



## Melvin Erwin Daniels

December 3, 1956 - May 27, 2024

Melvin Erwin Daniels, 67, of Hot Springs passed away on May 27, 2024. He was born on December 3,

1956 in Waco, TX to the late Edwin and Grace Daniels.

SK2 Daniels served in the US Navy from 1986 to 2006. His service was during Operation Desert Storm, the Bosnia conflict, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom. While he was stationed on the USS Abraham Lincoln. The battle group was returning from deployment from the Gulf of Aden. America was attacked on 9/11 and the battle group was recalled to the Gulf of Aden. He was aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln. When a ship in his battle group, the USS Cole was attacked in 2003. He finished his twenty-year career in 2006.

Military Awards include the following;

Navy and Marine Corp Achievement Medal, Joint Unit Meritorious Unit Award, Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation (3), Navy "E" Ribbon (2), Good Conduct Award (4), National Defense Service Medal (2), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (4), SouthWest Asia Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (5), and Navy Pistol

Sharpshooter Ribbon.

He was also a member of the VFW and the Salvation Army. He also served as a bandmaster in the Salvation Army for many years.

Melvin is preceded in death by his parents and sisters; Sharon Daniels and Charlene Barnhard.

Survivors include his son; Jonathan Edward Daniels, daughter; Lisa Ann (Erick) Costilla, brothers; Kelvin Edwin Daniels, Doyle Daniels, Gary Daniels, grandchildren; Caroline Costilla, Elizabeth Costilla, Mackenzie Costilla; the mother to his children; Lisa R. Daniels; extended family and friends.

There will be a private family service.

# Tribute Wall

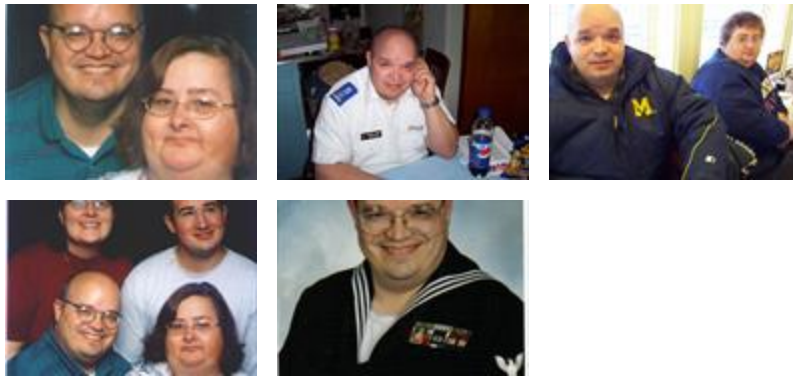
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“ Met Mel in Hawaii, his wife Lisa were friends at the Lafayette Salvation Army in Indiana. He took me on the Kitty Hawk we had a great time together there he will be missed

SSG John Galey - June 27, 2024 at 02:05 AM

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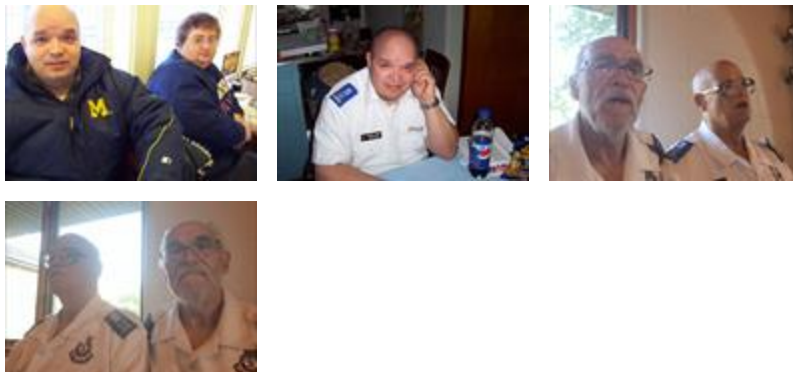
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Kelvin Daniels - June 08, 2024 at 04:48 PM

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KELVIN DANIELS - June 06, 2024 at 07:38 PM

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“ Lisa and Jonathan so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families through this difficult time.



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**Cheryl Parker** - June 02, 2024 at 11:09 AM

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“ Despite everything that happened with him when he was here visiting and staying with my dad, he was family. Everyone loses parents at some point, but you hate to see them go out in a way beyond their control. May you rest in peace, Uncle Melvin

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**Michael Daniels** - June 01, 2024 at 04:18 PM

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“ I'm sorry that my twin brother passed away. I love you and will miss him.

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**KELVIN DANIELS** - May 31, 2024 at 03:33 PM