



Thomas "Tommy" A. Chapman

March 24, 1991 - August 23, 2014

Oakland, IL - Thomas 'Tommy' A. Chapman, age 23, of Oakland, IL, formerly of Mattoon, IL, passed away at 6:20 a.m., August 23, 2014, north of Ashmore, IL, from injuries resulting from an automobile accident. The funeral service in his honor will begin at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, August 30, 2014, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938, with Reverend Dennis Strawn officiating. Interment will be at Dodge Grove Cemetery in Mattoon, IL, with military rights conducted by V.F.W. Post 4325 of Mattoon, IL. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 10:00 a.m., until the service begins.

Born March 24, 1991, in Arcola, IL, Tommy was the son of Kathy (Chapman) and Patrick Smith. He is survived by his parents, Kathy Smith and her husband, Patrick of Mattoon, IL; an infant son, Kenneth D. Chapman and mother Nichole Tarr of Tuscola, IL; two sisters, Kacie Smith and Kari Smith, both of Mattoon, IL; maternal grandparents, Merle and Dorothy Garrett of Atwood, IL, and Sharon Chapman of Mission, TX; and great grandmother, Aileen Stinson; as well as several aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Kenneth Chapman, and Clarence and Edith Smith; as well as two uncles, Dale Chapman and James Smith; and a cousin, Kaylee Havrilka.

Before graduating from Mattoon High School in 2009, Tommy was a member of the JROTC Drill Team, Rifle Team, and Team Massive. After high school, he immediately attended Basic Training, and proudly served as a member of the United States Army National Guard for 6 years. In 2011, he earned his Emergency

Medical Technician License from Lakeland College. He was currently employed with Dayton Freight in Arcola, IL, and Oakland Ambulance Service in Oakland, IL. He also served as volunteer firemen with the Oakland Fire Department. \r\n\r\nFishing and storm chasing were among Tommy's hobbies. He was a fan of NASCAR, Chicago Cubs Baseball, and Chicago Bears football. \r\n\r\nA genuinely good guy, and a friend of many, he will be truly missed by those fortunate enough to have known him. He will be remembered for his willingness to serve others, and his fun-loving spirit.\r\n\r\nMemorials may be made to the Kenneth D. Chapman Trust Fund, for Tommy's young son, in care of Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home. \r\n\r\nPlease visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with his family.\r\n

Tribute Wall



“ I love you dad. It would mean to me the most to meet you again. :(

Kenneth Chapman - January 28 2014

Kenneth Chapman - September 19, 2024 at 08:14 PM



“ Thomas "Tommy" A. Chapman

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ Tommy you will never leave my heart I know that you are taking care of your texas grandpa ken and uncle dale I am sure that they are happy now that you are there with them and taking care if them for all of us here you will always be loved from Texas

grandma sharon chapmam - September 01, 2014 at 03:20 AM



“ Good kid, he will be missed. Sorry for your loss.

Jack Sanders - August 29, 2014 at 02:20 PM



“ Tommy was a wonderful young man, and he will be missed by those who knew him. He made life brighter and happier when he was around! His spirit will live on, and those he loved will feel his presence always!

Laurie Dotson - August 28, 2014 at 01:58 AM

JS

“ sorry for your loss my prayers go out to the Chapman family

Jason Sluder - August 26, 2014 at 04:25 PM

TW

“ I was fortunate enough - like so many - to call Tommy my friend. Tommy was a HUGE hearted person who would help ANYONE when they needed it. His warm charm, sarcastic wit and fun personality will truly be missed!! Tommy sat with me and rest of the Oakland community group through the bitter cold craft fair a few years back.... and more recently; He stopped (taking time out of storm watching) to help me on mothers day when I was on the side of the road trying to get my kayaks back on the top of my jeep. =) His jokes and conversations at Steve & Shirley's Diner will also not be forgotten. Though Tommy was so young I think that he made a HUGE impact on so many people

Trish Wilson - August 26, 2014 at 04:02 PM

KY

“ I got to know your son for a short time he was a very kind young man....I'm glad I got the chance to talk with him I am very honored to say I got chance to know a great young man....he was sweet kind funny I didn't get to meet him but I got the chance to talk to him...the one thing he said which stuck with me was I was a fan of at least one good team the bears we didn't agree on the baseball team....lk tommy I will always remember that I got one good team you truly will be missed I am so sorry for your lost my prayers to all his family

katie young - August 26, 2014 at 01:55 PM

GZ

“ *Ian grateful that I got to meet you this past July (2014) and sorry that we won't be able to meet as plan for next year to see the cubs play n my heart is with you n your family n with Kenneth D Chapman*

Gerald (JAY) Zeivel - August 26, 2014 at 01:21 PM