



## Kyle Matthew Cotham

September 19, 1986 - June 25, 2025

Kyle Matthew Cotham, beloved father, son, brother, and friend, passed away on June 25, 2025, at the age of 38. Born on September 19, 1986, Kyle brought joy, laughter, and inspiration to those who knew him.

From a young age, Kyle shone bright as a star athlete. He excelled in track and basketball, making lasting memories and friendships throughout his school years. After high school, Kyle felt called to serve his country and began an impressive career in the United States Marine Corps. With courage, dedication, and a strong work ethic, Kyle rose quickly through the ranks, earning the respect of his peers and achieving the rank of Gunnery Sergeant faster than most.

Kyle was most proud, however, of being a father. His love for his three children—Deven Cotham, Gwen Cotham, and Aubrey Cotham—was immeasurable. He cherished every moment spent with them and considered fatherhood his greatest honor.

Kyle is survived by his loving mother, Kimberly Cotham; his father Daniel Thrun; his sister, Rachel Vogelsang, and her husband, Mitchell Vogelsang; his

beloved aunts, Aunt KK and Aunt Karen; his uncle Tim Thrun, many cousins; and his treasured children, Deven, Gwen, and Aubrey Cotham. He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Truman Eugene Cotham and Donald Lee Thrun; his grandmothers, Evelyn Elizabeth Painter and Paulette Rose Roth; his great-aunt, Gail Marie Acosta; and his uncle, Ronald Lee Cotham.

A man of many interests, Kyle found joy in art, playing his guitar, attending church, and connecting with his community. Above all, his greatest source of happiness was being with his children and family.

Kyle's legacy of service, kindness, and love will endure in the hearts of all who were blessed to know him. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

**\*\*A Prayer for Kyle\*\***

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace.

Amen.

Kyle's family has arranged his memorial service to be held at the Indoor Pekin Pavilion; 1701 Court St, Pekin, IL 61554 on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and then a burial following the memorial will be held at Camp Butler National Cemetery at 5063 Camp Butler Rd, Springfield IL, 62707 at 2:00 pm with full military rites.

# Tribute Wall

MH

“ Kyle and I met in grade school. I remember every day before school I would ride to the apartment him, his mom and sister lived in and chill watching music videos while he got ready for school. Our friendship continued throughout high-school and we both lived in Georgetown Commons. Kyle was definately a rocker 🙌 and always fun to be around. We probably instigated each other to do things we shouldn't have been doing, but I can't think of a dull moment. We both went our separate ways as many do, but I'll always cherish our friendship.

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Michael Howard - July 05, 2025 at 04:57 PM

AK

“ Kyle Matthew I don't even know where to start , I will never forget how you checked on me when I was expecting and how you use to walk to eagle foods to get whatever I was craving, or for whatever I may have needed. Funny part was you liked to play the clay machine at the store and your mom had wondered where her quarters were going in her piggy bank 😭 I have so many beautiful memories of you my nephew you are so loved by so many and you will be missed every day ! I love you Aunt KK ❤️❤️❤️

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Aunt KK - July 02, 2025 at 11:36 PM

CA

“ Growing up, the older kids didn't always look out for the younger ones... but Kyle did. He was a grade or two ahead of me, but he never made me feel less than. He had this natural way of making people feel seen and included, and I never forgot that. Kyle was always cool, but more than that, he was KIND. The type of person you looked up to not just because they're older, but because of how they carry themselves. How they made you feel when you were around them. He treated people with respect, no matter what, and that meant more to me than he probably ever knew. I still remember going over to his old apartment at Georgetown a long time ago and him feeding his snakes. It's a story I share often, and I'll never forget it. Just like I'll never forget how genuinely good of a person he was. I'm very grateful for those memories, and I'll carry them with me. Rest easy, Kyle. You made more of a difference than you ever realized.

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**Cameron** - July 01, 2025 at 04:27 PM

AP

“ Kyle was a kind-hearted person. He was loved by everyone in the Veterans Home. He loved buying these card board figures to scare people with. The last one he bought was from the movie "IT". I hated it and he took full advantage of it by scaring the crap out of me with it...lol. I will miss him greatly. He was great person. Rest in peace Kyle.

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**Angela Parshall** - June 30, 2025 at 07:12 PM

JR

“ Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

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**James Rupe** - June 30, 2025 at 06:08 PM

EC

“ Kyle will be missed by so very many people! Kyle, I hope you find the peace you have been searching for for so long. Rest in heaven my friend ❤️

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**Erin Clague** - June 29, 2025 at 08:58 PM

AC

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Schmidt Haller Burial and Cremation Services

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Kyle Matthew Cotham** - June 29, 2025 at 04:00 PM