacksonville, FL; brother in law, Robert DeRiggi (Vickie) of Kingwood; sister in law, Debra Sams (Robert) of Lewisburg; nieces and nephews, Kelsey Gazaway, Anna Gazaway, Chandler Gazaway all of Jacksonville FL, Matthew Sams of Lewisburg, Sofia DeRiggi and Celeste DeRiggi both of Kingwood, Sarah Blair of Dunbar, and other nieces and nephews; also numerous extended family and friends.

Funeral Services will be at 11:00 am Saturday, February 23rd at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with CH (MAJ) David W. Johns officiating. Visitation will be Friday from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the funeral home.

The family suggests donations in lieu of flowers to the Serenity Club at 1225 Ohio Ave., Dunbar, WV 25064.

Chapman Funeral Home, family owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, is honored to serve the Loftis family.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Stephen Loftis*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *I just found out about Michael's passing. I was not only shocked, but troubled. This is really puzzling. I was Michael's welding instructor at Bridge Valley Career and Technical Center when he decided he wanted to learn some tig welding skills. He was no doubt one of my best students: he approached learning with passion and energy. It was a pleasure to work with him.*

I'm sure he will be missed greatly by family and friends. I salute him for his service to this great country.

I will never forget Michael Loftis.

Doug Currence

William D Currence - May 01, 2019 at 08:53 AM



“ *RIP Michael. You will be missed.*

Kimberly Welsh - February 26, 2019 at 04:23 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael Stephen Loftis.*



February 23, 2019 at 08:29 AM

MG

“ *Michael and Lindsey Goins purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Stephen Loftis.*



Michael and Lindsey Goins - February 22, 2019 at 12:47 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Loftis Family. Michael was an excellent father to our children. I love you Corey and Lillianne. You're father loved you both very much.*



Tamara Powell - February 22, 2019 at 10:38 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Stephen Loftis.*



February 22, 2019 at 06:50 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Stephen Loftis.*



February 21, 2019 at 09:28 PM



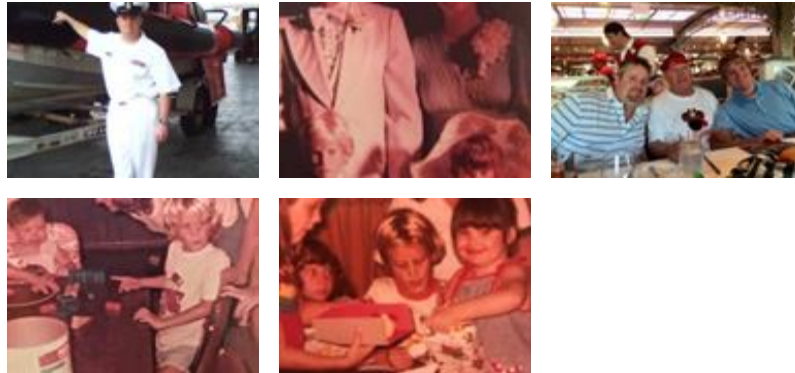
“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Stephen Loftis.*



February 21, 2019 at 03:40 PM



“ *101 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Chapman Funeral Homes - February 21, 2019 at 03:19 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Michael Stephen Loftis.*



February 21, 2019 at 02:21 PM

SG

“ Steve and Laura Guillaume purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Michael Stephen Loftis.



Steve and Laura Guillaume - February 21, 2019 at 02:06 PM

AR

“ Cheryl, I am so very sad for you and your family. There are no other words to ease your pain. I will pray and hope you feel comforted. Sending my love,

Anne (Chesnut) Rackley
Chix of '66

Anne Rackley - February 21, 2019 at 01:56 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Michael Stephen Loftis.



February 21, 2019 at 01:48 PM

FS

“ From the ODSC staff purchased the Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet for the family of Michael Stephen Loftis.



From the ODSC staff - February 21, 2019 at 12:16 PM

FL

“ From Laverne and Rocco Larizza purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Michael Stephen Loftis.



From Laverne and Rocco Larizza - February 21, 2019 at 10:39 AM

BT

“ Baptist Health Foundation and Board of Trustees purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Michael Stephen Loftis.



Baptist Health Foundation and Board of Trustees - February 21, 2019 at 09:36 AM

CG

“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of Michael Stephen Loftis, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

US Navy Veteran, Michael Stephen Loftis, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl J Skinner, WV Patriot Guard - February 21, 2019 at 08:14 AM

HD

“ *Michael was a truly spiritual friend. When he would open a meeting he would ask everyone to invite their higher power in. Michael was always very helpful. He would be the hand of AA when someone new came into the rooms. Go rest my friend your work on Earth is done.*



Holly Duvall - February 21, 2019 at 07:58 AM

CL

“ *Curtis B Loftis lit a candle in memory of Michael Stephen Loftis*



Curtis B Loftis - February 21, 2019 at 06:30 AM

WO

“ *I spent a lot of all-nighters and weekends with Mike working on destroyers, cruisers and frigates while being stationed together at SIMA Mayport Florida for three years. My funniest memory was one night at around 0200 in the morning, while working on the USS John Hancock, laying in the bilge and waiting on a hot work chit, we started humming a song from the Police “Sending out an S.O.S.” Soon after, we were singing it at the top of our voices! We carried on that ritual during many jobs in the future. I smile every time I hear that song and think of Mikey. You’ll always be my brother and my shipmate and I love you Mike. Fair wind and following seas.*

Will

Will Owens - February 20, 2019 at 10:53 PM

MI

“ *May your Sailor rest in honor and peace. You have been in my thoughts and prayers; may you find peace in comfort in the arms of family and friends.*

*Sincerely,
Michaelle*

michaelle - February 20, 2019 at 09:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Michael Stephen Loftis.



February 20, 2019 at 08:36 PM