



Major Brian Patnode

June 6, 1973 - August 3, 2013

Obituary of Major Brian Patnode (US Army Ret.)

Major Brian M. Patnode (US Army Ret.) age 40 of Ocala, Florida was born June 6, 1973 in Ocala, Florida and died August 3, 2013 in Richmond, Virginia. He was a graduate of UCF and was a Christian by faith. He was a 20 year veteran of the US Army, retiring in March of 2013, and served 3 combat tours in Iraq, receiving a Purple Heart, 2 Bronze Stars and the ARCOM with Valor for that service. Additionally, Major Patnode was a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Levenworth, Kansas.

A loving and devoted husband and father, his beloved family includes: wife of 15 years Rachel Clark-Patnode of Leesburg, Florida; daughter Ryleigh Patnode; sons Ryder and Levi Patnode; father Bruce (Pam) Patnode of Ocala, Florida; mother Pam Rutledge of Ocala, Florida; sister Kristie Lamertina of Orlando, Florida; father and mother-in-law David and Darlene Clark; sister-in-law Leah (Tyler) Clark-Jackson; and brother-in-law Ben Clark.

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Interment

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Tribute Wall

CN

“ Rachel, I was deeply saddened to hear the news Monday morning about Major Patnode's passing. He was a great guy and a great soldier. I had the pleasure of working with him while at Fort Stewart. I remember how he fondly spoke about you and his children every time we talked. You and your family have my heartfelt sympathies and I will keep you all in my prayers.

Connie Tillman, NCM - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ We are so sorry for your loss and are completely heartbroken. Brian was a great Commander and friend, a true man of integrity, always leading from the front! You will be forever missed Brian, but we are so grateful that one day, we will see you again, in heaven. Thank you for being our friend and battle buddy.... We love you, always!

SFC (Ret.) Roy and Miriam Hahn - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Rachel, my sister in faith, in war, in good times & bad; & Brian, my brother in faith, the way u cared for me like an annoying little sister in Italy, then long distance phone bills as Rachel & have held tight to each other for over 11 years, know the legacy you've left has not been in vain. We may miss you now on this earth, but thank God it isn't the end! Can't wait to see u again " big brother." Meanwhile, also know we have your family covered in prayer & love!

Joanne & Arnaldo Colón & family - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Rest in peace, my friend. We'll meet up on the other side. Bring your guitar.

JR Howard - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ .condolences... *He fought a good fight!! God is smiling :-)* Peace & Love Alene <><

Joyce Alene Modlin - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *Rachel, I am so sad to hear this! I am praying for peace and healing for you and your family and know that God will fold His loving arms around you!*

Charlotte Jans - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ *My DEAREST PATNODE...I am of HEAVY heart to hear this terrible news. My HEART goes out to you and Bruce. I am sending prayers for you, your family, and the wife and children of Brian...I may be far away, but my HEART, SOUL, & PRAYERS are with you ALL. LOVE BOWMAN...*

BOWMAN - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ *Rachel, Just know that God loves you. My heart is broken for you and your children. Love, Uncle Sue*

Susan Newton - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ We are truly saddened to hear about Brian...Know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. "I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love." -Leo Buscaglia

LTC Chris and Sue Durham - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great commander.

Noortje Greer - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My heart goes out to the family and friends of this wonderful man. He was the best commander I ever had in my almost 23 years. God bless and comfort you all during this painful time.

John Stephens - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ Rachel, You and your children are in my prayers. You have many wonderful memories that will get you through this difficult time. Darcy Vasilas (Jennifer Waters' mom)

Darcy Vasilas - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

UA

“ Our love and prayers are with you all.

Uncle David & Aunt Anne - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ I am sorry for you loss sending lots of prayers and hugs to you all .

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JF

“ Rachel, my prayers and thoughts are with you, the children and entire family. Brian was a great husband, father, brother and son. Praying God will see you through these hard days ahead.

Jane Stahurski (Pam V. friend) - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Rachel. Our hearts are hurting for you and the children as well as Brian's family. God has a purpose for everything and we have to hold on to that as we make this sad journey. We love you.

Donnie and Bunny Peavy - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ In the short time I knew Brian he taught me a great deal about perseverance. He will be missed, but I will see him again!

MAJ Mike Bajema - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ I am saddened to here of the passing of Brian. He was a great friend in school. I will keep his family in my prayers. God bless you all.

Bill Kalfs - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ I was so shocked and saddened to see this on Facebook from Darren's post. I remember him from so long ago at Publix. I was not aware of how well he did later on in life. I can only hope his life will move other young men to pursue such high honors in life. My deepest sympathies...

Gary Brewer - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

IM

“ We are honored to know Brian and his beautiful family. Our prayers are with Rachel, the children and their families.

Immanuel and Melissa Mgana - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Our thoughts and prayers go to the family and friends of this great man and leader as some of us come to know his as. He kept many of our loved ones safe during deployments and his lovely wife Rachel kept us wives sane and hopeful. He will be sadly missed by many.

Brian and Misty Nave - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RQ

“ So sorry to hear of your loss, Rachel. Prayers for you and your little ones.

Ryan Drury Quintanilla - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. With deepest sympathy, The Hudson family

Willie and Sonia Hudson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Our hearts are deeply saddened by the loss of this wonderful family man and dedicated soldier. Our deepest sympathy to Rachel, Ryleigh, Ryder, Levi and family.

Mary and Frank Clark - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



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RU

“ Rachel I'm so sorry for your loss. Brian and I worked together at FI. Healthcare Research and you were pregnant with your daughter and we threw Brian a baby shower. He was such an amazing friend/co-worker. He talked so highly of you and his faith. He truly inspired me with his wisdom. May God Bless you and your children.

RustinaJones - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Rachel and family, We are so sorry to hear this heartbreaking news. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers and thoughts and know that we are here for you and your family.

Mark & Kim Peavy - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Thinking of you and praying your memories are a sweet comfort and you feel the love of Brian, friends, family and God's healing strength in these days ahead!

Duncan family - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I went to high school with Brian. He was the funniest, sweetest, most kind person. What a wonderful man he turned out to be! Beautiful family and a hero to our country. I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you!! I am proud to say I knew him!!

Cathy canganelli Blake - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rachel and family I am sorry for your loss Maj. Patnode was an amazing leader and an amazing man it is an honor to say he was my Commander. He will be truly missed god bless you and your family

Robert Bahr (SPC) - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Our hearts ache to hear about Brian. We had fun times at Ft. Riley. I still remember Ryleigh when she was 5 and the dinners we'd have together. Prayers to Rachel and those beautiful children.

Mike and Trina Boyles - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ I worked with Brian when he was a phlebotomist at LRMC. I remember how excited he was to be going to Night of Joy with Rachel when they first started dating. He was a compassionate, funny guy, and we all loved being around him at work. Sending prayers for God to bring your family peace, strength and comfort.

Gena Knight - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *He was someone who made the most of his life and we were all proud of everything he had accomplished. I worked with him at Publix and I am so glad he did so much after he left. Many lives were made better because he left his mark in many positive ways. He will be missed.*

Gary Brewer - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM