



Katie Lynn Desmond

September 1, 1979 - December 2, 2015

Katie Desmond (nee Brown) passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday December 2nd, at the age of 36.

Katie is survived by her husband, Daniel Desmond of Tallahassee, her parents James and Kathleen Brown of Payson, AZ, her brothers Thomas Brown, her brother James Brown Jr and his significant other Imelda Lopez of Phoenix, AZ, her sister Kristie Scisim (nee Brown) with her husband Jason Scisim, a great-aunt who Katie adored very much Jean Hogue, and many other uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Katie served honorably in the United States Army as a Military Police Officer for 8 years, with multiple deployments to Iraq, earning the Army Commendation Medal (x3), the Combat Action Badge, the Iraq Campaign Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. The patriotism and love of country that the military instilled never left Katie after her return home. Katie was a valued member of the Tallahassee Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3308, where she was a Life Member.

After Katie's return home, she earned her Associates Degree in Biology from Florida Keys Community College in Key West, before moving to Tallahassee to attend Florida State University for Biology, where her degree was in progress at the time of her passing. Katie was a proud Seminole and enjoyed watching FSU football. Katie's dream was to work with endangered Florida wildlife, particularly baby animals.

Katie was a loyal and caring wife, and an outgoing and warmhearted friend to

all those around her. Always willing to lend a hand or to just listen to a friend in need, Katie will be dearly missed by all those who knew her.

Services will be Thursday, December 10th at 12:30 PM at the Tallahassee National Cemetery on Apalachee Parkway. Donations can be made in lieu of flowers at the website set up in her name, www.gofundme.com/KatieDesmond. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. 850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

Tallahassee National Cemetery
5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Tribute Wall

AP

“Katie I truly miss you. I know we were close as kids. I pray and think about you all the time. My prayers are extended to the Brown family, and your husband. I know you are in a great place right now. Oh yea.....Katie you are a true American Hero. I am proud to say you are my cousin.

Your Cousin,
Andy Perkins

andy perkins - April 12, 2016 at 07:12 AM

EV

“Eva lit a candle in memory of Katie Lynn Desmond



Eva - December 15, 2015 at 12:18 PM

Eva
Vietmeier

I'm not sure I've ever met you, if only a few times. I am sorry Katie, that nothing could take your pain away. My husband is off to PTSD counseling in 30 mins, and I don't go at all. We are all such sensitive beings, my heart is absolutely broken for you, your family, the rest of the individuals that were put in such horrible positions our flesh was not supposed to take on. My heart aches and I wish I were with you. GOD BLESS you I LOVE YOU.

Eva Vietmeier - December 15, 2015 at 12:37 PM

MO

“ I did not know your beautiful wife. My Son lost his battle with PTSD as well 5 years ago. I just want you to know you're not alone, you did not cause this and you could not have prevented it. Much ? and peace today and always!

Mom - December 10, 2015 at 05:26 PM

CS

“ My heart breaks for you.....May God wrap his arms around you all and give you strength. May the love you feel from family and friends give you peace.

Cheryl Schauman - December 08, 2015 at 04:54 PM

WC

“ I am a member of a MP Veteran group on Facebook and read about what happened. I did not know Katie but as, a fellow MP Veteran and Former Funeral Director, I wanted to send my deepest condolences to the family. Just know you are in my thoughts and prayers in your time of need. God speed Katie !!!

Willy Conkle
Military Police
1989-1992
Desert Storm

william conkle - December 08, 2015 at 05:21 AM

CR

“ Christina Rittal lit a candle in memory of Katie Lynn Desmond



christina rittal - December 07, 2015 at 03:18 AM

JN

“Katie, We just spoke last month and you talked about coming and visiting. I suggested a mini-reunion. I wish we had that chance. I love you dearly and you were such a great friend. Praying for Daniel and all your loved ones, as well as all our brothers and sisters in Arms fighting this same battle.



Johnnye Nicholas - December 07, 2015 at 03:16 AM

CR

Thank you very much for your service .I wish we can help all of the Soldiers suffering with this terrible disease .May the Lord above Bless you..Mother of SSGT.Thomas A.RITTAL 3Rd

christina rittal - December 07, 2015 at 03:22 AM

RR

Rest in the arms of the Lord, prayers for you family and thank you for your service Sister Veteran. Bob Ryan 95B

Robert J Ryan - December 22, 2015 at 05:04 PM

AJ

“Katie, it has been a long time since we spoke, many years in fact. Life has happened and we lost touch... I am honored to have served with you. My memories of you are of a caring woman who loved her country and kind to the people around you. I will also remember our many shared laughs! You won't be forgotten.

Amanda Jungkuntz - December 06, 2015 at 09:51 PM

Erica Rodas

“ *Our Heartfelt condolences to Kati'se Family*

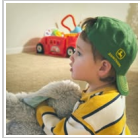
from a wife with a combat vet hubby coping with PTSD. USMC

Respectfully,

Rodas Family



Erica Rodas - December 06, 2015 at 07:59 PM



“ *Maybe you've found peace now Katie. I never served but most of the men in my family have and I know two other friends who have suffered from PTSD. I suffer from something similar but not from military service. I have managed to survive but I understand the struggle. God bless your family and may they take pride in what you did for our country and take comfort in knowing that you did the best you could with what it cost you. And Daniel, thank you as well. It sounds like you gave her all the support you could but some things are stronger than we are. I wish you peace.*



Laurie Gallagher - December 06, 2015 at 05:40 PM

CR

I am very sorry for your lost .I lost my Son 8 months ago with this disease PTSD .I know how your feeling yo list someone you love .My cars of my son was preventable but the army failed him and the NCOs that He worked for failed him.May you rest in peace and thank you very much for your wonderful service .May the Lord above Bless you .May God Grant blessings to your family ..mother of SSG.THOMAS A.RITTAL 3Rx

christina rittal - December 07, 2015 at 03:16 AM

TO

I am sorry to read about your lose. I am proud of Katie and what she has done for her country, and I am proud to call her my MP sister. You are in my prayers.

*Todd Wines
US Army Military Police
1988-2008*

Todd - December 08, 2015 at 05:50 AM

 Edwin
Foster

“ *Katie, never had the honor and privilege to server with you (1974-1996), but your dedication does this veteran proud. May you finally find the peace you so deserve and may God grant your husband the peace, love, and wisdom to continue onward. God bless you and your family always. SFC Edwin Foster RET.*



Edwin Foster - December 06, 2015 at 03:27 PM

DD

“ *Dixie Driscoll lit a candle in memory of Katie Lynn Desmond*



Dixie Driscoll - December 06, 2015 at 02:03 PM

CR

“ *Katie,*

I never knew you, but from reading everyone's wonderful memories of you I have a clear picture of how wonderful you of a wife, daughter, sister and friend you were. Rest easy in Heaven, Soldier, we've got the watch now. Of The Troops, For The Troops.

*Craig
Director, Battle in Distress*



Craig - December 06, 2015 at 11:44 AM

 Chester Robinson

“ *We never served together (Army 68-70) but you are a sister in arms, Rest In Peace Katie.*

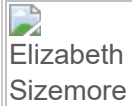
Chester Robinson - December 06, 2015 at 08:42 AM

 Ben Smith

“ *Our paths never crossed, but we served our country with honor, and that makes you a sister in my eyes. RIP Sister*



Ben Smith - December 06, 2015 at 06:37 AM



“ Elizabeth Sizemore lit a candle in memory of Katie Lynn Desmond



Elizabeth Sizemore - December 06, 2015 at 01:58 AM



“ Emma Maring lit a candle in memory of Katie Lynn Desmond



Emma Maring - December 06, 2015 at 12:21 AM



“ Joy lit a candle in memory of Katie Lynn Desmond



joy - December 05, 2015 at 09:46 PM



“ Kelley Snyder lit a candle in memory of Katie Lynn Desmond



Kelley Snyder - December 05, 2015 at 08:12 PM



“ *S Bach lit a candle in memory of Katie Lynn Desmond*



S Bach - December 05, 2015 at 08:07 PM



“ *Mare' Harmon lit a candle in memory of Katie Lynn Desmond*



Mare' Harmon - December 05, 2015 at 05:53 PM



“ *Mindy Remmert lit a candle in memory of Katie Lynn Desmond*



Mindy Remmert - December 05, 2015 at 03:55 PM

MA

“Katie, you have been released from the depth of PTSD. We believe sometimes there is no other way then to leave this world prematurely. I am sorry that our system has failed you and your family. IN heaven, you are no longer living in our own private hell. Please watch over your fellow sisters and brothers, we pray for peace. Rest in peace my fellow warrior

Mary Anderson-Kokell
Disabled Veteran

Mary Anderson-Kokell - December 05, 2015 at 03:25 PM



“Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Katie Lynn Desmond.



December 05, 2015 at 03:18 PM

TD

“Katie I don't know who you were, but I wanted to give my deepest condolences to your husband and family for their loss. There have been too many like you who were called to service and then forgotten by those who could have helped you. I am a Marine who served many years ago, but I worked with many of you as a contractor during the war in Iraq. I am sorry to hear of your passing and hope you finally have found peace. Wish it was here with your family though. God bless you and your family.

Tim "Gunny D" - December 05, 2015 at 02:27 PM

TS

“ Thomas F. Schatz lit a candle in memory of
Katie Lynn Desmond



Thomas F. Schatz - December 05, 2015 at 02:11 PM

TS

As a former member of the armed forces, who served in Viet Nam in the middle sixties, and is also fighting this horrid medical problem of PTSD, my deepest heart felt condolences to Mr. Desmond and all of Ms. Desmond's friends and family.

Thomas F. Schatz - December 05, 2015 at 02:15 PM

JJ

The War is over for you now Katie sleep in peace..Be assured that your service to our country is not forgotten by your brothers and sisters. I am a Army vet, peace be with the family at this most difficult time.

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

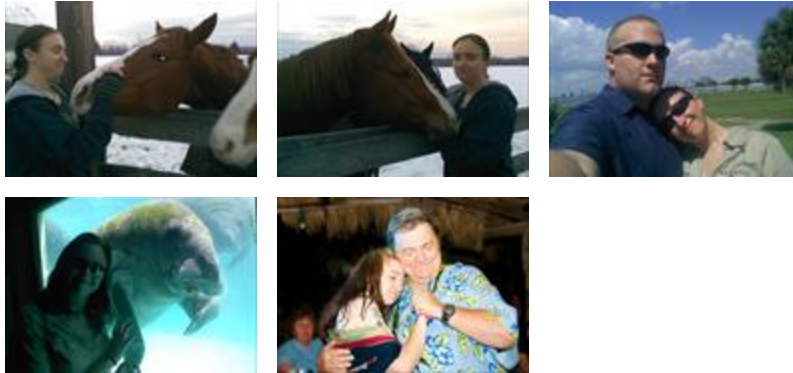
*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

Jeff Judy - December 05, 2015 at 04:27 PM

DD

“ 8 files added to the album *I miss you my love*



Daniel Desmond - December 05, 2015 at 12:50 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Katie Lynn Desmond*.



December 05, 2015 at 09:29 AM

RD

“ *Richard Desmond lit a candle in memory of Katie Lynn Desmond*



Richard Desmond - December 05, 2015 at 08:13 AM