



Joseph Ryan Braig

August 14, 1991 - June 5, 2021

SSGT Joseph Ryan Braig was born on August 14, 1991 in Douglas, WY. On the early morning of June 5, 2021 Joseph was in a tragic vehicle accident off post in Pacific Grove, CA.

Joseph Braig attended his general studies in Colorado, Wyoming, and Oklahoma. In 2009

Joseph graduated High School in Nowata, Ok and went on to study at Oklahoma University. Soon

after he made the decision to join the United States Army and enroll as a 35P Cryptologic

Linguist in which he would go on to learn the Korean language. He had the privilege of being

stationed at Ft Hood in Texas, Camp Humphrey's in Korea, Schofield Barracks in Hawaii, and

lastly the Defense Language Institute Center in Presidio of Monterey, CA as an Instructor.

Throughout his military career SSGT Braig excelled at every task thrown his way and made sure

he touched everyone he ever met. He was a great leader and helped many excel within the ranks

and lead better lives.

SSGT Joseph Braig was not only an honorable soldier, he was also a loving

son, goofy

brother, wonderful uncle, and a devoted father to Olivia Emery Braig who was born February 6,

2015. His entire world revolved around his family, friends, and mostly his Daughter, Olivia E.

Braig. (Livvie Bear) was Joseph's greatest accomplishment in his short time here on Earth and

the love Joseph had for Olivia knew no bounds. Olivia loves her daddy just as much and as tragic

as it is to lose him, he will live on through her so the world better be ready.

When SSGT Braig was not being a dutiful soldier and Instructor to his fellow men and

women of the military branches, you could catch him playing videos games, riding his bike

Megatron with his friends and Motorcycle Club the Street Punishers, hanging with friends, or

looking up inappropriate memes he would share with everyone. Joseph spent his childhood in

Oklahoma hanging out with his Weekend Warriors and their families who in return became his

own. Joseph had a heart of gold and would always hold out a helping hand to anyone in need. He

was humble, humorous, and sometimes serious, but he always got the job done. Joseph was also a

great listener and he was respected anywhere he went and we can all agree that he truly was

the best part of each of us.

SSGT Joseph R. Braig is survived by Daughter Olivia E Braig, Mother Luann K. Smith,

Sisters Kristen L. Braig and Breana L. Bass, Grandparents Sanghi and Bertrand Smith,

Nephews Damon T. Bass and Dylan J. Bass, and Uncles Lance A. Braig and
sons and Lon K. Braig.

Proceeded in death by Niece Lileigh A. Kellenaers, Grandfather Ronald J.
Braig, and Grandmother
Linda A. Braig.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 17. 3:00 PM (CT)

Reid Family Residence

Rd. 24, turn East, go 1/2 mile and it is a white house with a red roof on the South side of the road

Nowata, OK 74048

Tribute Wall



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Joseph Ryan Braig.*



February 16, 2023 at 10:25 PM



“ *Joe and I served together in South Korea. We were both promoted early as corporals and had to embrace the bullcrap that corporals put up with together. I looked up to Joe quite a lot. He was always smiling, joking, and keeping our spirits high. Everybody loved him.*



I had the good fortune of seeing him again when I visited Hawaii after I left the military. It meant a lot that he took the time to hangout after so much time apart.

Joe and I are both Oklahoma natives. I live in Moore. I wasn't able to make it to his service and for that I am deeply regretful. I think about Joe often. He was taken way too soon from us. If I could I would take his place.

God bless Joe's family and may he rest in peace riding the roads of heaven.

Ian Hecht - February 16, 2023 at 10:21 PM

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*Thank you for your story! Jojo was an amazing person, but most of all.
The best little brother anyone could ask for*

Breana Bass - June 25, 2024 at 05:05 AM



Elizabeth
Booth

“ *thank you for your service.*



Elizabeth Booth - July 12, 2021 at 12:26 PM

LS

“ *I didn't know you but I was there that morning
, may you Rest In Peace SSGT BRAIG*



lisa stacks - July 11, 2021 at 07:34 PM