



Keith Michael Williams

December 18, 1994 - July 24, 2014

Keith's Obituary

Keith Michael Williams was born in Visalia CA 12/18/94 to Frankie Williams and Debbie Tuttle.

Keith was the youngest of three and was fondly known as “Keepers” or “The Boy”.

Keith attended Crestwood Elementary, Royal Oaks and Linwood Elementary, La Joya Middle school and graduated from El Diamante High School in 2013. Keith participated in Football, Drum Line, El Diamante Link Crew, and was part of the Homecoming Court 2013. Keith was a SCICON camp counselor and was an ASA softball umpire. Keith enjoyed dove hunting, attending pow-wows, and any activity that put him in motion – long boarding, snowboarding, skiing, and surfing. Keith loved listening to music and hanging out with his best friend Martin Sustaita.

Keith upheld a long time tradition of his family to join the US Army infantry after high school. He graduated from Fort Benning, GA on August 18, 2013. He was stationed in Fort Carson, CO in December 2013 and deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom Afghanistan in March 2014. Keith sustained a head injury when an IED struck his vehicle and he was airlifted to the Kandahar hospital where he died. Staff Sgt. Benjamin Prange (Nebraska) was

also killed and three other soldiers survived the explosion.

He is survived by his Step-father Mike Tuttle and step-mother Tara Williams, sisters Samantha Williams, Chelsea Sestini , step-sisters Alice Shabazian, Maggie Boles, and Step-brothers Nick Boles and Christopher Tuttle, his brother in-law Shaun Sestini and nieces and nephews Reagan, Trent and Greyson Sestini and Kenna Williams, Grandmother Jean Painter (Australia) and multiple aunts, uncles and cousins in Porterville, Australia and New Zealand.

He is preceded in death by his Grandparents Harry and Edna Williams (Porterville), Robert Painter (Australia) , and his Auntie Pamela Williams (Porterville) and Marie Painter (New Zealand).

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Keith M Williams Memorial Scholarship at Educational Employees Credit Union, P.O. Box 5242, Fresno, CA 93755-5242) or the Wounded Warrior Project.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 635-1144
info@salseranddillard.com
<https://www.salseranddillard.com>

Service

AUG 9. 10:00 AM (PT)

Visalia First Assembly of God
3737 S Akers St
Visalia, CA 93277

Service

AUG 9. 11:00 AM (PT)

El Diamante High School
5100 W Whitendale Ave
Visalia, CA 93277

Tribute Wall

KW

“ *he was my uncle i am kenna and i very much miss him and wish i could meet him again and remember more of him* ”



kenna williams - March 23 at 01:03 PM

JB

“ To the family of Pvt. Keith Michael Williams, Although I did not know Keith personally, another son has been sacrificed serving and protecting our country, dedicating his time and talents. I can see he was a loving, gentle, giving, serving young man who was loved by all those he encountered in his life.

Needless to say, he will be sorely missed by his family, friends and many others.

Tears well in my eyes, because I, too, lost a loved one to the Vietnam war in 1966. It has been a long time, but I can still see his face and recall the tragedy of the sniper hit when he was going on R & R. I held the folded flag close to my heart after the chaplain arrived at my home with the tragic news.

May God continue to give you all strength, peace and comfort during this difficult time.

May the memories of dear Keith fill your heart and soul with joy because he would want you to remember him that way. I will continue to keep you all in my prayers daily...

There will always be one more day to heal and reflect...God's blessings to you!

Jane Bedrosian

Fowler, Ca



Jane Bedrosian - August 27, 2014 at 04:07 PM

SH

“ Sandi Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Keith Michael Williams



Sandi Hawkins - August 11, 2014 at 12:01 AM

MO

“ I want to express condolences to the family of this brave young man. I especially want his Mother Debbie Tuttle know that I am thinking of her and that I am praying that God gives her the strength to get through this tragedy. I can only imagine what pain this is causing her and her family. I am sorry I am unable to attend the services do to family obligations but know that you will all be in my thoughts and prayers.

Mary Ontiveros

Mary Ontiveros - August 08, 2014 at 07:19 PM

JK

“ My Deepest Condolences for the loss of your brave son.



Jana K. - August 06, 2014 at 03:37 PM

SM

“ Sid, Rod, Veronica, Ariana, Isaiah & Danille (The Miramontes purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Keith Michael Williams.



Sid, Rod, Veronica, Ariana, Isaiah & Danille (The Miramontes
- August 06, 2014 at 01:05 PM