



Kyle R. Brinkman

July 27, 1973 - May 5, 2024

Kyle R. Brinkman, 50, passed away on May 5, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Defiance, Ohio on July 27, 1973, to his parents, Larry and Janice (Barton) Brinkman. Kyle graduated from Napoleon High School in 1992. Immediately thereafter, Kyle left for his dedicated service to the United States Army. Kyle proudly and honorably served this country for 30 years, retiring as Command Sergeant Major. Kyle had multiple tours overseas and in combat zones, achieving the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and numerous other awards and decorations for his service to include membership into the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club (SAMC). After retiring from the Army, he worked for the Disaster Preparedness Offices for FEMA, having travelled in the past year to provide invaluable assistance for victims of the Guam Typhoon and Hawaiian Fires. He is survived by his tremendous service-oriented family consisting of son, Devyn, daughter Laryn, eternally loving soulmate, Stacy, parents Larry and Jan, brothers Kraig and Kirk, nephew Kaige, nieces Kamry, Kylie, Kierstyn and Emma and former spouse, Melissa Ott. He is preceded in Heaven by his grandparents, Robert and Jean Barton, Lee and Bernita Brinkman and Cousin Troy Barton. Funeral services with full military honors were held on Saturday, May 11, 2024, at 1:00 PM at Fort Lewis, JBLM.

A memorial gathering will be held on August 17, 2024 at the Napoleon American Legion Post #300 from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Your prayers for this

family are greatly appreciated. Donations can be made to USO.ORG in his honor. Ohio State clothing is optional.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

AUG 17. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

American Legion Annex
500 Glenwood Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

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“ From the fields, forests, plains of Africa and war-torn Europe, to the frozen tundra of Korea, to the jungles of Southeast Asia, from the deserts of Kuwait and Iraq to the mountains of Afghanistan, brave patriots have protected our nation’s ideals, rescued millions from tyranny, and helped spread freedom around the globe. America’s veterans answered the call when asked to protect our nation from some of the most brutal oppression the world has ever known. Military service demands a special kind of sacrifice. The places where you are sent to live and serve bring risk every day. From the time you put on that uniform for the first time, the interests of the nation move to the forefront and define your life. Those duties are shared by family members who make many sacrifices of their own, sometimes bearing the burden of losing a loved one. Service brings rewards as well. There is pride in developing one’s own character, serving a cause far greater than self-interest. Every person who wears America’s uniform is part of a long, unbroken line of achievement and honor. No single military power in history has done greater good, shown greater courage, liberated more people or upheld higher standards of decency and valor than the Armed Forces of the United States of America. That is a legacy to be proud of and those who contributed to it must never be taken for granted. To honor our veterans, we must keep the promises we have made to them. We must care for those who have been injured in the service of our country. We must honor and remember those who have died. And we must remember those whose fate is still undetermined. We fly the Prisoner of War flag on Veterans Day for a reason, to show that this nation will not relent until we have accounted for every one of our missing Americans. Thank you for your service. Thank you for all that you have sacrificed for this great nation. Thank you for being the backbone of America.

Brigadier General (Retired) Mark W. Lee, United States Army

BG (R) Mark W. Lee, USA - August 06, 2024 at 07:28 AM

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“ *Jan, Larry and family, we are so very, very sorry for your loss! Your son was a great patriot to our country! May the peace of The Lord surround you and comfort you.
Sincerely, Jan and John Stover*

jan stover - May 20, 2024 at 04:45 PM

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“ *Jan & Larry, May peace & love surround your family & God sustain you in your grief! If you are visiting with friends & family, I would like to come & see you! I pray for you & love you! Sandy Vocke*

Sandy Vocke - May 18, 2024 at 09:56 PM

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Janice & Larry, so very sorry to hear of your loss of son. You and your family our in our prayers.

Ann Grime - May 23, 2024 at 09:24 AM