



Larry J. Hanson

October 9, 1953 - October 9, 2012

Mr. Larry J. Hanson, age 59 of Centre, passed away Tuesday, October 9th . Graveside services will be 3:PM (CDST) Friday at Round Hill Cemetery in Cave Spring, GA., with Rev. Melvyn Salter officiating. The family will receive friends from 12:30 until 2:30:PM (CDST) Friday at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be the National Guard Family. Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Elaine F. Hanson; sons, Brian (Emily) Davis of Centre and Jonathan Davis of Centre; daughter, Jennifer (Todd) Tierce of Centre; brothers, Gene (Linda) Hanson of Newnan, GA and Jerry Hanson of Cave Spring, GA; several nieces & nephews. Mr. Hanson was a native of Rome, GA, the son of the late Gordon and Cleo Smith Hanson, was an Administrative Technician with the Alabama National Guard, was a mason and was of the Baptist Faith

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MK

“ 1SG Hanson, I appreciated the time I served with you at Redstone Arsenal, AL back in 2002-2003 in support of Operation Noble Eagle II. Thank you for the character building and leadership you provided. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. "Go Rest High On That Mountain, Top." Sincerely, SGT Michael D. Knight and The Knight Family Lynn, Andrew and Zachary

Michael D. Knight - November 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Selfless Service...an Army value and Larry's way of life. The common characteristic mentioned by all that knew Larry was his selfless approach to taking care of Soldiers and friends. Great friend and great mentor to me.

CSM Jay Stallings - October 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Larry was the "Go To" guy in any and every matter. He will always be remembered for taking the extra time to care for others. May God Bless you during this difficult time.

LTC Barry Wharton - October 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ I was blessed to experience 1SG Hanson's servant leadership very early in my military career, shaping my expectations for what a senior leader should be. He will be sorely missed, though his impact will remain with the Alabama National Guard indefinitely through each and every Soldier he came in contact with. May God bless you Elaine, and we look forward to seeing you again.

Tim Horning - October 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ 1SG Hanson was great American Soldier he lead from the front always taking of care of his younger Soldiers. He taught, mentored and supported them to better futures. He will be greatly missed by many. My prays and sincerest condolences are with the family of 1SG Larry Hanson, an American Hero.

Kevin Griffin - October 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ 1SG taught me more about the military than anyone. I love and respect him greatly. He will be missed. SFC Hawkins

SFC Jeff Hawkins - October 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Elaine, I can barely form the words to express what I feel about the loss of Top and my mind is racing. As many people know, Larry was a HUGE influence on my life for over 14 years in the ALARNG and then beyond so I am sibly dumbstruck and numb as I type these words. Top allowed me to be myself while staying within the constraints of the Army and I learned so much from him as a both as a soldier and in civilian life. Top was a burly 'ol "Man's Man" full of life, incredible work ethic, and a good story on his lips at any given time. I have so many anecdotes that I could (and some I couldn't) have shared at the funeral but I have been living in Kwajalein for a little over 5 years and only heard today about losing him a few minutes ago by phone. Larry is still listed as the executor of my will all these years later because of my trust in him to do right by my family so please know that I feel deeply for your loss of a good man. I hope my words can in some way let you know how blessed both are to have shared time with him.

John D. Pennington - October 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I can’t begin to offer sufficient condolences. Larry made me a better man, and his generous influence on the Alabama National Guard will be redeemed for generations. May God bring you much peace.

Tim Stone - October 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Elaine I am so sorry for your loss. I think about him every day. I was honored to be one of the pallbearers.

Jim Cross - October 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Taking care of Soldiers was Larry's life. The Alabama Army National Guard will always remember him as 1st Sergeant Hanson.

James P Hamilton - October 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ 1SG Hanson was the most soldier oriented person that I had the privilege to work with. He will be missed.

William Godshall - October 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ I was so sorry to hear about 1SG Hanson. He was such a nice person to me and helped me so much when I first started my job with the Alabama National Guard. He always had a smile and would help anyone he could. I am so sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my prayers during this time.

Angela Watson - October 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ I'm very sorry for your loss. Larry will be greatly missed by his Guard Family. He was one I could always depend on. God Bless.

Tod Vann - October 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ My sincerest condolences go out to the family of 1SG Larry Hanson. Larry was a friend one of those people who helped everyone he had contact with in some way. He will truly be missed! May God Bless this family and Rest in peace 1SG Hanson!

MSG Rick Rainwater - October 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Please accept my most sincere condolences in this time of grief. Larry's loss is also keenly felt by his National Guard family. Rest in peace and God Bless Top!

LTC Jim Hawkins - October 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM