



## Robert Michael Bays

June 26, 1968 - August 3, 2022

It is with great sorrow that the family of Robert Michael Bays announces his passing on August 3, 2022. Michael was born on June 26, 1968, in Ashland, KY to adoring parents Judith Kay & Russell Gail “Rusty” Bays. Upon graduating from Greenup County High School in 1986, Michael served in the U.S. Army, based in multiple locations. He was one among many valiant veterans of Desert Storm. Following his service in the military, Michael was employed as a Civilian Contractor for the U.S. Army for 12 plus years.

Among his many talents, Robert Michael Bays was a gifted woodworker. He started his own business, Bays Wood Designs, to share his gift and bring beauty into the lives of many. Always quick-witted and full of positivity, Michael could make you smile when it felt your world was caving in. He was a ray of sunshine in the darkest of storms and God’s blessing to forever remain in our hearts and memories.

Michael was preceded in death by his father Russell Gail “Rusty” Bays, a brother, Phillip Bays, and a grandson, Baby Bays.

Among those waiting to one day reunite are Michael’s wife, Shelagh Chase-Meadows Bays of Lincoln, TX; mother, Judy Clifford Young and stepfather, Charles Craig Young of Flatwoods, KY; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Leland and Sylvia Chase-Meadows of Lincoln, TX; and father-in-law and

mother-in-law, Coley and Pam Rawlins of Heidenheimer, TX. Also surviving are daughters, Samantha Bays and Alex Morgan of Central, TX and Whitley Bays of Florida; stepdaughter, Stephanie Adlesperger and partner Russell Porter of TX, and stepsons, Nathan Chase-Meadows of TX and Steven Lovelace and spouse Cassandra of VA. Also left behind are Michael's sisters, Angela Bays Riffe and spouse Rick of Oldtown, KY and Amanda Young and spouse Brittany Colegrove of Flatwoods, KY; brother, Russell Gail "Rocky" Bays II and spouse Stephanie of Lexington, KY; stepbrothers, Tony and David Douglas of KY; adored nephew, Haiden Bowling; cherished nieces, Amber and Rikki Riffe, Ashton Young and Ceana Bays; precious grandchildren, Kenzie, Kyndall, and Remi; and 5 step-grandchildren, Ridley Engstrom, Logan, Penelope, Landon, and Lincoln Lovelace.

Memorials may be made to an organization that supports veterans or to one's charity of choice.

A Celebration of Life and a Military Service to be held at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Northeast, Greenup County, KY at a later date.