



LTC Heath Austin Kelly

May 20, 1976 - September 6, 2011

Lt. Colonel Heath Austin Kelly, a native of Kenner, LA was killed on September 6, 2011 in Carson City, NV at the age of 35. Born to Kathleen Scaruffi and Kenneth Kelly (Noretta), he graduated John Curtis Christian School, 1994 and Norwich University, 1998. He was active duty U.S. Army 1998-2005 as a field artillery officer. He has been a member of the Nevada National Guard since 2007. He served 15 months as Battalion Administrative Officer for the 991st Troop Command prior to his current post as Major of the Joint Force Headquarters in Carson City, NV a position held since August, 2010. His decorations include commendations and medals from the U.S. Army; Global War on Terrorism, National Defense Service Medal, Kuwait Defense Service Medal and Iraq Campaign. With an unselfish heart, he lived his life enjoying and protecting that which he loved - God, country, family and community. A man of integrity with a great sense of humor, Heath was the devoted husband of Tracy Chu Kelly, father of a four year old daughter, Kassidy and a nine week old son, Tristan. Grandson of Janet Van Hees and Louis Scaruffi, and the late Anna Mae Cronan and Robert J. Kelly. Brother of Seth A. Kelly, Sias A. Kelly (Janel), Lt. Gerald Sachitano, Jr. U.S.N. (Nicole). Nephew of Patty Scaruffi Angell, Tony Scaruffi, Julie Scaruffi Gaspard (Larry), James Scaruffi, Denise Kelly Holzhauser (Barry), Robert Kelly and Valerie Vanney. Also survived by nieces, nephews other family members and friends. A funeral service, followed by military honors, will be held at Vineyard Church, 4340 Sal Lentini Pkwy., Kenner on Saturday, September 17, 2011 at 11:00

a.m. Visitation at church from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. In lieu of usual remembrances please consider a donation to the Heath Austin Kelly Children's Fund, which can be made at any Metairie Bank location or sent to 2214 Tammy Dr. Kenner, LA 70065. Arrangements by L. A. Muhleisen and Son.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Vineyard Church of New Orleans
4340 Sal Lentini Pkwy.
Kenner, LA 70065

Service

SEP 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ LTC Heath Austin Kelly

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ Nancy Kelly lit a candle in memory of LTC Heath Austin Kelly



Nancy Kelly - September 18, 2011 at 11:24 AM



“ As an English teacher, I had the pleasant experience of having Heath in class. He was extremely respectful and willing to assume the most difficult of assignments. This attitude reflects his family and their instilling of positive values. My heart is saddened by this but full in having known such a fine young man.
Arvilla [Prior] Riddick

arvilla miller riddick - September 17, 2011 at 09:56 AM



“ Arvilla Miller Riddick lit a candle in memory of LTC Heath Austin Kelly



arvilla miller riddick - September 17, 2011 at 09:48 AM

AC

“ Anne Cooper lit a candle in memory of LTC
Heath Austin Kelly



Anne Cooper - September 16, 2011 at 08:57 PM

TC

“ *"Lit a candle in memory of LTC Heath Austin
Kelly
Todd Wendy Lexie Chauvin "*



Todd Chauvin - September 16, 2011 at 09:23 AM

EB

“ Evelyn B Brown lit a candle in memory of LTC
Heath Austin Kelly



Evelyn B Brown - September 15, 2011 at 02:48 PM

KB

“ I remember Heath, Tracy and Kassidy visiting my home during the Christmas holidays in 2003. I had just retired from the Federal Government as a Department of the Army civilian and returned home to complete radiation treatment as I recovered from my 2nd bout with cancer. I was happy to have the Kelly family visit me and proud to have an American military officer hang a special ornament on my Christmas tree. My heart is beyond broken for Heath, Tracy, Kassidy, Tristan, Kathy, and their family and friends. May God continue to watch over them and keep them in His care, until they are all reunited one day in the eternal Kingdom of God. Thank you, LTC Heath Kelly and your family, for your service to this country!



Kathy Ballon - September 15, 2011 at 01:06 PM

TW

“ Toni Wattigny lit a candle in memory of LTC Heath Austin Kelly



Toni Wattigny - September 15, 2011 at 10:14 AM

MH

“ Maria Hingle lit a candle in memory of LTC Heath Austin Kelly



Maria Hingle - September 15, 2011 at 09:46 AM

SR

“ Heath was a great guy that cared about his family, even when we were kids. It has been many years since I last saw him, but I have always considered him not only a "cousin", but a friend.

stacey gaspard russell - September 15, 2011 at 09:34 AM

SS

“ Heath wasn't just our cousin he was our brother and bestfriend. Heath is a true American hero. May he rest in piece. he will be greatly missed by all.



Sarah Scaruffi - September 15, 2011 at 08:30 AM

PA

“ Peri Adam lit a candle in memory of LTC Heath Austin Kelly



Peri Adam - September 15, 2011 at 07:27 AM

PA

I had the pleasure to first know Heath through conversations with his Mom, Kathy. Then in 2010 I had the honor to spend the evening with Heath and his wife, Tracy at the Bacchus Ball. It was easy to understand why his Mother was so proud of her Son.

Peri Adam - September 15, 2011 at 07:44 AM