



Joseph James (Smokey) Kadlub

August 2, 1934 - October 13, 2018

Joseph James (Smokey) Kadlub, age 84 of Acworth, passed away on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at Tranquility at Kennesaw Mountain. The family will receive friends on Saturday, October 20th from 4:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. at Darby Funeral Home. The funeral will be on Sunday, October 21st at 2:00p.m. in the chapel of Darby Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Georgia National Cemetery On Tuesday, October 23rd at 10:00a.m. He is survived by:

Wife - Ann Kadlub of Acworth

Son - Michael (Andrea) Kadlub of Woodstock

Son - Scott (Kari) Kadlub of Wesley Chapel, FL.

Son - Mark (Barbara) Kadlub of Jacksonville, FL.

Sister - Charmaine (Richard) Rameriz of AZ.

Grandchild - Kyle Kadlub

Grandchild - Jordyn Kadlub

Grandchild - Kelsey Kadlub

Grandchild - Reagan Kadlub

Grandchild - Luke Kadlub

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to Tranquility at Kennesaw Mountain, Wellstar Hospice at give@wellstar.org.

The caring staff of Darby Funeral Home is honored to serve the Kadlub family.

Events

OCT **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Darby Funeral Home

480 East Main Street, Canton, GA, US, 30114

OCT **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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Darby Funeral Home Chapel

480 East Main Street, Canton, GA, US, 30114

OCT **Graveside Service** 10:00AM

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Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Veterans Cemetery Rd., Canton, GA, US, 30114

Comments



“ Pop Smokey came into my life in August 1995. At that time, I was assigned to MCRD Parris Island as a Drill Instructor in my second platoon. A team of softball players called the "Florida Half Century Marines" made a visit to the depot. Pop Smokey was among the players on the team. I was assigned as their escort at the last minute. I wasn't initially assigned as the escort, but the DI, who was initially assigned, had to be replaced and I was named as the replacement. At first, it felt like I was being punished because I was removed from my platoon at a critical phase (Rifle Range) of our training cycle to serve in an escort capacity. I was also concerned that this 6 day assignment would set me back in my progress as a DI. So wrong on many fronts. For starters, the 6 days I spent on this assignment were a turning point in my tour as a DI, my career as a Marine and my life. I had the honor of touring the depot, listening to stories and meeting people who would impact my career and change my life. Pop Smokey was front and center among them. I had the chance to get to know him, listen to several stories about Tanks and hear his trademark laugh on several occasions. Of all the players from the team, his personality stood out among all the rest. By the time the tour was over, and when I returned to my company, I was jokingly asked by some of my fellow DI's about my escort assignment and my response surprised many of them when I said "That assignment was the BEST extra duty assignment I ever had!" I had no expectation of hearing from Pop Smokey or any of the others on the trip once it was over. However, we never lost complete touch with each other. Letters, phone calls and an occasional visit or two occurred over the years. Pop Smokey was always interested in hearing updates about my career and my life moving forward and because he took such an interest in me, I made sure that he was always on a short list of people who I kept informed about important events happening to me. I'm also grateful to him because the conversations and letters between the two of us were instrumental in me staying on active duty. His love for the Marine Corps was unconditional and without dispute. I really admired that considering he had left active duty many years before I met him, his love for the Corps had not wilted even one inch. It was crystal clear to me after meeting him and the others that the term "Once a Marine, Always a Marine", rang true. I'll also never forget his reaction to me whenever we saw each other. Some of the best hugs I have ever been on the receiving end of. The term "Semper Fidelis" was much more than just a phrase. It had personal meaning to him and he brought further validity to this through his own example every time I saw him, spoke to him or read a letter/card from him. Experiencing this firsthand was priceless to me because it helped me in so many future interactions with Marines that I served with while in a leadership capacity. I had not experienced having too many male role models in the early part of my life. For the last 23 years, I had one of the best male role models a person could have. I will never forget you and I will love you for the rest of my life, Pop Smokey. Until I see you again. Forever Grateful. Semper Fidelis!

Michael Diggs - October 19, 2018 at 05:48 PM



“ We knew him by the nick name Smokey.He was a great halfback for Tilden H.S. By "We" I mean ,6 of us who played for Gage Park.We created a "club " called the Mother Johns as all 6 of us hung out together. Because 4 of the 6 lived in "Back of the yards" we knew Smokey and made him an honorary member even thought we competed against each other.I believe I still have a picture of him with us from one of those booths where for a quarter you could take your picture. Even thought Tilden always beat us with Smokey and a young Blackman,, "Big Jim" we were all friends.
Rest in Peace
Bill Lamont

Bill Lamont - October 18, 2018 at 02:27 PM



“ From the Moreira family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph James (Smokey) Kadlub.



From the Moreira family - October 18, 2018 at 09:42 AM



“ Angeline C. purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Joseph James (Smokey) Kadlub.



Angeline C. - October 17, 2018 at 08:57 PM



“ Thoughts & Prayers was purchased for the family of Joseph James (Smokey) Kadlub.



October 16, 2018 at 10:25 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph James Kadlub.



October 15, 2018 at 10:20 PM



“ ‘To my brother. In law
You helped me out in a very emotional time back in December 1969 and I have
always remembered that. Rest In Peace Joe.
Thank you and God rest
Joey

Joseph Kedzior - October 15, 2018 at 09:36 PM