



## SFC Eric Martin Parsley

July 21, 1972 - June 19, 2016

Graveside services for SFC Eric Martin Parsley, 43, will be 2:30 p.m., Friday at Camp Nelson National Cemetery, in Jessamine County, Kentucky. Visitation will be 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Thursday at LeCompte Johnson Taylor Funeral Home.

A Matewan, West Virginia native, he currently resided in Frankfort. He proudly served his country as a SFC in the Army during 1990 and 2011. He received the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Iraq Campaign Medal with two Campaign Stars, Army Commendation Medal (6th Award), Army Achievement Medal (10th Award), Army Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (3rd Award), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (5th Award), NATO Medal, Air Assault Badge, Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver-wheeled vehicles, and Drill Sergeant Identification Badge. He enjoyed working out and listening to A.M. talk shows. He also was an avid reader and will be remembered for enjoying life. He died Sunday at his residence.

Survivors include his mother, Thelma Parsley, Frankfort; sister, Angela Smither, Frankfort; children, Eric Parsley II, Chloe Parsley; step children, Keisha Clendenin, Lindsey Clendenin,

Hunter Clendenin; step brother, Greg Parsley, Matewan West Virginia; step sister, Sonny Gail Dudley, Texas; his girlfriend, Rachel Lawhon; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, David M. Parsley; and brother, Robert "Bobby" Parsley.

Contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011.

You may share memories and leave condolences on his tribute wall at <http://www.ljtfuneralhome.com>.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Camp Nelson National Cemetery**

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**Visitation**

04:00PM - 07:00PM

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LeCompte-Johnson-Taylor Funeral Home

1725 Louisville Rd., Frankfort, KY, US, 40601

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**Graveside Service**

02:30PM

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Camp Nelson National Cemetery

KY, US

# Comments

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“ SFC Parsley was amazing. I was fortunate enough to know him from 2006-2011. He was always good to me as a NCO in Iraq if I needed something from him he would joke with me a lot but would always try and help. Without his help I would not have been able to get the help I needed in 2008 when he seen something changed with me and my brother getting me into trouble. Without his help I would not be medically retired. He took me to Frazier rehab and picked me up from there 3 times a week from FT Knox to Louisville. SFC Parsley you are missed and never ever forgotten. Cowboy up

Shane - July 09, 2016 at 01:10 AM



“ RIP my best high school friend..and thank you my friend..

Donnie - April 28 at 06:40 PM



“ Back in 1991 we had a "Change of command" ceremony where our old Brigade Colonel was being reassigned and then replaced by a new commander. We were in charge of setting up sound and communications for the ceremony on a airfield. Our brigade Commo NCO asked for volunteers to carry the "colors" or unit flags and needed tall soldiers for the task. So Parsley immediately volunteered! At that time I thought, "dude, why on earth would you want to go march in the hot sun when you can simply just sit in the stands, eat the good food, and watch the whole thing in comfort". I remember taking care of all the speakers for the event, and just taking a seat with all the officers and family members in the VIP section....then I saw the brigade formation right in front of me and Parsley, front center right in the middle of the formation carrying the US FLAG!!! The COLORS!!! He was so tall and he just stood up so high with his fellow marching soldiers 2000 plus strong....you could really hear the boots of of about 6 battallions really hard.....and you could hear from each battallion commander, "eyes right"...right in front of me....and Eric was leading the entire Brigade, again, over 2000 soldiers....it was a fantastic sight to see and hear.....then I knew why Parsley volunteered! We were all soooo proud of him....You see, Eric was a true Patriot! It meant everything to him! He sacrificed 21 years of hardship for all of us. Our last conversation, shortly after retirement, he said was simply tired and just wanted to spend time with his family and especially his kids. He was the finest Soldier I had the honor to serve with, A Father, a Brother, a Patriot, and my BEST FRIEND!

Parsley!!! I miss you!!! You touched me!!! My family and kids know who you are and will live in my heart until I die. I love you, brother!!!

Carlos Mendez - June 24, 2016 at 09:10 PM



“ Oh Eric , the things I wish I would've said to you before you left , the years I spent with you and mom together were the best years of my childhood , you didn't have children of your own In the beginning but you couldn't tell bc you loved us like we were your own , you did everything you ever possibly could for us , because of you I knew what it was like to have a dad , we always did everything as a family , you and mom never missed a basketball game , we'd always do something fun on the weekends , you were always there when we needed you , I will miss you always and forever and i love you more than anything , thank you for being such a wonderful dad & giving us the best growing up I would go back and live that life over and over if I could ,

**Lindsey S. Russell** - June 23, 2016 at 02:48 AM

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“ Eric was an amazing man, never another like him in a million years. He was my mom's boyfriend of a year, I love him so much. I'll get over his passing but never forget. Heaven just gained a new angel. He won't feel any pain now, he's with the Lord Jesus Christ. I love you Eric, I wish you didn't have to go but it was your time. Goodnight, I'll see you in heaven.

**Alyssa Lawhon** - June 22, 2016 at 09:41 PM

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“ To the family of Eric Parsley

I met Eric at the gym (workout America ) I've only know him 6 months and feel like I have lost a real good friend.

He encouraged me as we walked on the treadmills dailey. When he saw me he would comment "I see they let the senior citizens out ". But he always cheered me on I was stunned to hear of his passing and will miss him. I am not able to attend his funeral services due to being out of state.

We pray that his family and Rachel will be blessed with the Lord's comfort and strength in these tough times. We've added your family to our prayer list.

Gods bless.

He is there for you.

Terry Dick

**Terry Dick** - June 22, 2016 at 04:02 PM

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“ Carolyn McConnell lit a candle in memory of SFC Eric Martin Parsley



Carolyn McConnell - June 22, 2016 at 03:45 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of SFC Eric Martin Parsley.



June 22, 2016 at 02:13 PM

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“ I was Eric's pastor for many years. He was a young man I loved in the Lord and he always showed love and respect to me and my ministry. Thelma and David were dear friends and while Dave is gone on now Thelma must bear this great loss without her husband's support. We offer our Prayers and Love to Thelma and Eric's Siblings whom we also Love.  
That is a very handsome photo on this Tribute Page. That is the exact way I remember this Young Man and Friend. A very sad day! The news was extremely sad to me.

Pastor Clinton Ooten

Clinton Ooten - June 22, 2016 at 10:32 AM

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“ Shelia Fitch Blackburn lit a candle in memory of SFC Eric Martin Parsley



Shelia Fitch Blackburn - June 22, 2016 at 08:47 AM

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“ My friend you will surely be missed. You made a big impact on a lot of people's lives, especially your Soldiers. Rest in Heaven Eric. Until we meet again.

Keith Jamison - June 21, 2016 at 10:05 PM

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“ Kimberly Dotson lit a candle in memory of SFC Eric Martin Parsley



Kimberly Dotson - June 21, 2016 at 09:55 PM

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“ Eric I am so glad i got to know you. You were a great guy and the best thing that has ever happened to my mom. I appreciate everything you did for this country and how much you impacted this families lives. I love how you were so sweet to everyone. I really enjoyed when you came over to moms for dinner. You will be missed by more than just us but the animals too. Skittles sure is going to miss being on your shoulders while being outside. Bruno misses how you were the only one strong enough to play tug-a-war with him.

Caitlyn Lawhon

caitlyn lawhon - June 21, 2016 at 08:32 PM

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“ Eric, the youngest son and child of my oldest brother David, and his wife Thelma, dedicated his life to family and country... over a long military career of honorable service in the US Army. Thank you Eric for your service and kind generosity to all who knew you, I met Eric only once when he was a young lad of eight or nine years, and a fine boy he was too. My heart goes out especially to his mother, sisters and brothers, I know they mourn his passing and miss him dearly... It is wonderful to know that time is the great healer that comforts the soul and eases the pain.... Eric's Dad, my brother David, one told me that "death is the great equalizer"... and so it is. Both father and son are now together in a far better place, to await the arrival of us all, in love... and life eternal.

Uncle RC

**RC Parsley** - June 21, 2016 at 08:16 PM



“ are you my brother Robert?

**Jimmy** - June 26, 2016 at 10:38 PM



“ Thelma , I am so very sorry to hear of Eric's passing. May God wrap His Loving Arms around you as you go thru the days ahead. My love and prayers are with you.

Glenna Stacy

**Glenna Stacy** - June 21, 2016 at 07:14 PM



“ Thelma: You, Angie, and all of Eric's family are in my prayers. When I heard about Eric's passing I was heart-broken. I remember the little blonde-headed boy I saw in church each Sunday. I also remember the fine young man in full military dress standing tall and proud at over six feet when I came home for a visit and saw him at church. God bless you Thelma....I love you and I'm so sorry.

**Julie (Cooper) Hensley** - June 21, 2016 at 07:10 PM



“ Eric I am so sorry to hear about your passing. Thank you Sir for your service to our country

**Sharon Coleman** - June 21, 2016 at 06:05 PM



“ Eric, I'm so sorry to hear about your passing. Thank you for your service to our country and I hope you are in God's hands now. R. I. P.

**Paul Pilkin** - June 21, 2016 at 05:40 PM

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“ So very sorry to hear about Eric's passing ,May God give all peace and comfort .  
Paul Ann Pilkin .

**Ann pilkin** - June 21, 2016 at 12:06 PM

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“ Eric you are the love of my life. I regret that we did not have more time together and that I never had the chance to meet your children. I have so many sweet memories of the time we spent. I think Bruno misses you just as badly , he sniffs your door every time he goes outside. My kids are devastated. You were loved well I just pray that you are now at peace. With all my love Rachel



**Rachel Lawhon** - June 21, 2016 at 09:46 AM



“ Eric you will be missed. I cherish the memories from our high school days. It was such a shock. I was so sad to hear this. Have peace Eric and thank you for serving our country. God bless

**Kendra** - June 21, 2016 at 02:37 PM

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“ Eric trying to get me to swallow a Lil bouncy ball you get out of a bubble gum ball machine, when I was pregnant with Little Eric, "to give the baby something to play with"!

**Angel** - June 20, 2016 at 10:01 PM