



Mr. Earnest Ray Royal

November 17, 1959 - September 20, 2015

Earnest Ray Royal of Alpharetta, GA passed away suddenly on Sunday September 20th 2015. Beloved Husband of 29 year to Kathy, Father to Danny, Jerome & Danielle, Grandfather to Dwayne Born November 17th 1959 in Hutchinson, TX, the fourth child of Earnest Roy and Vassie Lee Royal. Upon graduating from Borgor High School, Earnest enlisted in the United States Air Force where he proudly served his beloved country from 1979 until his retirement in December 1999. Earnest went on to achieve his Associates Degree from Georgia Perimeter College and was looking forward to graduating from GSU in 2016 with his Bachelors in Business Science. While Earnest maintained a busy and devoted home and school life, he also had the pleasure of spending the last 15 years serving as a security office for The Northsore community where his loving smile and caring demeanor extended far beyond the gates that he protected. Earnest's easy and warm personality gained him many friends who ultimately became his extended family. Earnest will be sadly missed and longed for always by all who knew and loved him. A graveside service will be held on Monday, September 28, 2015 at 2:30pm at Georgia National Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Sunday from 3:00 until 6:00pm at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors. In Lieu of flowers the family welcome memorial contributions.

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

5580 Knox Bridge Hwy.,
Canton, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 27. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Crematory
12050 Crabapple Rd
Roswell, GA 30075

Graveside Service

SEP 28. 2:30 PM (ET)

Georgia National Cemetery
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Canton, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Earnest Ray Royal*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Royal was such a gentle, kind man who cared for the neighborhood and his family so much. He will be missed by so many. We are so very sorry for your huge loss. Be strong. Always, the Scotts*

Nancy Scott - October 03, 2015 at 11:00 AM



“ *Deepest sympathy to Kathy and family on your sad loss thinking of you at this sad time from Catherine walsh and family*

Catherine Walsh - September 30, 2015 at 02:58 PM



“ *To kathy and family, in our thoughts and prayers, with love from Auntie Sally and the Ward family xxx*

anne ward - September 29, 2015 at 11:16 AM

DK

“ 27 years we had you and in an instant you where gone.
So many plans and wishes lost, so many "should haves" remain. The only thing that is certain is that you where loved more than you could have ever comprehended.

Your love and smile wasn't reserved for just those at home, you shared it freely and hear about the impact it had on others has been beautiful.

We laid you to rest among beauty and peacefulness and when we left our broken hearts remained.

We will love you forever and be thankful to you for eternity.
I love you Dad



Danielle & Karl - September 28, 2015 at 07:23 PM

RB

“ To the Royal Family, please accept my deepest heartfelt sympathy for your loss! I will miss the talks Earnest (my fellow retired Air Force member) and I would have whenever we ran into each other in the subdivision. Earnest's infectious smile and gentle demeanor will truly be missed!

Ron Blair

Ron Blair - September 28, 2015 at 04:02 PM

NH

“ We will never forget Officer Royal and his kind, caring soul. He brightened my day every time I passed through the gate. Always wanting to talk and ask about our kids throughout our 8 years in Northshore. We will miss his smile and his beautiful spirit. Rest in peace Ernest. Always: The Hollenbeck Family

Nancy Hollenbeck - September 28, 2015 at 08:00 AM

LF

“ Love Always, The Sands Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mr. Earnest Ray Royal.



Love Always, The Sands Family - September 27, 2015 at 10:25 PM

Laken Carter

“ Deepest sympathys to Auntie Kathy, Danielle and Jerome. A great soul taken too soon, he will truly missed by all who who had the privilege and honour to know him. RIP Uncle Royal. Love Kristofer, Laken and Oliver xxxxxx

Llverpool

Laken Carter - September 27, 2015 at 03:10 PM

CC

“ *Officer Royal will always be a precious memory, sustained by every entrance into Northshore. We truly don't know of any other individual who so consistently greeted all in his path with an unconditional smile and warmth. We shared his family, our family, his Air Force experience and ours in many conversations as we passed through the gate. Our world has suffered a great loss but God's heaven has a new star ... and thankfully one day we will all share his smile again. Love, Cindi and Charlie Campbell and our entire Family.*

Charles Campbell - September 27, 2015 at 12:29 PM

MD

“ *To Uncle Royal,*

We are very sorry that you are no longer with us. We want to thank you for your kindness, sending us thoughtful gifts since we were born. Our Christmas stockings from you and Aunty Kathy will always remind us of you. We would have loved to have met you, but we feel we know you from your photos xx

Night, night. Love & kisses from Izabella, Oliver and Jude in Liverpool xxxxx

Marion Dykes - September 27, 2015 at 12:21 PM

BM

“ *That beautiful smile and gracious demeanor will be sorely missed here at Northshore. Our family, extended family, and friends all love Officer Royal. He was so kind to everyone who came through. So proud of his own family too! It was great to talk with him about them and what he was doing. What a great man and we are truly blessed to have known him. Our prayers are with you. God has gained a beautiful soul with him in heaven*
The Miller Family

bettilee miller - September 27, 2015 at 10:55 AM

ML

“ *Mary, Michael, Susan, Marion, Brian, Families in Liverpool purchased the Majestic Heart for the family of Mr. Earnest Ray Royal.*



Mary, Michael, Susan, Marion, Brian, Families in Liverpool -
September 27, 2015 at 09:28 AM

SM

“ *Our love and prayers go to Kathy, Jerome and Danielle, Royal was taken from them far too soon .
May he rest in peace X
Aunty Rita ,Teresa, Sharon , Mark and families*

sharon Manion - September 27, 2015 at 08:02 AM

SU

“ Dear Royal, my dear Son-in-Law. How very saddened I was to hear the news last Sunday of your sudden and tragic passing. We didn't see each other often due to the distance between countries, but I enjoyed speaking with you on the 'phone and your laugh was always a joy to hear. I know I have you to thank for posting the numerous parcels Kathy always managed to prepare, never complaining about the time spent standing in line in the Post Office!!! A reflection of your patience and good nature.

You will be sadly missed but we have cherished memories of a very special man.

Rest in peace Royal.

Thinking of my Daughter Kathy, Grandson Jerome and Granddaughter Danielle at this very sad time.

Lots of love from Mum and Brian xxxxxx

Sue - September 27, 2015 at 07:37 AM

SU

“ *Dearest Royal, Brother in law to Susan and Robert, Uncle to Dominique, Alexander and Kristofer, Great Uncle to Izabella, Oliver and Jude.*

Who would have thought that we would be writing a tribute to one so young, taken so suddenly from this world. We are both shocked and saddened at the news.

"Sweet is your memory, precious is your name, deep in our hearts you will always remain. There comes a time for all of us when we must say goodbye, but memories of those we love live on and never die".

Taken from his family much too soon.

Our deepest sympathy and love are sent to our Sister Kathy, Danielle and Jerome.

Susan, Robert and families xxxx

Sue - September 27, 2015 at 07:21 AM

DF

“ *Dr. Marcus Brown and family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Earnest Ray Royal.*



Dr. Marcus Brown and family - September 27, 2015 at 06:42 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Mr. Earnest Ray Royal.*



September 26, 2015 at 09:06 PM



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MD

“ *It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that we write this tribute to our Brother in Law, Royal. Words cannot describe the shock and disbelief we are feeling since hearing the news of his passing. A kind natured, gentle, happy soul, with an infectious laugh that we will always remember.*

*Speaking to Royal now It's been a long time since we saw you, us in England and you in the USA, but you were always part of the telephone conversations between Kathy and us, and the sharing of humorous stories always brought laughter to us all. We could never explain our gratitude for the love and devotion you gave to our Sister and our Nephew, Jerome. 'Team Royal'. I don't know any Father that cared for a Son the way you did, nor do we know anyone that applied so much lotion to his son to make sure his skin was so soft that he was as slippery as an eel - that always made us laugh too! We apologise for our failed attempts at mimicking your American accent, but your Liverpudlian accent wasn't too brilliant either you know! We looked forward to seeing you all again in the future but, sadly, it won't be so. You were thought of with fondness and we hope you knew that - you always will be. Thank you for being part of our lives and for all you were and will always be to Kathy, Danielle and Jerome. Rest in peace big fella and take all our love with you.
Ken & Marion xxxx*

Our heartfelt sympathy to my sister Kathy and to Danielle, Danny and Jerome.

"Words are few, feelings deep, but the memories of you we will always keep. Always in our hearts".

Marion Dykes - September 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

LM

“ It was always a joy to see Officer Royal at the gate. We would say " Oh !! It's Earnest Royal !!!" His wonderful smile, positive attitude and gentle presence will be greatly missed by us and so many others. We offer his family our heartfelt sympathy and pray that the peace of God will be with them during this difficult time.
The McDougall Family

Louise McDougall - September 25, 2015 at 02:35 PM

NG

“ My heart was heavy with sadness when I learned of Earnest's passing! Our family loved him. He seemed to remember everyone and was warm and welcoming to our family and our visitors. I loved speaking with Earnest, as he was such a lovely soul, so kind, humble and personable. His smile was infectious and he always had one on his face no matter what he was going through. I know he loved his family because he spoke fondly of them. He will be greatly missed by all that he encountered. I wish for the Royal family much peace, comfort and strength from the Heavenly Father. You are in my continued prayers. – Nancy Glass

Nancy Glass - September 25, 2015 at 01:41 PM

DA

“ Officer Royal always had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye! He was one of the loveliest people that my entire family, including grandparents, looked forward to seeing when we came home. We will truly miss him and hope he knew how much he was loved by our entire neighborhood!!! What a good good man. We will miss him SO MUCH!!!!!! Love The Gorski Family

Dawn - September 25, 2015 at 11:21 AM

KH

“ Our prayers to the family of Officer Royal--a man of commitment, kindness and caring. Officer Royal was a part of our family too, as guard for our neighborhood for over 10 years, and he made each of us feel happy and safe. He extended his warmth and loving nature to all our children and represented our neighborhood with class and professionalism to all our guests. I know he is smiling in heaven and we offer our sincere condolences to his family. We are so sorry for your loss. We miss him too, greatly.

The Heyerdahl family

Kelly Heyerdahl - September 25, 2015 at 10:23 AM

WK

“ Officer Royal was a gentleman, a true friend, and a loving family man. Even though I knew him for a short time while my wife underwent treatment for cancer in Atlanta, our conversations at the entrance gate where my daughter lives were so meaningful. His smile and gentle demeanor to all the people he met were tokens of friendship and kindness for everyone. May the gate keeper of our heavenly Father open the gates to heaven for a kindred soul who deserves to sit at his right hand side. I pray for his wife and son whom he always spoke so kindly of and hope that they will be comforted during their hour of need. My heart was broken today as I learned of his passing. I will miss a true friend. May he rest in peace with our Lord and Savior. *Bill Kissam*

William T. Kissam - September 24, 2015 at 09:13 AM

DA

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Dawn - September 24, 2015 at 01:19 PM

MC

Officer Royal – Called to Arms!

Officer Royal is a modern-day inspiration and an example of a man of his word. That is rare.

-- First, 28 years ago he told his wife, Kathy, for better or for worse, in sickness and in health, till death do us part. He kept that word.

-- Second, Jerome, his 27-year old “special” son, requires full-time care which he & Kathy joyfully delighted in together!!! Upon meeting Jerome, his childlike dependence and happy confidence in knowing all his needs will be met made me want to stay there and just relax in that space. For Earnest it was a high honor to care for such a wonderful person!!!

-- Third, as a military man, he gave his word years ago to care for our families and country. This was not about “duty.” It was truly motivated by “love.”

We are heartbroken because he meant a lot to us all.

He was extended family, and we knew if we needed him, All we had to do was call.

He was a leader to more kids than you’d ever know. From the time, the triplets were three,

He was already helping them to be the best they could be.

They were impressed how he was reading all the time. Taking classes, at a campus and on-line.

They trusted him as a true friend.

He knew secrets, but kept privacy, throughout the end.

In Closing,

Officer Royal has been “Called to Arms”.

Our hope is he is in our Heavenly Father’s arms.

In the name of Jesus, we celebrate his 53 years of life.

And our prayer is for this world’s support for his son and loving wife!

The Conrad Family – Stuart, Margaret, Samuel, Courtney, Spencer

Margaret K. Conrad - September 27, 2015 at 06:06 PM

MJ

Deepest sympathy to our cousin Kathy, You are in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

*Eternal rest give unto him o lord
and let perpetual light shine upon him
may he rest in peace. AMEN*

Mary Johnston - September 28, 2015 at 11:54 AM