



## Robert James Donaldson

May 29, 1969 - February 22, 2019

Robert James Donaldson, 49, of Butler, passed away unexpectedly Friday, February 22, 2019 at his residence.

He was born May 29, 1969 in Fort Knox, KY, the son of George Donaldson and Beatrice (Willis) Donaldson of Cambridge Springs, PA.

Robert graduated Cambridge Springs High School in 1987 and then went on to study criminology at Edinboro University graduating in 1991. He was a Veteran of the US National Guard for 25 years where he was a major and retired in 2011. He made his 25 year career with the Pennsylvania State Police where he retired as a sergeant in March 2017. After his retirement he currently was a security guard for the Butler Area School District.

In addition to his parents he is also survived by his wife, Paula (Helgert) Donaldson of Butler, whom he married on September 3, 1994, two daughters, Kayla Donaldson and Taylor Donaldson both of Butler; a sister, Barbara (Dennis) Fetterman and their daughter Adrionna of Punxsutawney, mother in law, Margaret Helgert of Butler; a brother in law, Chad Helgert of Butler and his dog, Maya.

He was preceded in death by his father in law, Paul Helgert.

The F.O.P. service will be at 4PM Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at Community Alliance Church, 800 Mercer Road Butler, PA 16001. Friends will also be received at the church from 4PM until the time of service at 8PM with Pastor Denny Krajacic officiating. Military honors to follow by VFW #249, American Legion #778, and Butler Legion #117.

Private burial.

Contributions may be made to Kayla and Taylor Donaldson, checks can be mailed to Young Funeral Home, Ltd, PO Box 1522 Butler, PA 16003.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Community Alliance Church  
800 Mercer Rd.  
Butler, PA

## Service

FEB **26**. 8:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DV

“ Bob, it was truly an honor to serve with you, one of the better Officers I have worked and deployed with. Till we meet again. Prayers and thoughts are with you and your family brother.

Dominick Versace - February 27, 2019 at 07:50 AM

  
Thomas  
Gorgas

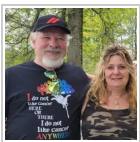
“ Rest easy, sir. You were the best commander I ever had, and would follow you anywhere. See you on the other side.

Thomas Gorgas - February 26, 2019 at 05:12 PM

JP

“ Paula and the entire Donaldson family  
My deepest sympathies to you in this your time of great loss and sorrow. Bob was such a big part of my military career. From our days in the MP's in New Kensington, to being roommates in Kosovo Bob was always there. We shared so many laughs, stories and life over the years. He was a great friend, I will miss him like a brother. Bob until that day when we share a good laugh and meet again, rest in peace, you will be missed. Love you brother.  
Joe Pfadt

Joe Pfadt - February 26, 2019 at 03:07 PM



“ You all have been on my mind. You have my deepest sympathy. We are here if you need anything. Love and Hugs! Tina <3



Tina Hartle Kriley - February 26, 2019 at 10:49 AM

MF

“ *Paula and Family*  
*My sincere condolences to you all for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you. Bobby was a great officer but more importantly a great person and I loved like a brother. He will be forever in our hearts and I know he is at peace and in a good place. Till we meet again on the high ground my brother. Miss and love you.*  
*Marc Ferraro*

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**Marc Ferraro** - February 25, 2019 at 07:38 PM

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“ *Paula,*  
*I am so sorry for your Loss. You and your daughters are in my thoughts and Prayers...*  
*Linda Young*

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**Linda Young** - February 25, 2019 at 06:37 PM

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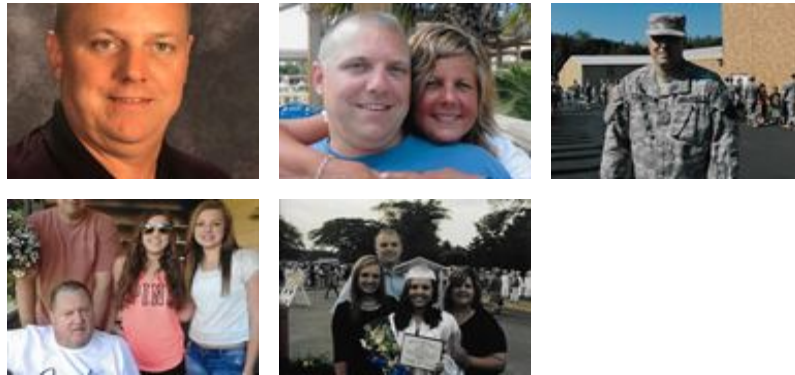
“ *Farewell to a fellow brother in arms. I remembered sharing many a conversation with Bob during our deployment to Iraq. My heart aches. May his memory be eternal and may God comfort his family and friends.*

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**Corey Lake** - February 25, 2019 at 12:45 PM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



Young Funeral Home - February 25, 2019 at 12:37 PM



“ To Bea, George, Barb, and Bobby's family,  
We are so sorry and can't even begin to imagine the pain you are going through right now. Bobby was like another son to us. Bobby spent so much time at our house when he was growing up. I loved his laugh, his sarcastic humor, and his beautiful eyes.. he was a wonderful guy who if ever needed another body to help us move things he was always there willing to help. Leo and him shared so many laughing setting up our swimming pool. Our hearts are so heavy to hear about Bobby and we pray for God's healing for everyone who loved Bobby...Leo and Debbie Olszewski

Debbie Olszewski - February 25, 2019 at 05:28 AM



“ My best friends younger brother. We all had so much fun times growing up. You were about 4years old when you moved in next door. We all had so much fun together. You were such a good person. You will truly be missed. You are at peace now.

Theresa mahon - February 25, 2019 at 02:48 AM

RP

“ Paula our family sends you lots of love and hugs at this time. We all loved Bob so much for his charm & friendliness. You and Kayla & Taylor are in our prayers.

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**Robin Presco** - February 24, 2019 at 09:57 PM

KA

“ Paula, Kayla & Taylor- we are so very sorry for your loss and want you to know we are thinking of you all at this difficult time and pray for your healing.

*Karen, Jordan & Brandon*

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**Karen** - February 24, 2019 at 09:11 PM

RS

“ Paula and girls , I'm so sorry for your loss. I will be praying for you all during this difficult time. May God bring you comfort and peace in all the days ahead.

*Renae Snodgrass*

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**Renae Snodgrass** - February 24, 2019 at 09:05 PM



“ Paula:  
Amy and I were so shocked and sorry to hear about the loss of Bobby. Thoughts and prayers to you and your girls. Bob was a great Infantry Officer and I was proud to know and serve with him for many years. Fond memories of our service and attending the many military balls with both of you.

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**Jerry Miller** - February 24, 2019 at 09:00 PM

RB

“ *Paula, Kayla and Taylor,  
We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Bob. We always enjoyed talking to him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.  
Love,  
Roberta , Todd Jr and Tyler Breninghouse*

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**Roberta Breninghouse** - February 24, 2019 at 08:35 PM



Christine  
Waclawik  
Price

“ *So many childhood memories growing up next door with Bobby, Barb and my sisters. My deepest sympathies to the whole family. I am so sorry for your loss:(*

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**Christine Waclawik Price** - February 24, 2019 at 06:56 PM

JO

“ *Paula, please know I have prayed to God for you and your girls asking Him to surround you in His love and cover you with the peace only He can give.*

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**jody** - February 24, 2019 at 04:32 PM

JC

“ *Paula, Kayla, Taylor and Donaldson family, we are so deeply sorry for your loss and our hearts go out to each of you during this difficult time. We are grieving with and for you and upholding you all in our prayers!*

*Bob was an honorable man who loved you all very much! He will be greatly missed!*

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**Jayne and Jim Charlton** - February 24, 2019 at 04:30 PM

TK

“ Paula and girls, I am very sorry for your loss. I will be praying for you to have strength and understanding to help you through this most difficult time. 🙏

Terri Kaylor - February 24, 2019 at 04:04 PM

EF

“ I remember when Bob was at the FTIG for annual training and I offered to wash his uniforms along with Major 4's, I was shocked at how I could only fit a few in the washing machine  
That's when I started calling him Jolly Green he used to laugh at that  
Rest In Peace Bob  
May your family find comfort in all their great memories of you

Eleanor Foor - February 24, 2019 at 03:56 PM

JW

“ So sorry for your lose... Thoughts and prayers for your entire family  
From: Scott and Julie Wetzel and family

julie wetzel - February 24, 2019 at 03:51 PM

JW

Sorry I meant loss

julie wetzel - February 24, 2019 at 03:52 PM

EW

“ My condolences to Bobby's parents, George and Bea, and his sister Barb. My next door neighbors for many years. RIP Bobby.

Eugene Waclawik - February 24, 2019 at 02:59 PM

MB

“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and Prayers to all the family. Ron and Sharon Bianco

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**Mr and Mrs Ronald Bianco** - February 24, 2019 at 02:40 PM

DR

“ To The Donaldson Family,  
Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. May God wrap you in His loving arms & give you the comfort and supports that you all need at this time.

*Dennis & Debbie Ransom*

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**Debbie Ransom** - February 24, 2019 at 02:33 PM

LR

“ Our deepest sympathy Paula, Taylor and Kayla. Our prayers are with you.  
*Lynn, Jesse, Lindsay and Colton Rellin.*

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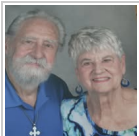
**Lynn Rellin** - February 24, 2019 at 02:19 PM

HK

“ Bob was a wonderful man very kind to Stan and f l. Spent fun vacations at Myrtle Beachwith him.,Psula and the girls. You will be missed my friend but will be remembered with memories Bless you and your lovely family.

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**Helen a d Stan King** - February 24, 2019 at 01:49 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to all of you. Love and Prayers, Bob and Gloria Fuhrer

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**Gloria Jean Balbo** - February 24, 2019 at 12:22 PM