



## Eric Lee Donnell

September 23, 1973 - February 28, 2016

Eric Lee Donnell, age 42 of Bel Alton, MD, died February 28, 2016 at the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center in La Plata, MD.

Eric was a retired Captain with the U.S. Air Force with deployment twice to Kuwait. He was employed at Premium Distributors of Washington, DC and held a Master's Degree. He enjoyed riding motorcycles and Skyping with his granddaughter.

He was the son of Robert Alexander Donnell and Leona Isador Orr. He was also predeceased by his brother, Robert Donnell.

He is survived by his beloved companion, Heather Richards and her children, John and Sarah; his sons, Andrew (Destinee Wayne) Donnell and Austin Donnell; his brothers, Gary, Sam, Jeff, Lysle, Doug, Scott, Tim, Tom, and David; his sisters, Dorothy, Roberta, Mary, Lisa, and Dianne; and his granddaughter, Alizabeth.

Friends received on Sunday, March 6, 2016 from 2PM until time of Funeral Service at 5PM at Raymond Funeral Service Chapel, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Hits for Heroes, American Legion Post

54, PO Box 82, Leonardtown, MD 20650 or Paws for Veterans, 1900 S.  
Harbor City Boulevard, Suite 106, Melbourne, FL 32901.

# Previous Events

## Gathering

MAR 6. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel  
5635 Washington Ave.  
La Plata, MD  
business.office@raymondfuneral.com  
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Service

MAR 6. 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Eric Lee Donnell*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Eric Lee Donnell*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Kathy Donnell sent a virtual gift in memory of Eric Lee Donnell*



**kathy donnell** - March 23, 2016 at 06:08 AM



“ *Met Eric in 1997. He was my assistant crew chief on 208 at Keflavik Iceland. One of the best crewdog's I ever worked with, was happy to see him get STEP'd to SSgt. Easy going, but hardworking. I was glad to see him get his commission and go on to retire. RIP brother see ya on the otherside.*

**Mike Hatcher** - March 06, 2016 at 05:14 PM

DD

“ Dennis, Kari, Ryan and Christian Dean purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Eric Lee Donnell.



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**Dennis, Kari, Ryan and Christian Dean** - March 04, 2016 at 05:04 PM

DE

“ Donation made to the Hits for Heroes, American Legion Post 54  
P.O. Box 82  
Leonardtown, MD 20650

*From: HQ AFJROTC  
Maxwell, AFB AL 36112*

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**Debra** - March 04, 2016 at 03:02 PM

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**Debra** - March 04, 2016 at 02:35 PM

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**Debra** - March 04, 2016 at 02:33 PM

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**Patti Scheibach** - March 04, 2016 at 02:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Eric Lee Donnell*.



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March 04, 2016 at 02:21 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Eric Lee Donnell.*



March 04, 2016 at 02:16 PM



“ *Your family & friends at Premium Distributors of DC purchased the Fruits and Blooms Basket for the family of Eric Lee Donnell.*



**Your family & friends at Premium Distributors of DC - March 04, 2016 at 12:56 PM**



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**Rick - March 04, 2016 at 12:46 PM**



“ *James & Natasha Sherman purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Eric Lee Donnell.*



**James & Natasha Sherman - March 04, 2016 at 12:20 PM**



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eric Lee Donnell.*



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March 04, 2016 at 11:30 AM



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**AFJROTC** - March 04, 2016 at 10:15 AM



*Eric we will miss you here at HQ AFJROTC at Maxwell AFB. I remember you always picked on me by sneaking up behind me at my desk. We talked a lot about both of us being from New York and how you were excited to retire from the Air Force. Our sympathy goes out to Heather, your family and friends. From one Veteran to another, thank you for your service. We know the angels are taking care of you.*

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**AFJROTC** - March 04, 2016 at 10:39 AM

BD

*I know its been a while since my uncle past (about three years in fact)but I still miss him I didnt know my family well well I still dont because I was a little kid and I always played the xbox or ps4 until we left I should have spent more time with him and wish I did because I miss him it surprisingly hit my dad hard when he past he started crying first time ever espacially with the no feelings he has . That proved too me that he has feelings.Anyways its been awsome knowing him when he was alive and I will see u where ever you went just like Robert wish I knew him like my dad did because he sounded like a really cool dude.Well anyways I guess what im saying is that I miss you and ill see you where ever you are*

**Bryson Donnell** - May 10, 2019 at 12:21 PM

AF

“ *AFJROTC lit a candle in memory of Eric Lee Donnell*



**AFJROTC** - March 04, 2016 at 10:14 AM

PB

“ *Pierre Bernard lit a candle in memory of Eric Lee Donnell*



**Pierre Bernard** - March 03, 2016 at 04:46 PM

TF

“ *The Deschutes Brewery Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Eric Lee Donnell.*



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**The Deschutes Brewery Family** - March 03, 2016 at 03:16 PM

VH

“ *By the time I was introduced into the Donnell family Eric was around 9 years old. Even back then I knew he was destined for greatness, always a smile on his face, a twinkle in his eye and a heart that was true. A wise person once told me you can judge a person's life by two things: If they loved and if they were loved and if that is true then Eric had a great life, for he loved much and was loved by many. To Andrew and Austin, your Dad loved you with all he had, may the many memories you've made over the years bring you much comfort. To Alizabeth, I grieve for the time you will not have with your Grandfather but I know you'll always have an Angel to watch over you. To Heather, knowing Eric loved you tells me you're a wonderful person well deserving of his love and I wish you could have had more time together. To the Donnell siblings, I know what Eric meant to you and I can only imagine how hard it is to lose him, I pray for peace and comfort for you all. To Eric's friends, I understand your feeling of loss; we're all blessed to have had him in our life. And to Eric, you stole my heart when you were a child and now you take a little piece of it to heaven with you, until we meet again sweet boy-Vicki*

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**Vicki Hudson** - March 03, 2016 at 03:01 PM

SR

“ Eric my friend... saying you will be missed is an understatement!! I knew you for little over a year, since I started working at Premium, and it was an Honor to do so. You were a smart honest man, an inspiring coworker, a friend, a Family man. Always displaying a positive attitude, never saw you get mad at anyone or anything, you always had that smile and positive attitude that made you who you were.

*Eric my friend, Thank you for your service, Thank you for having done what you did and how you did it. You will always be in my heart my friend.*

*My condolences to Heather and the rest of your family, we will be praying for you all.*

*Sebastian & Catherine RV*

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**Sebastian Rodriguez-Villamil** - March 03, 2016 at 12:54 PM

TH

“ *Tori Shackett and Rob Hunter purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Eric Lee Donnell.*



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**Tori Shackett and Rob Hunter** - March 03, 2016 at 09:51 AM

JN

“ I met Eric in 1993 at Holloman Air Force base and from that point we stayed the best of friends. Eric was that guy that people could not help but like regardless of his antics. During one of our deployments to Kuwait, Eric competed in a two mile race that included the Air Forces elite PJs. The race was interesting as we watched the PJs cheat in countless ways but yet Eric the helicopter crew chief prevailed. A proud day for us mechanics. Later in the years I was honored by being Eric's first salute as he pinned on second lieutenant. I was floored by the request. Eric never disliked anyone and accepted everyone knowing that we all had something special to offer. He was forgiving and thoughtful. His love for his boys was obvious as they were and are his pride and joy. I have lost a great friend but he will forever be alive in my heart and thoughts.

Javi Nagore

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**Javier Nagore** - March 02, 2016 at 08:25 PM

CN

“ I am so sad very to hear this tragic news and words cannot express my sadness. I had the pleasure of working with Eric and he was a true professional, kind, ready to help anyone, anytime--he had a BIG heart filled with kindness. He will truly be missed. Always Cecilia Nagy and Ernie Cruea

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**Cecilia Nagy** - March 02, 2016 at 04:48 PM

MO

“ My thoughts and prayers go to Eric's family, friends, and especially Heather. Eric had a one-of-a-kind love for life and it was inspiring. I am blessed to have met this honorable man who was an angel. When you asked how he was, his response was "kickin like a motha..." And if you asked how Heather was, his response was "sexy as hell". I miss his presence at work as do A LOT of folks. I hope he did not suffer and may he rest in peace. Eric, thank you for coming into our lives and watch over us always as you did when you were here.

Monica - March 02, 2016 at 04:25 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Eric Lee Donnell.



March 02, 2016 at 04:03 PM

LE

“ Eric grew up with my younger brother and I went to school with many of his siblings. His smile was very contagious and you always knew when he was up to something with his little smirk. He was the best friend anyone could ask for and whenever he was in the area he always looked up his friends. He will be greatly missed and I send prayers to Heather, his sons, his granddaughter and all of his family members that are mourning. We don't have the answers to "why him" but God does and one day we will see Eric again and be able to ask "why"~ Fly high Eric and continue to look over all of those that have had the honor to have known you and loved you deeply. RIP

Larissa Enlow - March 02, 2016 at 03:39 PM

TT

“ *The RBG East Coast Leadership Team purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Eric Lee Donnell.*



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**The RBG East Coast Leadership Team** - March 02, 2016 at 02:39 PM

SS

“ *I met Eric a couple years ago, he and Heather immediately took me in as family and we've remained that way ever since. He was definitely more like a brother than a friend, he could irritate you and make you laugh at the same time. I have so many wonderful memories but what I will always remember the most is the amazing love he had For Heather, he adored her and it was pure and genuine..... I will also remember our final goodbye before he rode off last Sunday, the big grizzly bear hug and kiss and he whispered see you when I get back..... I love you Eric, I promise we will take care of her!*

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**Sherri Southern** - March 02, 2016 at 12:50 PM

MH

*So incredibly sorry for this very big loss to all who knew him. His smile was contagious and his spirit was pure. God please wrap you arms around everyone who knew and loved him. Heather and family... We are all here for you in your time of need and long after. Rest in peace Eric.*

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**Myra Hardesty** - March 02, 2016 at 03:11 PM

PB

*I've Know Eric for quite a while, he was a very caring person, me and his brother Lysle have two kids together, Tara and Tanner Donnell, he was a wonderful person and an amazing father, thoughts and prayers go too Andrew, Austin and Heather*

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**Pandora Brown** - March 06, 2016 at 08:15 PM

RH

*So sorry to say goodbye bro, your passing is proof that life is never really long enough for the good guys. Thank you for your service and being a friend worth having. Go in peace brother.*

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**Rob Hunter** - March 09, 2016 at 10:17 PM