



## Kevin E. Newton

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“Husband - Father - Soldier - Texan”

Kevin went home to our loving Father on Wednesday, October 30, 2019, while surrounded by his wife and sons who loved him, joined in prayer. His spirit is now united with God and he is reaping the heavenly rewards for a life nobly lived.

Kevin was born in Silver Creek, NY to Reverdy & Rosemary. A proud American, Texan, and Army veteran; he is survived by his wife, Michelle (Shelly); his 3 sons: Matthew (Christina), Christian, and Payton; and his beloved dogs: Gunner and Cooper. Kevin battled cancer with admirable courage and perseverance, inspired by former Navy Seal Marcus Luttrell to not give up. He was determined to get better and continue living for his family until the very end.

Kevin graduated from Virginia Military Institute in 1974 with a degree in Literature. After six years in the Army, Kevin departed as a senior captain to pursue other interests. He was a proud member of the First Armored Division who spent most of his time as an armor officer overseas in Germany. Kevin's life changed when he met the love of his life: Shelly. Their love story resulted in three children: Matthew, Christian, and Payton. He raised them to be men

of honor. He possessed an ability to maintain composure while being so loving and protective of his three sons. They always knew how much they were loved and how proud he was of them. He was the team photographer during each of their athletic careers, but also ended up being a motivational coach to young men needing a kind word or a nod of assurance. Kevin's approach spread to many of his son's friends and many considered him a father figure. Kevin enjoyed guns and self-defense, fishing and hunting, and spending time with friends and family. Once he moved to Texas, he became an avid feral hog hunter and spent many hours in the blind on his property. Kevin loved being a rancher and enjoyed being around his herd of cattle. He would often call to his "ole cows!" and would smile at you when they would respond to him. However, nothing could take the place of his beloved dogs Cooper and Gunner. Kevin, like his father Reverdy, also enjoyed the many birds that came to visit because of the beautiful birdhouses he had placed throughout the yard. Sitting on the back porch he would always take a moment to point out such a bird to you, so you could admire it together.

Kevin had many friends and valued them deeply. He loved to share a drink with visitors and also enjoyed bantering with some of his buddies through email or text. He was often the center of attention with his witty humor and the occasional outrageous joke. His genuine nature was respected and loved by all. These friendships and their importance were evident in his final days. He cherished his relationship with God and the Caldwell County Cowboy Church. The Lord was always with him and later in his life he began to treasure that walk. His wife and boys look forward to the day where we will all be reunited again in God's warm embrace.

If inclined, in lieu of sending flowers to mourn Kevin we ask that donations be made to some of his favorite charities: St Joseph Indian School, Dale Volunteer Fire Department or Caldwell County Cowboy Church. Kevin loved life. Share that love with others.

A memorial service is planned for December 7th, 2019 at P-N Ranch. The

memorial service is 2:00 p.m at the ranch with BBQ and potluck to follow.

"So live your life that the fear of death can never enter your heart.  
Trouble no one about their religion; respect others in their view, and  
Demand that they respect yours. Love your life, perfect your life,  
Beautify all things in your life. Seek to make your life long and  
Its purpose in the service of your people.  
Prepare a noble death song for the day when you go over the great divide.  
Always give a word or sign of salute when meeting or passing a friend,  
Even a stranger, when in a lonely place. Show respect to all people and  
Bow to none. When you arise in the morning, give thanks for the food and  
For the joy of living. If you see no reason for giving thanks,  
The fault lies only in yourself. Abuse no one and nothing,  
For abuse turns the wise ones to fools and robs the spirit of its vision.  
When it comes your time to die, be not like those whose hearts  
Are filled with fear of death, so that when their time comes  
They weep and pray for a little more time to live their lives over again

In a different way. Sing your death song and die like a hero going home."  
-Chief Tecumseh

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin E. Newton*

October 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Kevin E. Newton*

October 04, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ *Kevin E. Newton*

September 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ *I just returned from a hunt in Idaho to learn of Kevins passing. I met Kevin through a mutual friend when Kevin allowed my son and I to hunt hogs on his land. We shared common interest and were both veterans. He was always generous and kind to me, my friends and my family. I will miss visiting with him and my heartfelt condolences and prayers of comfort go out to his family. Thanks for sharing your blessings with us Kevin.-Shane*

**Shane Witcher** - November 10, 2019 at 09:51 AM



*I think that was one of his favorite things... to share the ranch. Thank you.*

**Shelly** - November 12, 2019 at 11:22 AM

JV

*Kevin was a classmate of mine and I really looked up to him. He had a great sense of humor and was well-liked by all of his peers. I had always hoped I would run into him during our adult years. Unfortunately, that never happened and I feel sad it never will. May he rest in peace.*

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**James Vincent** - December 03, 2022 at 03:28 PM

CP

*“ Within our hearts, the ones we love are never gone - in spirit and in memory, their legacy lives on. In your memories, may you find comfort. In your friends and family, may you find love. And in your heart, may you find the strength to help you through this sad time. The VMI Class of 1974 mourns the passing of one of our beloved Brother Rats. On behalf of the class, we send our deepest sympathy.*

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**Colonel Wayland E. Parker** - November 07, 2019 at 08:02 PM

SH

*Thank you Colonel Parker. I believe one his proudest achievements was to have been part of VMI - 1974. Matter of fact it is on his license plate. Thank you for your kind words. Shelly*

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**Shelly** - November 12, 2019 at 11:28 AM

SA

*“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Stuart T Ashton** - November 05, 2019 at 08:03 AM

SA

“ *Ich hatt' einen Kameraden - One of my roommates my 1st Class year at VMI. A good friend who will be missed.*

Stuart T Ashton - November 05, 2019 at 08:02 AM

SH

*Thanks for the priceless picture and for sharing. Can you tell us who the "rats" were around him? Shelly and the boys*

Shelly - November 12, 2019 at 11:29 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kevin E. Newton.*



November 02, 2019 at 06:11 PM

MM

“ Kevin Newton. Just those two words bring a smile to my face. We go through our lives and meet so many people along the way...but how many actually make a difference in your life? Kevin made a difference in my life.

*Boss, mentor, leader, confidante, and most importantly...friend. My life is different because of him. Our country was built and defined by men like Kevin Newton. He was selfless, unassuming, a loyal and loving husband, a fiercely proud father...a throwback of a man.*

*His sons and Shelly need to see Kevin's last text to me, one I will keep forever. My wife and I are expecting our first child with help from God. It goes like this:*

*"When you see that baby take it's first breath...when they put that baby into your hands...everything you thought was important really isn't. It's like God stepped into the room.*

*The only thing that matters is love for your child. You will be great Dad. Good for you. I love you Mike."*

*I can only hope that I'm as good of a Dad as Kevin was.*

*Thank you God for putting Kevin into my life, I will miss him terribly but will honor him by trying to live my life with the same grace that he did.*

*Miss you already bro.*

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**Mike Matz** - November 01, 2019 at 06:53 PM

SH

*Love you Mike.*

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**Shelly** - November 12, 2019 at 11:26 AM

SE

“ Close to 25 years spent together shooting IDPA matches, shooting the shit over IHop breakfast's and later, the hilarious long distant phone calls, So many joyous and wonderful memories. You were truly the finest friend I could ever have. I remain very close to you. So, safe travels my friend. May Zeus's Shield, the Aegis carry you to heaven and final rest. Watch over Shelly and the boys and please, don't look down and grimace when I shoot a tad too fast and "Mike" a head shot. - Sean

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**Sean** - November 01, 2019 at 06:35 PM

SH

*He loved you Sean. Thanks for sharing.*

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**Shelly** - November 12, 2019 at 11:27 AM

DP

*Hello to his family. I am a fellow Army vet and knew Kevin in Illinois where we both worked at American Hospital Supply Company and we fished Northern Ontario a couple of times - great times and I enjoyed his company. Though I have not seen him in many years, I regret not being able to see him again in this world. I wish all God's tender mercies to his family.*

*Don Perryman*

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**Donald Perryman** - August 17, 2020 at 05:07 PM