

John William Potts

Born in Tacoma, Washington, he was the son of William Howell Potts and Kathy Lynn Stehman Potts. John had served one tour of duty in Kosovo and two tours of duty in Afghanistan with the US Army and was currently employed with the Georgia State Patrol as a trooper cadet. He was also attending online classes with Liberty University working toward a degree in Criminal Justice and was attending the Oconee River Methodist Church.

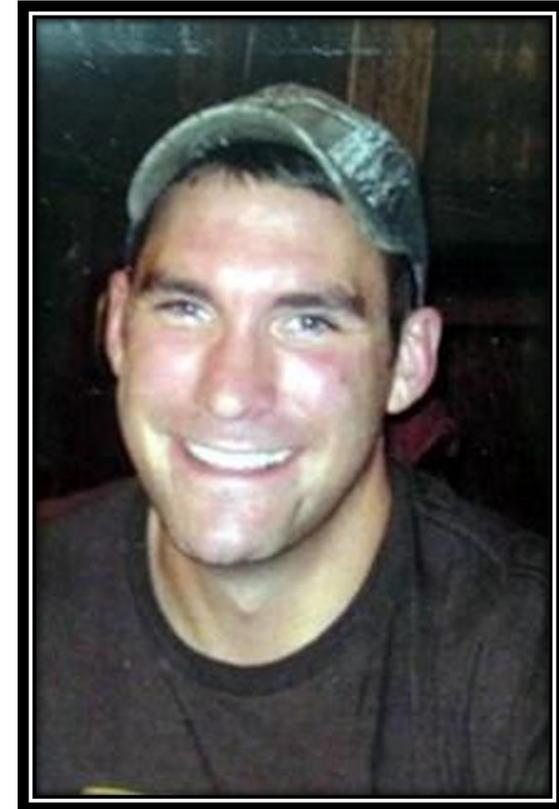
John William Potts, 30, passed away on August 14, 2013, at Athens Regional Medical Center in Athens, GA.

Survivors in addition to his parents are fiancée, Katie Marie Garrison of Watkinsville; sisters, Micole Joelle Davis of Lead, SD., Aubrey Rose Hoard of Spearfish, SD, Ruthanne Catherine Riley of Fort Walton Beach, FL, and Shannon Noel Potts of Olympia, WA; brothers, Daniel Morris Potts and Wilson David Lee Potts, both of Olympia, WA; maternal grandfather, R. Morris Stehman and wife, Diane of Summerfield, FL; maternal grandmother, Rosalee Readout and husband, David of Montrose, CO; paternal grandparents, Carl and Mary Harms of Sturgis, SD, and a number of nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project P. O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

In Loving Memory Of



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1982 ~ 2013

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I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys - -
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief - -
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee - -
God wanted me now: He set me free.

Born

October 11, 1982
Tacoma, Washington

Died

August 14, 2013
Athens, Georgia

Funeral Service

Monday, August 26, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.
First Wesleyan Church

Officiating

Pastor Jonathan Anderson

Musical Selections

"I Can Only Imagine" "You Lift Me Up"
"Dancing In Heaven"

Pallbearers

Daniel Potts ~ Wilson Potts ~ John Barnes
Joshua Harms ~ Kalab Ziller ~ Kody Ziller
Jeremy Stehman ~ Jamie Stehman

Honorary Pallbearers

Sean Crowe ~ Robbie Garrison ~ Austin Riley
Chad Davis ~ Ron Hoard ~ Charlie Company

Military Honors

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard
South Dakota Army National Guard

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery