



Corporal Joshua Scott Harmon

November 25, 1986 - August 22, 2007

Funeral Mass for Corporal Joshua Scott Harmon, 20, of Mentor-on-the-Lake, will be Friday, at 10 AM, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 7575 Bellflower Rd., Mentor. Joshua died August 22nd in Multaka, Iraq. He was born November 25, 1986 in Euclid, Ohio.

Joshua was a U.S. Army Veteran Specialist E/4, assigned to the 25th Light Infantry Division, nicknamed “Tropic Lightning” 35th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Battalion. He served as a Combat Medic attached to the Scouts Sniper Platoon and received the Army Medal of Commendation of Valor for performing extraordinary life-saving measures. Additionally, Joshua was awarded the Combat Medical Badge. Joshua was deployed to Iraq Aug. 5, 2006, serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom, stationed in Kirkuk, Iraq. When returning from a mission Aug. 22, 2007, Joshua Harmon lost his life when the UH-60 Black Hawk Helicopter that was transporting him crashed in Multaka, outside of Kirkuk. Thirteen fellow soldiers also lost their lives as a result of the Black Hawk crash.

Joshua joined the Army in August 2005, and served his country as a Combat Medic. He was promoted posthumously to Corporal Aug. 22, 2007, and was awarded the Bronze Star. In a recent letter to family and friends Joshua said, “I just stay focused on my job as platoon medic to make sure my soldiers are taken care of night and day. Sometimes it is a tiring job, but I have found great

pride and satisfaction in performing.”

Joshua married Kristin Rathjen May 10, 2007. Kristin was the love of his life and he could not wait to get back into her arms. Joshua was a 2005 graduate of Mentor High School and an accomplished musician on the guitar and drums. He enjoyed many sports, including bowling, soccer, Kenpo karate, and working on cars.

Joshua loved animals, especially the family dogs, Mercedes and Ginger. He adored his little black cat, Sheila. His face lit up every time he saw Sheila. Joshua always had a smile and was a very giving and caring person. He was a good friend, wonderful son, devoted husband, and good citizen. He had previously worked as a master mechanic at Classic Ford in Mentor before joining the U.S. Army.

Survivors are his wife, Kristin N. Rathjen Harmon; mother, Donna nee Kriz Harmon; father, Richard Leslie Harmon; brother, Jason Harmon/Kriz; grandmothers, Mildred Kriz and Dolores Harmon; aunts and uncles, Frank Ann

Kriz, Jim Robin Kriz, Kenneth Linda Kriz, Chris Carol Harmon, KevinDorleen Harmon, Kim Harmon, Patricia Kidd and Donna Stock; parents-in-law, Susan TimothyCollins and Jon Rathjen; brother-in-law, John Rathjen; many very loving cousins, too numerous to list; lifelong friends, Eric Lemr and Brandon "Norm" Alexander; good friends, Jayme Vines, Scott Walland, Nate Damm and Kyle Fisher; and those who made a significant difference in Joshua's life, Jeff and Marie Lemr, Ron Vines and Jana Abplanalp.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Albert F. Kriz, Richard F. Harmon and Marilyn Rose Harmon. Friends may call 1-3 and 5-9 PM Thursday at Monreal Funeral Home, 35400 Curtis Blvd., Eastlake. Fr. Tom Johns will celebrate the mass. Burial will be in Mentor Cemetery.

The family suggests contributions be made in Joshua's name to his favorite charities. They are Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675-8517, or at www.woundedwarriorproject.org, or the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America, Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 29119, Phoenix, AZ 85038-9119 or at www.makeawishky.org.

Tribute Wall

PP

“ Dear Family and Friends of Josh

My heartfelt condolences on the loss of your son Corporal Joshua Harmon . As a grateful American I hold him in my prayers for the ultimate sacrifice he made. I am forever in his debt for allowing me the life I live in this most wonderful country. My prayers will be with you both that you can find the strength to celebrate all that you shared with Josh and the joy his life brought you. God Bless you and surround you with his grace.

Another Military Mom

Patricia Pizzino - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I'm so sorry for your lost.I never knew Josh,but my boyfriend was friends with Josh and his brother.I just lost my baby brother.Eddy Roland the fatal hit and skip.It's very hard and painful,but i hope God gives you the hope you need to heel your wounds.So sorry
Janelle Roland

Janelle Roland - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ Dear Family of Josh, I am so very sorry for your loss you have my Deepest Sympathy & Prayers.May the Lord comfort you all.To live in the hearts of those you leave behind is never to die. My Prayers
Gracie Nero

Gracie Nero - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ I never met you Joshua, I am a good friend of your Aunty Dorleen. I just want to say my heart goes out to your wife your family and your loved ones. I hope that one day you all meet again, so you can continue on your journey with your loved ones in heaven.

Tanny Boyd - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HR

“ Sorry I never met you but Kristin loved you so much you must have been a terrific guy. You would have fit very well in the Rathjen family.

Helga Rathjen - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Josh,
you will live in our hearts forever! Thank you for serving our country, you are our hero! Our thoughts and prayers to your family and freinds

Aunt Dorleen Kelly and Kate - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Donna and Family,
My heart goes out to you, I am so sorry, I had just found out today, it saddens me to no end that our big huge family hardly gets to see one another anymore. My Grandmother MarySasChohany always would tell me family is the most important thing in life and we all need to stick together. I will keep you all in my prayers and will ask God to help ease your pain and to guide you through this. Love you.
Your cousin Lesley

LesleyMackinGlines - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Josh you will be highly missed my prayers goes out to you family. I didnt no you that well but to me we were a cool guy i wished i could have got to no you better

Danielle Karamesinis - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Dear Donna & Family,
My heart & prayers go out to you! We lived across the street from Josh & his family for 13 years, so we had the opportunity to see him grow into a fine young man. As a little boy he never missed my garage sales and always bought something for his Big Brother and Mom. As a teenager, you always knew Josh was driving down the street! Smile. We honor him for what he stood for and the sacrifice he made to keep all Americans safe.

All our Love,
Maureen and Timmy

Maureen Doherty - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ Thank you for your service to our Country. Rest in Peace.

Paul N. - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Marty Karen and Jon

James & Karen Riddle - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM