



Brett Dewayne Little

December 8, 1970 - October 11, 2017

Brett D. Little, 46, Kearney, died Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at his home. A memorial service will be 11:00 a.m., October 17, 2017 at Kearney E-Free Church, 4010 7th Avenue, Kearney, NE with Tim Stratton officiating, burial will be 3:00 p.m., at Ft. McPherson National Cemetery 12004 South Spur 56A Maxwell, Nebraska. Memorials are suggested to the Wounded Warrior Program and Veterans' Suicide Awareness Project.

Brett was born December 8, 1970 in North Platte, Nebraska to Jerry and Georgia (French) Little. He graduated from North Platte High School in May of 1989 and enlisted in the Army Reserves in the fall of 1989 where he remained active until his passing. He served a tour in Germany, was mobilized for Iraqi Freedom, and one tour in Kuwait during this time.

While serving in the Army Brett was awarded the following awards the Meritous Service Medal, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Hourglass, National Defense service Medal, Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, Global war On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and Overseas Service Ribbon.

Brett graduated from the University of Nebraska Kearney, where he was a member of the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity, in 1998 with a degree in Physical Education. While in college he worked for Weigand Security Company in

Kearney, Nebraska. He later became the owner of the company and expanded it to include a branch in North Platte.

Besides serving his country, Brett also loved wrestling, playing softball and spending time with his children which included supporting Macie and Jordan in their various sports and activities. He coached youth wrestling and especially enjoyed coaching his son Jordan. He was an avid Husker fan and loyal Miami Dolphins fan.

He is survived by his four children, Macie and Jordan of Kearney, Lawsen and Ian, of St. Paul; his parents, Jerry and Georgia Little of North Platte; siblings Jerri Phillips and her husband Matt, Denise Flanders and her husband Jim, Melody Miller and her husband Jim, John Little and his wife Natalee, sister Nadine Florea, all of North Platte; 36 nieces and nephews, 14 great nieces and nephews; and special friend Michelle (Niemack) Choplin of Shelton and her two daughters.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Kearney E- Free Church
4010 7th Ave.
Kearney, NE 68845

Graveside Service

OCT 17. 3:00 PM (CT)

Ft. McPherson National Cemetery
12004 South Spur 56 A
Maxwell, NE 69151

Tribute Wall



“ *Brett Dewayne Little*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Brett was a family member at one time and along with Rebecca gave me two of the most wonderful grandchildren Macie and Jordan. May Brett Rest In Peace al and Jody Lafferty Weatherford texas*

Josy Lafferty - October 17, 2017 at 08:05 AM



“ *I will never forget his smile. It was a pleasure to know him. My heart and prayers go out to you.*
David Frucci

David Frucci - October 16, 2017 at 09:55 PM



“ *The Bayley Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Brett Dewayne Little.*



The Bayley Family - October 16, 2017 at 12:56 PM

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“ 1SG Wade Taylor - 452nd OD CO, Aberdeen, SD purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Brett Dewayne Little.



1SG Wade Taylor - 452nd OD CO, Aberdeen, SD - October 16, 2017 at 11:38 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Brett Dewayne Little.



October 15, 2017 at 04:49 PM

MS

“ My deepest condolences and sympathy go out to Brett Little and his family. I knew him for a short time. He was a regular customer of mine at Pump and Pantry. I will truly miss him. He was always so kind to me. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers always. May you have found your peace. You will be truly missed. Thank you for your kindness my friend. Mandy Searle Pump #41

Mandy Searle - October 15, 2017 at 02:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brett Dewayne Little.



October 15, 2017 at 01:47 PM

TK

“ *Brett, who knew as I was cross leveled into the 295th back in 1991 that you would be such a huge part of my life. I watched you grow up in the Army, have a family and most of all..... I had you through every mobilization to make me laugh. You were the fun one, you were the one who would always protect and stand up for what you believed in. I will never forget you and I will always treasure the time we had. You've left a huge hole in this world and in our hearts by leaving. Rest In Peace my friend! Love you!*
Tammy and Tom Kielty

Tammy Kielty - October 15, 2017 at 01:38 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brett Dewayne Little.*



October 15, 2017 at 12:14 PM

BF

“ *Thinking and praying for the family. Brett's Dad is Bill's cousin. Please give them our sympathy. Bill and Theora Freeman*

Bill and Theora Freeman - October 15, 2017 at 09:38 AM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Brett Dewayne Little.*



October 14, 2017 at 05:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brett Dewayne Little.*



October 14, 2017 at 02:29 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Brett Dewayne Little.*



October 14, 2017 at 02:12 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Brett Dewayne Little.*



October 14, 2017 at 12:55 PM



“ *Prayers and hugs to the family left behind- Dean and Pat Pennington*

Dean and Pat Pennington - October 14, 2017 at 10:53 AM

HO

“ We had the pleasure of meeting and spending some time with Brett when he came to visit Travis. Our hearts Are sadden by the unexpected loss! May the angels wrap their wings around each of his children and family. We may never understand why it happens. Rest In Peace Brett!! You will be missed!!

Howard and Diana Okura - October 14, 2017 at 10:19 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brett Dewayne Little.



October 14, 2017 at 09:24 AM

JC

“ I only knew Brett a short time while we were stationed at the 295th Ord Co in Hastings, but I recall him being a wonderful and easy-going man. He was kind to me, my children and my pup.

He used to pick up my very shy little girl and make her giggle, which was something because she didn't take well to strangers at all. I'm so sorry for the incredible loss to his children, his family, and his fellow soldiers..I know he is missed and his presence will be sorely noticeable.



Jennifer Champoux - October 13, 2017 at 10:16 PM



Thank you, Jennifer! My brother always did love the little ones especially! I think they could always sense his huge and genuine heart!

Denise Flanders - October 15, 2017 at 12:06 PM

DR

“ I know that words are small comfort, but though Brett was only a regular part of my life for 4 years (on drill weekends) he was ALWAYS a good part. He was a mentor to me when I replaced him as a Platoon Sergeant. He never criticized without offering a different way and, despite his name, he was never belittling. He helped me gain a sense of perspective and figure out what was truly important for the platoon to know and be able to do. These have been principles and practices I continued to use throughout my Army career. He was never afraid to admit his own mistakes. He liked to make his own fireworks and I can remember him coming to drill with his hand all bandaged up and admitting that "perhaps mixing homemade fireworks with alcohol isn't always the best Idea but it sure was fun... until that one short fuse."
Brett, I will miss knowing you are there to call if I need advice. I've shared a uniform, an Army unit and a birthday with you and I wish I had known that I shared depression with you because I might have been able to help. Though I know you didn't mean to leave us with questions and, that under ordinary circumstances you wouldn't have chosen to, I hope you have found peace and that, eventually, we will.

Thank you Brett, for being you and sharing you with me,

Dan Reinoehl USAR SFC Ret.

Daniel Reinoehl - October 13, 2017 at 05:22 PM



Thank you, so much, Dan! If my heart could feel any joy right now, your words would bring that! I hope soon that will come! Your words are an amazing tribute to my brother! Thank you, so much once again! Denise Flanders

Denise Flanders - October 15, 2017 at 12:04 PM

JW

“ *Jeremy Wolzen sent a virtual gift in memory of Brett Dewayne Little*

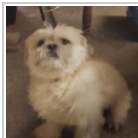


Jeremy Wolzen - October 13, 2017 at 05:14 PM



Thank you!

Denise Flanders - October 15, 2017 at 12:08 PM



“ *My prayers are with you all. Thank you for his sacrifices for our country. God bless you all.*

Vicki Wittgow - October 13, 2017 at 04:51 PM



Thank you!

Denise Flanders - October 15, 2017 at 12:08 PM

EJ

“ *Brett will be missed by many. I always enjoyed seeing him and visiting with him in the 25 years that I've known him. He was especially kind to Heath at wrestling and baseball practices and competitions. We're keeping all of his family and friends in our prayers during this difficult time.*

*With deepest sympathy,
Eileen, Mick, Emma, and Heath Jahn*

Eileen Jahn - October 13, 2017 at 02:50 PM



Thank you for your kind words, thoughts and prayers!

Denise Flanders - October 15, 2017 at 12:09 PM