



Garett Michael Swift

March 15, 1980 - September 4, 2017

Staff Sgt. Garett Michael Swift, a fire support specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div. of Fort Riley Kansas died, Monday September 4, 2017 in Kansas. Garett was born March 15, 1980 in Lansing and grew up in Charlotte. He graduated from Charlotte High School in 1998. Following graduation he attended Lake Superior State University.

As he was growing up he participated in the Eaton County 4-H program excelling in shooting sports and wood working programs. Garett had a love of animals starting with his dog, Nicki, at the age of 12. Garett, or “Hoover” as family knew him, had a great sense of humor with a bit of a mischievous streak. He was caring, soft spoken, and selfless. Garett would do whatever it took to care for his family and friends. He was great with kids, and his nieces Olivia and Kaylee looked up to him.

Before joining the Army, Garett worked with youth at the St. Vincent Home in Lansing and Starr Commonwealth in Albion. Garett served in the U.S. Army with tours in South Korea, Germany and two tours in Afghanistan. A member of his platoon remembered Garett as “an awesome platoon sergeant who was always there for his guys 100%.”

Garett is survived by his father, Michael Swift of Traverse City and mother,

Julie (Bruce) Telfer of Charlotte; wife, Sartorius Swift of Lansing; twin sons, Elijah and Isaiah Swift of Lansing; grandparents, Ron and Norma Shepler of Charlotte; sister, Amy (Jacob) Williams, of Nashville; step-sisters, Jill(Kurt) Graft of Lansing, and Cara (Justin) Videto of Jackson; uncle, Duane (Ann) Swift, of Wisconsin; and his cousins, nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Garrett's Life will be held 11:00 am Wednesday, September 13 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte with Jane Aldrich as Celebrant. Visitation is Tuesday, September 12, 2017, 3-7:00 pm at Pray Funeral Home. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Garrett on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Garrett Michael Swift



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - September 13, 2017 at 10:55 AM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Garrett Michael Swift



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - September 10, 2017 at 06:04 PM

CF

Great job on the tribute sorry Julie, Amy that you have to go through this RIP soldier

Charlotte freel - September 12, 2017 at 11:33 AM

KC

Watching this video breaks my heart. I remember the first time my husband and I met Garrett. It was shortly after arriving in Germany, where he was newly stationed with his family as well. He was always very quiet and shy, and had a very humble way about him. His wife and I clicked instantly, and over time, ended up sharing a life-changing event together that will forever link us as friends. I am saddened to see his family endure this, and wish only the best for everyone, especially their 2 incredibly sweet, twin boys. My thought and prayers are with the Swift Family during this trying time.

Kamelh Connell - September 12, 2017 at 12:47 PM

TY

I miss my friend dearly

Tye - September 16, 2017 at 02:38 AM

TA

“ I grew up going to school and graduated with Garrett. He was always so nice and friendly. An all around great guy. Sending prayers to the family. I'm so sorry for this loss.

Tawna - October 07, 2017 at 05:50 PM

TY

“ Lost for words very heart broken



Tye - September 16, 2017 at 02:43 AM

AW

“ *To My Brother, My Friend, My Hero, My Partner in crime, I love you and am so very proud of all that you have accomplished. Just rest now spread your wings and fly.*

Amy

Amy Williams - September 12, 2017 at 01:47 PM



Amy and family I am sorry for your loss. Prayers for all of you.

Mistelle Hollister - September 12, 2017 at 09:15 PM

TY

You and your family will forever be in my thoughts and prayers!

Tye - September 16, 2017 at 04:56 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Garrett Michael Swift.*



September 12, 2017 at 03:26 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Garrett Michael Swift.*



September 11, 2017 at 06:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Garrett Michael Swift.*



September 11, 2017 at 05:46 PM

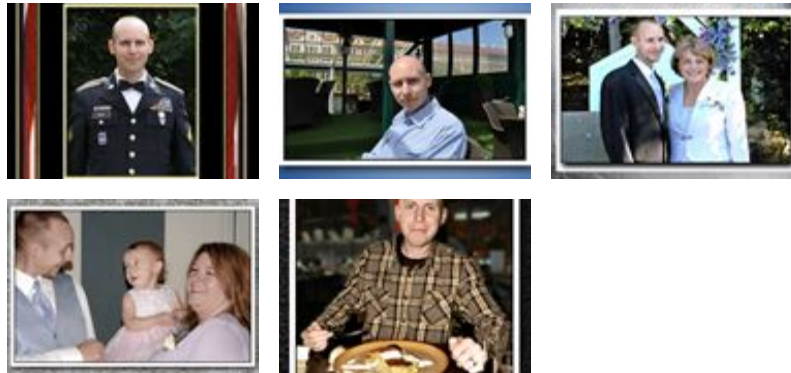


“ *Rob, Abby, Izzie and I are so sorry we cannot attend. Our hearts are heavy, and you all are in our deep thoughts and prayers. We love you. Rob & Courtney Swift*

Courtney Eggleston Swift - September 11, 2017 at 02:51 PM



“ *30 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - September 10, 2017 at 04:52 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss, wish we could be there for support Julie, you are in our thoughts. Carl and charlotte freel*

Charlotte freel - September 10, 2017 at 12:34 PM

GD

“ *Extending thoughts and prayers to his dad and uncle Duane and rest of family! Keep his brave memory alive. Gwen foltz depeel*

Gwen foltz depeel - September 09, 2017 at 03:18 AM

LC

“ *Loyd Cords lit a candle in memory of Garrett Michael Swift*



loyd cords - September 08, 2017 at 05:30 PM

JH

“ *I offer you my thoughts, prayers and well-wishes during this dark time in your life. While most of us are sleeping, few are protecting our freedom and Garrett was one of these few. A well decorated veteran of whom we should all be so proud of for the sacrifices he made to keep us safe. There is no greater accomplishment. Forever proud and grateful for his service. May he rest in peace.*

Jody Hamilton - September 08, 2017 at 01:49 PM

LK

My prayers and my gratitude for the service of this young man. May his family find comfort in the way he lived and served his fellow man. RIP young man.

Lois Kettner - September 10, 2017 at 11:29 AM

BF

*We are saddened to learn of the loss of your son, Mike and your nephew, Duane. You have our gratitude for Garrett's service to our country and our prayers for those he left behind.
Brynda Van Skike Filkins and David Filkins*

Brynda Filkins - September 10, 2017 at 09:47 PM

DW

“ My favorite memory of Garrett was when he pulled up in front of Allstate in his "Uncle Buck" car, Garrett got a huge cardboard box out of the back seat, brought it inside the office and it had a tiny little kitten in it. He gave it to his sister Amy. She named that kitty Tyson and he certainly lived up to his name. The kitty stories Amy would tell always made Garrett laugh and smile. May all your cherished memories give you comfort during this difficult time. Love and prayers

Deb Wells - September 07, 2017 at 09:28 PM