



LTC (Ret) Joe Durr III

July 7, 1963 - November 5, 2016

Funeral service for LTC (Ret) Joe Durr, III, of Opelika, AL will be held at 2:00 pm Saturday, November 12, 2016 at St. Paul AME Church with interment in Evergreen Cemetery. Rev. Willie J. Lyles will officiate.

LTC (Ret) Durr passed Saturday, November 5, 2016 at the East Alabama Medical Center. Early in life he joined St. Luke CME Church. In 1981, he graduated from Auburn High School and in 1986, he graduated from Alabama A&M University. He was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. After twenty-one years of service, he retired from the US Army. Prior to his passing he served as the Teen Director at the Boys and Girls Club in Auburn.

The family will receive family and friends this evening at 7:00 pm at the funeral home. His remains will lie in state at the church one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to be made to the Boys and Girls Club in his name for a scholarship. Checks can be made payable to:

Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lee County

1365 Gatewood Drive, Suite 221

Auburn, AL 36830

Survivors: his mother, Mary E. Durr of Opelika, AL; a sister, Vicki Durr Hatcher of Huntsville, AL; a niece, Tiffany M. Hatcher of Huntsville, AL; eight aunts, Annie Pearl Smith and Bertha S. Williams both of Auburn, AL, Mary Nell Strickland (Alfred Jackson) and Mary Liza Strickland both of Opelika, AL, Lottie Irby of New York, NY, Blanch Strickland of Tallassee, FL, Mary Helen Strickland of Atlanta, GA and Marie Pink of Columbus, GA; three uncles, Dr. Robert Bryant of Detroit, MI, Wayne (Phyllis) Strickland of Opelika, AL and Lawrence Strickland of Auburn, AL; special cousins, Tony (Loretta) Williams, Morris Welch and Joann (Jim) Dowdell all of Auburn, AL, Cyrus (Ruth) Durr of Opelika, AL and Jeanie Durr of Laurel, MD; special friends, David (Susie) Holmes and Victor Foster both of Opelika, AL and Stanley Robinson of Swansea, SC; a host of other cousins, relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Peterson and Williams Funeral Home
1016 McCoy Street
Opelika, AL 36801
(334) 745-6473
pw1016mccoy@hotmail.com

Family Receiving Hour

NOV 11. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Lie in state

NOV 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Paul A.M.E. Church
713 Powledge Ave
Opelika, AL 36801

Service

NOV 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Peterson and Williams Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of LTC (Ret) Joe Durr III



Peterson and Williams Funeral Home - November 11, 2016 at 05:11 PM



“ LTC (Ret) Joe Durr III

January 29, 2023 at 11:13 AM



“ I offer my sincere condolences to the family of LTC (Ret) Durr. A couple of years ago, I made a surprise contact online with Joe who was a student in one of our Head Start classes in 1968. (Dr. Doris Dickerson and I served as his teachers.) It was fun after so many years chatting briefly with him and I told him how proud I was of his accomplishments and his extensive and distinguished military service. Rest In Peace, Joe. Donald E. Smith

Donald E. Smith - November 12, 2016 at 08:22 PM



I offer my sincere condolences to the family of Joe as I knew him. Had a lot of good times and memorable fun with Joe and Stanley. With Love from Cynthia Smith.

Cynthia Smith - January 10, 2017 at 09:43 PM

SN

“ Our deepest sympathies to the family of Joe Durr III. Although he will be missed, his memories will always remain. May God comfort you with His love and Grace!

Chauncy and Sophia Nash

Sophia Nash - November 12, 2016 at 01:23 PM

ST

“ Sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

James & Mary Stinson

Stinson - November 12, 2016 at 12:22 PM



“ Joe shall forever be remembered as a kind and dear friend. I extend my deepest sympathy to the Durr family. May Joe RIP.
Gertha Marie Frazier

G Marie Frazier - November 12, 2016 at 09:39 AM



CB

“ Mrs Mary, Vicki and Tiffany, hold tight to memories for comfort, lean on your family and friends for strength, and always remember how much you are loved and cared about. May God continue to bless and keep you.

Claudia M Williams--AAMU

Claudia Brooks - November 12, 2016 at 08:03 AM



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Claudia M Williams--AAMU

Claudia Brooks - November 12, 2016 at 07:59 AM

FR

“ *Frenchie lit a candle in memory of LTC (Ret) Joe Durr III*



Frenchie - November 12, 2016 at 07:38 AM

FR

“ *Words seem inadequate to express the sadness I feel in my heart about Joe Durr death. He was a very positive caring loving closed special friend to me. I will truly miss him. Mrs Durr, Vicki and Tiffany I pray that God give you all peace to bring comfort and courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to hold in your hearts. LTC (Ret) Joe Durr III, Fly high my love, fly high!! Love you guys♥*



Frenchie - November 12, 2016 at 12:12 AM

FR

“ *Frenchie lit a candle in memory of LTC (Ret)
Joe Durr III*



Frenchie - November 11, 2016 at 11:51 PM

FR

“ *Frenchie lit a candle in memory of LTC (Ret)
Joe Durr III*



Frenchie - November 11, 2016 at 11:48 PM

LM

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Love you all!

Frenchie 🥰

Lafrench Miller - November 11, 2016 at 11:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of LTC (Ret) Joe Durr III.*



November 11, 2016 at 09:03 AM



“ *Vickie Holmes-Tinsley lit a candle in memory of LTC (Ret) Joe Durr III*



Vickie Holmes-Tinsley - November 11, 2016 at 08:26 AM



“ *To the Durr Family my prayers and love go out to you in this time of need. Joe was truly a great friend and will be sadly missed, his true Omega spirit will live on. May God bless you all.*

*Love
Burney Furnace
El Paso, Texas*

Burney Furnace - November 11, 2016 at 06:53 AM



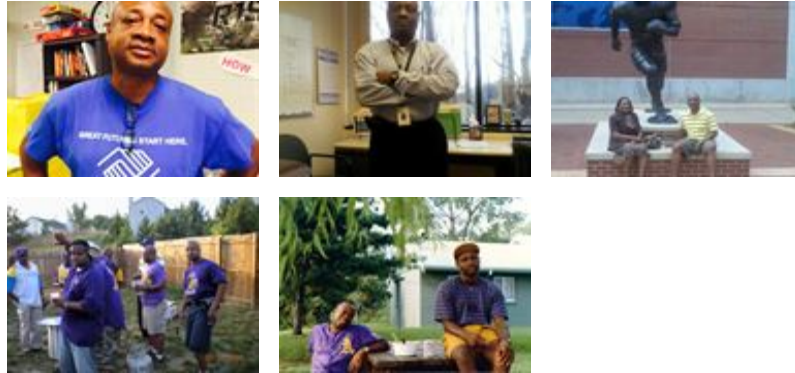
“ *Etoia Toles-Wilson lit a candle in memory of LTC (Ret) Joe Durr III*



Etoia Toles-Wilson - November 10, 2016 at 10:01 PM



“ 67 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Peterson and Williams Funeral Home - November 10, 2016 at 07:19 PM

LV

“ Loretta Veasley lit a candle in memory of LTC (Ret) Joe Durr III



Loretta Veasley - November 10, 2016 at 04:01 PM

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“ Will, Regina, Tyah, Xarius, & Xavier Williams (TX) purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of LTC (Ret) Joe Durr III.



Will, Regina, Tyah, Xarius, & Xavier Williams (TX) - November 10, 2016 at 12:17 PM

CF

“ COL (Bro) Dallis Barnes & Omega Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of LTC (Ret) Joe Durr III.



COL (Bro) Dallis Barnes & Omega Family - November 10, 2016 at 08:51 AM

KW

“ Mrs Mary and Vikki and the Durr family. I extend my heart felt condolences to you all. Joe meant so much to many. He was a very caring and giving person who cherished his friends and family. He will be deeply missed by us all. May God be with you and provide comfort in this time of sorrow. God speed and blessings to you all. Sincerely, Keenan B Wynn

Keenan Wynn - November 10, 2016 at 02:37 AM

CB

“ COL, Ret., William M. and Mrs. Patricia Bransford purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of LTC (Ret) Joe Durr III.



COL, Ret., William M. and Mrs. Patricia Bransford - November 10, 2016 at 01:15 AM



“ I had the privilege to serve with Joe in the 4th Battalion, 41st Field Artillery Regiment at FT Benning, GA from 1993-95. His quiet competence and dogged determination to accomplish every task and his care for his soldiers made him a respected leader. When his Battery deployed on short notice to Kuwait in 1994, well ahead of our headquarters and support units, then moved immediately into an uncertain situation on the Iraqi border, Joe led his soldiers with exemplary confidence, competence and courage. I am saddened beyond words to learn that his great heart has stopped too soon.

To his family, Patty and I send our condolences and our prayers. May you find comfort in knowing your reared a true gentleman and a patriot, in every sense of the words, and he lived his life well.

To Joe: Rest in peace, Redleg. You served bravely and well, although not long enough. You made your family, your fellow soldiers, and your nation proud of you. Mission Accomplished!

Steel Six, out.

William Bransford - November 10, 2016 at 12:35 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of LTC (Ret) Joe Durr III.



November 09, 2016 at 09:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of LTC (Ret) Joe Durr III.*



November 09, 2016 at 07:00 PM



“ *Joe was really a special person. He always made me feel like life embraced me. But I knew it embraced his kind spirit. He will truly be missed.*

Marcia Yarboro - November 09, 2016 at 02:58 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the Durr family. Your family is in my prayers.*



Regina R. Nicholson - November 08, 2016 at 06:59 PM



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Regina R. Nicholson - November 08, 2016 at 06:51 PM

BE

“ *Mary & Vicki-*
We love you & are so sorry for the loss of Joe-Joe; Your family is so much a part of our family; May Joe-Joe's sweet spirit & God's promises fill your heart-
Love & Blessings-
Tom & Bettye Cooksey & Family

Bettye - November 08, 2016 at 06:16 PM

SN

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of Joe Durr III. He was a friend of our family and will be missed. May God's Grace and Peace comfort you during this time of loss.*

Chauncy and Sophia Nash

Sophia Nash - November 08, 2016 at 03:18 PM

DB

“ *Condolences to Durr family's*
Your child was a sweetheart. Everyone who met him (Joe) could not stop talking about him such a gentleman. He is going to be relentlessly missed by everyone. My family will miss seeing him at the cookout and Auburn and Alabama game

Retired first sergeant Deborah Bass
U.S. Army

Deborah Bass - November 07, 2016 at 07:09 PM

KB

“ *Don't Cry, Don't Cry*
I know you are sad but your son was a real Soldier. He was a gentleman, he all way agree you with his first and last name (Joe Durr). He was like a son to me, we will miss him at the fish fries and cookouts. Im feeling really bad. But I want to tell you that I am with you in this feeling of blue. Please be strong and things will be fine. There will certainly be a new sun shine. So stay strong! My family's will miss him. LTC, Joe Durr
Katie Pitts Bass

Katie Pitts Bass - November 07, 2016 at 06:57 PM

CM

“ *Condolences to the family of Joe Durr. Joe and I served together at Fort Gillem, and always kept in touch. We share the same birthday, 7 July 1963, and would always try to see who'd be the first to call the other on our birthday. Rest in Peace My Brother. I'm gonna miss those early morning phone calls, but I'll always remember them.*

Mac McNeal

Cornell McNeal - November 07, 2016 at 08:22 AM

EB

“ *Joe was more than just a great friend, he was my brother! I will forever cherish the many talks we shared about JESUS CHRIST his first love. Joe's love for family, was at the forefront of everything he did, to include helping so many others he assisted. A constant reminder of giving back to others and long lives his spirit in each of us. May the LORD, richly bless all his family during the homegoing of my dearly beloved friend and brother.*

GOD BLESS
Elder Michael Bouie

Elder Michael Bouie - November 06, 2016 at 01:04 PM

CH

Clarissa Harris

*To Vicki Hatcher & Family, I extend my deepest sympathy to you and your family regarding the loss of your brother. Although I never met him, I can certainly identify with the loss. I pray God continues to comfort you and your family in your time of need. God Is Merciful!!
Clarissa @ Bryce Hospital*

Clarissa Harris - November 10, 2016 at 06:08 PM

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*My deepest and sincere condolences to the family of this great man, friend, and officer. As a 1SG in C Btry 4-41, 1994, on Kelly Hill, Ft. Benning, he was my very first Battery Commander. Many fond memories. He relied on me to do my job and I gave him time to command. I can see him now in his office reading the newspaper, the Battalion Commander would come in with a question, he would lower the paper, look across the hall to see if I was in my office. If I was, he would tell the commander "Sir go ask the 1SG"! I still speak of him often! He was a quite gentle giant!! RIP Sir!! Cobra 9 Out!!
CSM (Ret) Elijah King, Jr.*

Elijah King, Jr., CSM (Ret) - November 14, 2016 at 04:25 PM