

## Jason Wade Smelser

December 19, 1972 - September 7, 2021

Jason Wade Smelser passed away due to Covid complications on September 7, 2021 at the age of 48. Jason is survived by his wife Johanne Smelser, his son Gaige Smelser, parents Edwin and Candice Smelser, brother Jeremy Smelser and sister Niki Pearson.

Jason was born in Fort Campbell Kentucky on December 19, 1972. Living all over the states and overseas as the child of a soldier, one year after marrying his wife Johanne he joined the US Army and had his only son Gaige. Jason served and participated in the initial invasion of Iraq and spent 3 years in Iraq and Afghanistan entertaining troops of American/NATO forces. After 20 years of service he retired from the Army in 2014. Jason enjoyed music and playing his guitar. He did more in life and saw more of the world than most people ever will. Above all else, he loved his son Gaige who made him very proud. Jason will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him. Jason will live on in our hearts forever.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP **14**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery  
11463 State Highway 195  
Killeen, TX 76542

# Tribute Wall



“ Jason Wade Smelser

October 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ Jason Wade Smelser

October 04, 2023 at 06:25 PM

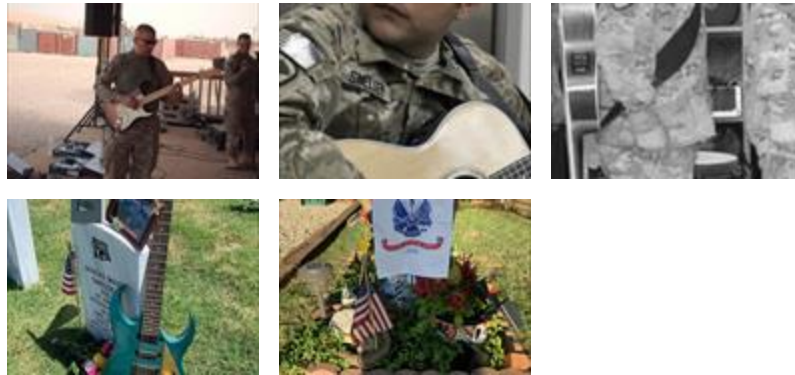


“ Jason Wade Smelser

September 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM



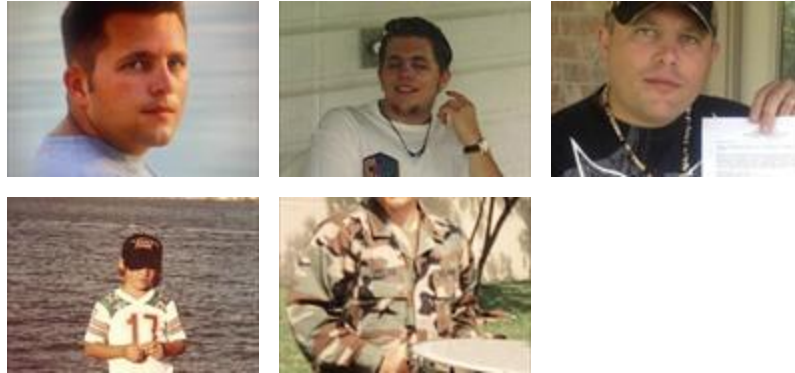
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Edwin Smelser - September 01, 2022 at 02:37 PM

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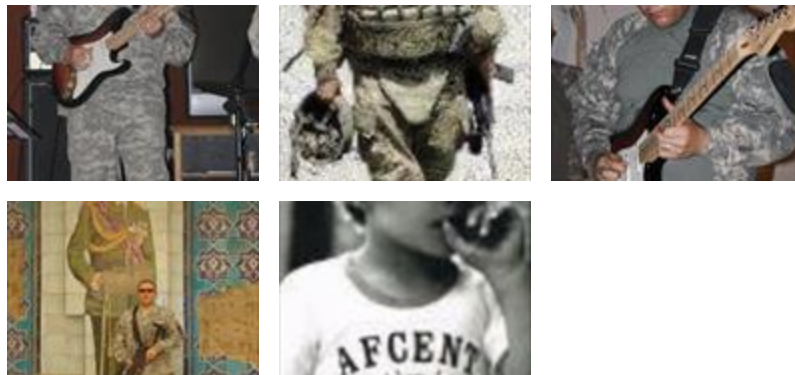
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Edwin Smelser - April 09, 2022 at 02:47 PM

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“ 17 files added to the tribute wall



Edwin Smelser - November 29, 2021 at 10:32 PM

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“ I miss your calls about UFC and anything sports. I was so proud to call you my son and you were a joy to raise. I love and miss you Jason. The years of service for your country from your birth as a soldier's son till you retired from the Army in 2014. You are a true American hero and patriot. Till we meet again . Rest In Peace Jason. 🇺🇸❤️🇺🇸🎸🎸

Edwin Smelser - November 27, 2021 at 06:27 PM

AC

“ I was so sad to hear that you had passed, although on the other side off the planet we kept in touch, the early morning calls, the late night banter I only knew you for 4 short years, but the memories off our laughter and stories will remain with me forever. Love Annalisa  
Brisbane Australia

Annalisa Crescentino - October 22, 2021 at 11:56 AM

JY

“ I briefly served with Jason at Fort Hood. He was always fun to be around, always ready to laugh and have fun, and a heck of a guitar player. Sending love and prayers to his family and friends.  
--Joe Young

Joe Young - September 15, 2021 at 12:05 PM



“ Noel Miles purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Jason Wade Smelser.



Noel Miles - September 14, 2021 at 01:00 AM



“ I remember how Jason was a great guitar player and could not read music and played by ear. He told me he needed a year or two and within that time frame he was a MOS guitar player and self taught. Incredible will to do what he wanted. Jason's spirit also played greatly into our team concepts of hanging out together on TDY. He always made things fun and exciting. I will share these memories directly with his brother and father. He will be missed in many ways.

Noel Miles - September 14, 2021 at 12:42 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jason Wade Smelser.



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September 14, 2021 at 12:18 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Jason Wade Smelser.



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September 13, 2021 at 02:43 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Jason Wade Smelser.



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September 13, 2021 at 02:40 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Jason Wade Smelser.



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September 13, 2021 at 02:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jason Wade Smelser.



September 13, 2021 at 01:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jason Wade Smelser.



September 13, 2021 at 01:47 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jason Wade Smelser.



September 13, 2021 at 01:08 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jason Wade Smelser.



September 13, 2021 at 12:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jason Wade Smelser.



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September 13, 2021 at 12:39 PM



“ *Jordan Armstrong and Kim Min-Jung* purchased the *Basket Full of Wishes* for the family of Jason Wade Smelser.



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**Jordan Armstrong and Kim Min-Jung** - September 13, 2021 at 12:32 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Jason Wade Smelser.



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September 13, 2021 at 12:28 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Jason Wade Smelser.



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September 13, 2021 at 12:13 PM

NI

“ I’m sitting here thinking about the time you, me, Johanne, and Stephen went to the Round Rock Express game and Stephen and Johanne did the dizzy bat race...we were laughing so hard! I loved all of our fun sports outings. Love you!💕

Niki - September 13, 2021 at 12:09 PM

NI

“ Thinking about how much fun you, Johanne, and Stephen had when we went to the Round Rock Express race and Stephen and Johanne did the dizzy bat race...we were cracking up!! I always loved our fun outings to all the sporting events! Love you!❤️

Niki - September 13, 2021 at 11:43 AM



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September 13, 2021 at 10:42 AM



“ Jason I have a lot of memories of you. I know that you are at peace. I still have the best part of you here with me our son Gaige. You will forever be in my heart ❤️.

Jo Kap - September 13, 2021 at 10:03 AM

ES

*I just tried to text and then call the best guitar player I ever jammed with. Had a bad feeling and then found this. Looks like I'm over a month late.*

*This broke me up pretty good. He was a good one and I wish we could have played together one last time. Rest easy, hard rocker! -Ed*

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**Ed Smith** - October 21, 2021 at 10:33 PM