



Eric Joyce

July 19, 1984 - April 11, 2008

Eric Bryant Joyce, 23, of Richlands, Virginia died Friday, April 11, 2008 in Claypool Hill, Virginia from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle collision. He was born July 19, 1984 and was the son of Ronald and Dwana Lawson Joyce, of Jewell Ridge, Virginia. He was a lifelong resident of the area and was a mechanic for Frontier Kemper Construction Company. He was a Richlands High School Graduate Class of 2002 and was a Veteran of the U.S. Marine Corp having served in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Keller Joyce. Survivors, in addition to his parents, are His Wife, Trista Marie Joyce Daughter Britney Hunter Alice Joyce Son Connor Lucas Joyce Sisters Jennifer Joyce of Johnson City, Tennessee April Renee Joyce-Hester of Dupont, Washington Paternal Grandmother, Agnes Joyce of Smith Ridge, Virginia Maternal Grandparents Roy and Velma Lawson of Bandy, Virginia Funeral services for Eric Joyce will be conducted at 1:00pm Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia with Claude "Lucky" Bunn officiating. Interment will follow in the Joyce Family Cemetery on Smith Ridge, near Jewell Ridge, Virginia with military gravesite rites being conducted. Pallbearers will be Wes Bunn, Zach Bunn, Josh Perkins, Clifford Johnson, Josh Dales, Richard Underwood, Ronnie Lambert, and Don Scholz. Friends may call after 6:00pm Monday, April 14, 2008 at Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, please make any memorial contributions to the family of Eric Joyce.

Tribute Wall



“ Eric Joyce

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ Eric Joyce

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ Seems just like yesterday, I was riding on his bike to church from Uncle Ronald's house and around the yard on the billy goat. I miss him so much. He always paid attention to me and made me feel at home around the family. When I was little, I looked up to him, April, and Jennifer. We used to have so much fun. I can't believe this year will be 9 years since he's been gone. Sometimes I wish I would have taken his place because he had a life and kids to raise. He was such a loving and caring person. I love and miss Ya'll. Just because we don't see other often doesn't mean I don't remember Ya'll. I miss seeing all of my family. The entire family are in my thoughts and prayers. This year I lived to my 24th birthday and to some people that may be just another day but to me, that's a day that my cousin and best friend didn't get to celebrate. I miss him so much. I hope to see the family soon.

Jamie Lynn - February 25, 2017 at 06:43 PM

SC

“ Words cannot possibly express the depth of my sorrow for you. I only just found out and I'm stunned that such a tragedy should befall your family. I was so incredibly close to you all and can't imagine Eric not being a part of that. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with your family.

All my love,
-Shaun

Shaun Combs - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Ron and Family: I was sorry to hear about your loss. If we can do any anything please let us know. Your and family will be our thoughts and prayers. Rex

Rex Green - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Eric was a shining light to all who knew him and his memory will live on with all of us. Hold tight to your memories and cherish the wonderful gift you had in such a great son, grandson, husband, brother, nephew and father. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

With all our love.
Cindy, Sonny, Jared, Justin and families.

Cindy & Sonny Farmer - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family through out the days and nights. Our hearts are heavy with grief for you loss may god be with you and give you the comfort of his hand to help you through your time of loss.

Sherry and Kids.

Sherry Roberts - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Ronald,Dwana,April and Jennifer -
My heart aches for you all. I haven't seen Eric's wonderful smile in several years, but I hold him and you all dear to my heart. I am thankful that he became a man of great character. My dad and brother think very highly of him. He seemed like a gem who was placed here to make life easier. Try to find comfort in the many wonderful memories you were able to share with such a wonderful person. Cherish all that you have now and all that you shared with him. Trista, I cannot imagine your pain. I know your love for him can pull you through this for yourself and your children. Lean on your love for him, your family and your God to help you!*

*Sincerely with love and prayer,
Amy (Joyce) Sparks*

Amy (Joyce) Sparks - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Trista,
I don't really know what to say. I was so shocked when i heard. I remember all the good times we all used to have in ROTC and hanging out at Kayla's house. We all had a great time. You and Eric were such a great couple. I have never really understood why people have to go away from us so young with a life to still live. But you and your children and your family are in my prayers. I'm sure nothing I say will take away the pain, but things will get better and in the mean time, just rememeber he is looking down on you all. God Bless.

Miranda Johnson - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ April's conversations about her brother were full of love. Through April's eyes we could see the brother that she was very proud of. Our love and prayers are with you.

Judith Hester - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ To the Joyce and bunn family. i am deeply sorry that this has happend to you all. eric was a great guy and was all ways there for everyone.i think back about the time that we had in class together. and growing up right down the road from one another. the day before all this happend i went up to smith ridge and when i drove by i remember asking my girlfriend, i wonder how eric is doing now and when josh called me and told me i did not know what to say. i am praying everynight for god to help you all through this time . if there is anything i can do or can help do please call me day or night.

Robert Gile - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Our hope and prayer is that warm memories of Eric will surround you and bring you comfort and strength.*

ACF Environmental - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Dwana and Family - We are so sorry to hear about your loss. May God bless you and comfort you at this time. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

John and Sharon (Meadows) Cole - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Miss Trista... I am so very proud of you.. Your strength really amazes me.. Mr. Connor and Miss Brittany have a solid rock to lean upon..

I wish there were some magic words that could help heal the pain that you are suffering but I know that no such words exist. I want to express my greatest condolences to you.. And I know that when WE finish nursing classes together Eric will be smiling down on you and will be so proud.. My heart aches for you and your beautiful children. I want you to know that I am here for you anytime you need me.. I love you bunches and cant wait to have you back in class..

Mr. and Mrs. Joyce...

The one time that I met you both at the Dr. office you really made such an impression on me.. When we finally realized we were talking about Eric.. I could see how happy you were with you son...I want to express my sympathies to your and your family as well..

May God Bless you and give you strength and peace at this hard time..

GOD BLESS

Kayla Halsey

THE HALSEY FAMILY - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Im so sorry for your loss.

tonya Brown - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Eric. My thoughts are with you all!

Erin Hamm-Dean - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *My heart breaks for you at this time of great sorrow. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I was raised on Smith Ridge and feel close to all the Joyce's, especially Agnes. God Bless.*

Linda Smith Simmons - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *To all of you
I am so sorry for your loss. In 2000 I lost my daughter and grandson in a car accident. I know at this point you think you can't go on. Only God can carry you through this time. Agnes I wish I was there to give you a hug. The pain is unbearable.
Ronald you probably don't remember me but Freda and I were best friends all our lives, on Smith Ridge and best friends today. Keeping you in my prayers.
Lois Smith*

Lois Smith - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ *To the family I am so very sorry for your lost...May God keep you in his loving hands*

Frances Sparks - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Trista, we are all so sorry to hear about Eric. you and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers. we know how good of friends you are with Jamie and Ashley and if you all need anything please feel free to contact us. we will continue to pray for you all.
Sincerely Tina and family*

Tina Hutchinson - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ may god bless and comfort you all during this time of sorrow our prayers are with you love the seiters.

kathleen &kenny seiter - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Trista I am so sorry for your great loss. I know no words cannot express how sorry I am.I am constantly praying for you and your family. I know how much Connor loved his daddy. I can remember when Eric would pick him up from preschool the love in his eyes when he saw his dad. I know God will help you through this just look to him.

Cindy Dye - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Eric was a great person and we love him and miss him very much. We will keep you all in our prayers and may God Bless you all.

Brenda, David, & Curtis Whitt - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ i graduated with april in 1996, and I just wanted her to know that I was absolutely heartbroken when I realized that Eric is her brother. (She was always so nice and such a sweet person to me in school) I am SO very sorry this has happened to the Joyce Family.

my brother, Todd was friends with Mr Joyce (ron). I know personally that there are not words that heal in a time like this, but please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

jenny richardson nichols

Charles B Ernst - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ *Ronald, Dwana, and Family - I was deeply saddened when I learned of your loss. My families prayers and love go out to you in this, the time of your sorrow. I wish that I could be there for you all right now.*

*All of our love,
Dennis, Karen, Denny and Savanna Smith*

Dennis Smith II - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *Trista,
I just wanted to tell you how very sorry that I am about your husband. If you need anything at all or anyone to talk to please feel free to contact me.*

Amy Clevinger - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *Dear Ronald and Dwana,*

*I am so saddened to hear about Eric. I remember Eric as a small child bouncing around with laughter and not a care in the world. I haven't seen him since he had become a man. Although my dad has told me he was one of the most dependable young men he has known and he was always willing to give a helping hand. He speaks very highly of Eric and I wish that I had known him in his adult life. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family and especially with his wife and children. When you look into the eyes of your grandchildren know that Eric's spirit lives on and will always be present. God bless you all,
Beth (Joyce) Roncone*

Beth (Joyce) Roncone - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *My deepest sympathies to the entire Joyce family. You all have been through so much, I pray that you will be comforted in this terrible loss.*

Jerry Tuley - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *TRISTA,
OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR BABIES THROUGH THIS TERRIBLE TRAGEDY. I WISH TJ AND I COULD BE THERE. PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU WILL BE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. ERIC WILL BE MISSED, BUT HE WILL REMAIN IN EVERYONES HEART. PLEASE IF YOU NEED ANYTHING AT ALL YOU HAVE OUR NUMBER WE ARE ONLY A CALL AWAY. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.*

TJ AND CARRIE WOOD - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *My condolences to the Joyce family. It is always a tragedy to have a life cut short, especially one with so much to look forward to. As a fellow Marine, Semper Fidelis and peace be with you brother.*

Jason C Lovejoy - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My heart aches for all of you. Trista, I am here for you and your sweet babies if you ever need me. My prayers are with you. God bless you all.*

Regina Osborne - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Trista, I wrote this a thousand times and all I can really say is I love you and I will be here for you. All my prayers are for you and your babies. We had so many good times together. You all are very dear to my heart!

Ron, Dwana, April and Jennifer,
Just know your son and brother was very loved and you all are in our hearts and prayers.

Kayla Whitt Bandy - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ I love you Eric and I miss you so much Ronald and Dwana I cant express how much I know we will always miss him we love so much. I just hurt for my babies Connor and Britney daddy loves you so much and he will be in our hearts always.

Trista Joyce - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ May God hold you all close in your time of grief.

John L. Jones Jr. and family - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ We are so sorry to hear about your loss. You and your families are in our thoughts and prayers.

Carl "Skip" and Karen Hale - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Joyce, I am so sorry for your grief. I remember your wonderful children from Jewell Ridge Elementary. I cannot say anything tht will relieve your grief. I hate this for you and for Trist and the children as well. I wish I knew what to say and how to help.*
Cathy Blankenship, Richlands Middle School

Mrs. Cathy Blankenship - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *i send my heart to the family of this man*

joella - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *To the entire family of Eric Joyce,
We are so sorry for your lose. May god be with you. We will keep
you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Jason and Jennifer (Harris) Matney - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ *Ronald and family,
So sorry to hear about your son. I
can't imagine your grief from loosing a child. You and your family
are in our prayers. May God's love comfort you.*

Kathy Salyers Gilbert - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Our hearts hurt for you. We lost our daughter, Mary Ann, on March
26, 2008. God will make a way to remember the joys and blessing
after awhile.
Freda, my sister,is also so hurt and grieves with you. She loves all
of you so much. We keep you in our prayers.*

Linda Crawford - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with yall. We are so sorry for your lose.*

Tammy Matney - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *Ronald, Dawana and family, we are so sorry for your loss. We keep you in our hearts and prayers.*

Chuck and Barb Talley

Charles and Barbara Talley - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Saying I'm sorry doesn't express the sorrow we feel for Trista Joyce and her family. We pray that God will send His comfort & give you all peace to cope with this horrific tragedy. We love you all very much, and we are only a phone call away.*

Jamie & Ashley Shelton - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of a very loving husband, father, son. He will be greatly missed but he will be watching over you all. I went to school with both Trista and Eric. Trista if you need anything please let me know. I love you all and our prayers are with you and the family.*

Jessica Simmons - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Trista I am so sorry for your loss. I think about you and your family all time I couldn't believe it when I heard it. If you need anything at all please give me a call I can be in town within a hour and a half and my phone is always on. 540-808-8168. I am so sorry. I love you.

Blair Deskins - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ trista my heart breaks for you and the children . we will miss erics loving face that sweet warm smile, he meant the world to us.always know we are only a phone call away.today the angels sang out another angel has joined them , but he is still here in our hearts and always will be.

judi shelton-mcghee - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your son. I can't even imagine your sorrow. May God help you through this most difficult time.

Michelle Brown - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ RONALD AND DWANA, OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. THERE ARE NO WORD TO COMFORT YOU AT THIS TIME. ONLY PRAY WILL COMFORT YOUR HEARTS. WE WILL PRAY FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

MAC & CINDI STINSON - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ *Trista,
We are so sorry to hear of your loss...Always know we will always
be here for you!
You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers!
Love,
Harrison & Rebecca & Michael*

Harrison and Rebecca Street and Michael Lester - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Our deepest sympathy is with all of
the Joyce family. You are in our
thoughts and prayers. Eric will be
greatly missed by everyone here on
the mountain.*

Bruce and Linda Mitchell - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Dear Trish, Lucky, and family:
I am very sad to learn of this tragic news. Please know that our
family are praying for all of you during this time. May God bless all
of you and keep you close to Him.
Love, Jackie and family*

Jackie Smith - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM