



Benjamin Ronk

Captain Benjamin Joseph Ronk passed away on December 26, 2015 in Clarksville, TN. Captain Ronk, son of Joseph B. Ronk (Faye) and Belinda Jividen (Glen) all of Kenova, WV. He was preceded in death by grandparents Sterling and Anna Mae Ronk and Wanda J. Seals and step-sister, Andrea J. Pennington. In addition to his parents, he is survived by son, Dylan James Ronk and his mother, Sherry Bernard of Adams, TN; sister, Stacie Ronk Patel (Mukesh) of Holly Springs, NC; step brothers, Paul Malone, Willow Wood, OH, Ricky Jividen, Wheelersburg, LH, Randy Jividen, Kenova, WV and Anthony Jividen (Tammy) of Glenwood, WV; his first wife, Christine Ronk of Wisconsin; and nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends. Benjamin went to grade and high school in Ceredo Kenova where he was known as BJ, although he graduated from Seaside High School in California. Over a period marking nearly 25 years, Captain Ronk served his country in varying capacities in uniform. He served eight years in Active Duty as an enlisted soldier, earning the rank of Sergeant, from 1991 to 1999. Through his enlistment he served as a Satellite Communications System Operator-Maintainer in various assignments, including a tour with the White House Office. Captain Ronk commissioned as a warrant officer in 1999 after being selected to attend the Rotary Wing Aviator Course at Fort Rucker, Alabama, serving another 12 years and seven months Active Duty from 1999 to 2012 as a UH-60 Pilot. During this time he successfully completed the UH-60 Instructor Pilot Course (2004) to become an instructor pilot at the U.S. Army

Aviation Center of Excellence. Captain Ronk attended the Physician Assistant Course and Army Flight Surgeon Primary Course in 2012 before commissioning as a First Lieutenant to serve his first assignment as a medical provider at 6th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He completed his career as the 501st Area Support Medical Company Treatment Platoon Physician Assistant with the 86th Combat Support Hospital. His current term of service was to expire in March 2016. During these periods of service, overseas and temporary duty locations included: Korea (1993-1994 and 2001-2002); Afghanistan, "Operation Enduring Freedom" (2002-2003); Iraq, "Operation Iraqi Freedom" (2004-2005 and 2005-2006); and Liberia, "Operation United Assistance" (2015). Visitation will be held on Friday January 8, 2016 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the 13th Street Baptist Church in Ashland, KY. Funeral services will begin immediately following the visitation at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Northeast, Grayson, KY.

Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Belinda and Joe,
Caring thoughts and wishes are there with you today and always. I will be saying a prayer for you and your family. May these few words help convey the thoughts of sympathy so deeply felt, yet so hard to express.*

Molly Bevins - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *So sorry for your loss. I remember BJ from our scouting days so long ago with Mr. Ronk. E had some really good times camping!!*

Dewey Ball - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Belinda and Family
I write this with tears in my eyes and a hole in my heart, I unfortunately can imagine how you must feel. The loss of a child leaves a void in life that cannot be filled, or though it seems that way at times. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all and of course our deepest condolences.
He was a true friend to me and I not only loved him dearly but admired and looked up to him as well for all his accomplishments in Life. He was my sons real life GI Joe. I can't express in words how much he will be missed by me and my family. I pray daily God will give you peace as you know he will.
With Love, The Millers*

Bill & Deitra Miller - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Belinda and family:

I'm so sorry for your loss. God bless.

Dee-Ann Burdette - January 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LU

“ Belinda and family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your son. May God Bless you and give you the peace and comfort that only HE can give.

*Love to all,
Lucretia*

Lucretia - January 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Sherry and Dylan,
I am so sorry you have lost someone so dear to you. I can't imagine your hurt. Please know I am here for you. If you need anything let me know. Praying for you.

To his parents, you and your family are in my prayers. I am so sorry for your loss.

*Sincerely,
Penny Mahaffey*

Penny Mahaffey - January 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I can't even express my condolences enough. I can remember the day your family bought old man slones house and BJ took me in to tour the old house before it was torn down and then was my friend during some rough times at home. And I loved having the beautiful Stacy there also who I looked up to. The saddest part of moving was leaving your family and although I haven't seen you for years I will always remember the saving grace your family was to me by always allowing me to vent to. Thinking of you all and praying for peace and comfort

Jacie Huff - January 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ I was Joe's tax preparer. He was a fine man and I enjoyed visiting with him when he came to the office. Peace and blessings to all of you his family and friends.

Lyndia Palmer - January 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Praying for you all during this most difficult time. May The Lord wrap his arms around you all. Love and prayers!

Becky and Rob Golden - January 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ To Belnda & Family and Joe & Family,
With our deepest condolences we pray our Father in Heaven will comfort you as you mourn the loss of your precious son. May He give you peace that passes all understanding in knowing you will be with him again soon!

Sincerely, Berlin & Carol Meredith

Berlin & Carol Meredith - January 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ It's heartbreaking to hear of the passing of someone who meant so much to so many people. I will keep the positive memories that I have of CPT Ronk's conversations about family during our deployment in Liberia last year.

May GOD extend HIS grace to you and bless you during this time.

Tiva Franklin - January 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ So sorry for your loss, sending love from Wisconsin during this time, I just can't seem to find the words but I know that your lives will be forever changed and finding a new normal will be challenging.. I know the good Lord has you in the palm of his hands and that is where he will keep you, the Lord in heaven is with you always..

Kris Armitage - January 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My heartfelt condolences to the grieving Mother and family of one so dear! THIS to me would be the deepest hurt that anyone could ever suffer, to lose a child! May God be extra loving and wrap them ALL in the Comfort of His Arms and carry them through this entire sorrow, being near to pick them up again! God bless you!
Deep Sympathy,
Judie Smith, Sons and families

Judie Smith - January 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ To the Ronk, Jividen, and Patel families,

So sorry to hear of the passing of BJ, I pray that the God of peace will wrap his arms around each of you.

Gail Porter Banks - January 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM