



## Mr. Max Douglas Trader

January 10, 1963 - January 19, 2020

Max Douglas Trader was born at St. Joseph Hospital in Kansas City, MO January 10, 1963, and went home to his Savior on January 19, 2020 after battling a long illness. He lived during his childhood in Raytown, Missouri, and attended Raytown High School, where he played baseball and football and made many lifelong friends. He was baptized at Sni-A-Bar Christian Church in Kansas City at a young age. He, along with most of his family worked at various times for Hallmark Cards. After graduating from RHS in 1981, he moved to Louisburg, MO and worked at Woods Supermarket. Feeling the need for more, he enlisted with the United States Marine Corps in 1983. On the day of his mother's birthday, his family wished him well as he flew from KCI to Camp Pendleton, CA. Max proudly graduated boot camp and was quickly promoted to Lance Corporal. After serving in Korea and Okinawa, he returned stateside and was honorably discharged in April 1986. It was during his final leave that he met Melissa, and two years later they were wed on June 4, 1988. They were blessed with two children, a son, Douglas Thomas, and a daughter, Jacqueline Elizabeth.

Max enjoyed sports, followed the Kansas City Royals and was a lifelong KC Chiefs fan. He worked to earn his Associate of Science in Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning, and graduated from Ozarks Technical Community College in May 2014. His dedication as an employee with Melton Trucking, Mallory Elementary, Dallas County Career Center, and finally as an HVAC technician with Ozarks Technical Community College, where he retired,

was admired and appreciated. He enjoyed hunting and being in nature. His greatest joy, however, was family. The pride and love he felt toward his parents, siblings and children were made obvious daily. This was magnified exponentially in his love for his grandchildren, Daylen and Kaylee. "Papa" was always ready to spend time playing, at the pool, reading or watching movies with them.

Max renewed his relationship with and accepted the Grace of Christ as his Savior. He was preceded in death by his mother, Hulda Dee (Forth) Trader. He is survived by his wife, Melissa (Wilkerson) Trader of the home, son Douglas Trader and wife, Elizabeth of Springfield, daughter Jacqueline (Trader) Courtney and husband James and children Daylen and Kaylee, of Nixa, his father, William D. Trader and wife Jodi of Springfield, his brothers, Mark Trader and wife Donna, and Michael Trader and wife Karen, both couples of Miramar Beach, FL, sister Marilyn Eidson and husband Clint, of Springfield, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins, and multitudes of friends.

Funeral Service will be 1:00 p.m. Sunday, January 26, 2020 in the Cantlon Otterness & Viets Funeral Home with Rev. Jeff Cole Officiating. Pallbearers will be Brad Jones, Stewart Sherrow, Mark Trader, Mike Trader, Phillip Eidson, Bradley Trader, Clint Eidson, and Todd McGregor. Honorary Pallbearer will be Mike Smith. Cremation rites will be accorded after by the Cantlon Otterness & Viets Funeral Home of Buffalo.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to The Fisher House in St. Louis or the Veterans Success Fund at OTC.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 26. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home - Buffalo

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## Service

JAN 26. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Max Douglas Trader*

October 09, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Mr. Max Douglas Trader*

October 09, 2023 at 04:09 AM



“ *Mr. Max Douglas Trader*

October 05, 2023 at 11:14 PM



“ *Mr. Max Douglas Trader*

October 05, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ *Mr. Max Douglas Trader*

December 20, 2022 at 10:20 AM

ME

“ Everyone who knows me much at all knows I don't really “do” Facebook. However, I feel I need to reach as many people as I can with expediency. I will be reaching out individually, but need to share now, as my heart is so very full. I have been, for the last 34 years, part of someone's life who has helped me become so much more, so much better than I ever could have dreamed – someone who has taught me first-hand what it means to be a true friend, what it means to be loyal, dedicated, hard-working, and what it means to truly love. Who taught me that family is the best thing on this Earth; our nation the most wonderful on this planet, worth defending with the blank check that every servicemember, officer, and first responder willingly signs; and that when we leave this place, there is a loving God who is ready to accept us through the blood of Christ, regardless of our pasts.

*I thought I knew how my dear husband, my best friend, had touched so many lives with his generous spirit and easy laugh. Even so, I was overwhelmed at the outpouring of love, friendship, and camaraderie, all so genuine, at his funeral on Sunday. I have received calls, cards, messages by text and via Facebook, visits, flowers, and notices of donations made in his memory, and I am so very humbled.*

*To each of you on my Facebook group: I know I don't have to describe or explain, but allow me this one opportunity. Max Douglas Trader was a human being beyond anything I could have ever built in my imagination, as a young girl growing up on a farm. The Marine who so gallantly swept me off my feet was the Prince Charming Mr. Disney couldn't have perceived – imperfect, yes, as we all are – but my perfect match. My soul will never be the same without him, and I pray that each of you can know the kind of love that we shared.*

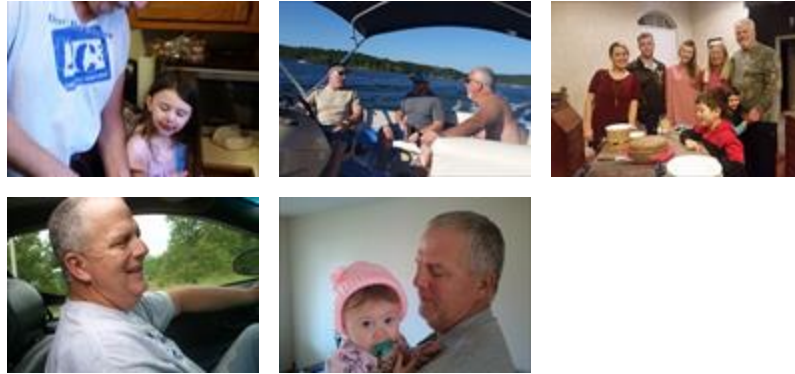
*Thank you to everyone who has shared in our storybook life. I still have chapters to finish here, loving my kids, my grandkids, my mom, and all the brothers and sisters and family and friends on both sides. When I'm done, I look forward to reuniting with my “Max-a-Million” again. Until then, from the bottom of my heart...thank you.*

*~ Melissa*

**Melissa** - January 27, 2020 at 09:51 PM

ME

“ 13 files added to the album *Family man*



**Melissa** - January 26, 2020 at 03:36 AM

DW

“ *Dennis Wimberly: It was always an adventure with you at the school while we were cleaning during the summers and always looked forward to catching up with you at 3:00 to see what had happened during the day at the school. you will be missed*

**Dennis Wimberly** - January 25, 2020 at 08:44 PM

SA

“ *Sorry for your family's loss . Keep you all in my prayers*

**savannah** - January 25, 2020 at 07:42 PM

JA

“ *So sorry for your loss*

**jayedee** - January 25, 2020 at 12:07 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Max Douglas Trader.*



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January 24, 2020 at 07:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Max Douglas Trader.*



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January 24, 2020 at 11:12 AM



“ *Bill And Carolyn Hayes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Max Douglas Trader*



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**bill and carolyn hayes** - January 22, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ *Max will be greatly missed. He always new how to brighten someone's day! I will forever cherish those times as a young girl that I got to spend with him. My thoughts and prayers are with you through these hard times.*  
*Rose Hemel*

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**Angaline "Rose" Hemel** - January 21, 2020 at 05:35 PM



“ You'll be missed, my Marine friend! Many good conversations, one unforgettable attempt to sing "Pancho and Lefty" karaoke, and lots of misadventures when we were driving together. It is safe to say that if one of us pulled some dumb stunt, the other one was close by, if not involved! We sure had a lot of fun, so many laughs, and made many memories I'll not forget! Oorah, Leatherneck!

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**Adair Hemel** - January 20, 2020 at 09:21 PM

MM

“ To many memories of this wonderful man to post all of them. But I will always remember his wonderful personality, his way of changing song lyrics to meet his current mood and to make you laugh, his love of music, the fun times at each other's house, his love of country and duty. But most of all, his love for his family and friends. He was a selfless individual and always willing to help whoever whenever needed. My friendship with him has been a joy and I will miss him dearly. I will miss him saying, "love you more" the most. You were taken way to soon my friend, but I have comfort knowing you are with God and your beloved mother.  
Until I see you again Maxie, love you more,  
Bear  
Xoxoxoxo

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**Mary McGregor** - January 20, 2020 at 07:48 PM