



## Eric Alexander Hanes

October 13, 1982 - July 28, 2018

Eric Alexander Hanes, 35, passed away on July 28, 2018 in Fayetteville, NC after a three and a half year struggle with GIST cancer. He was born in October of 1982 in Los Angeles and grew up in Templeton and Paso Robles, CA.

Following graduation from Templeton High School, Eric enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving as a Ground Radar Systems Technician, eventually rising to the rank of Technical Sergeant. While stationed at Minot AFB, ND, he met and married his then wife Emily Kamrowski in 2009. Eric proudly and honorably served his country with three deployments, one to Afghanistan, and while later stationed at Ramstein, Germany; he also served two deployments to Africa. Eric took great pride in being in the military and felt a strong sense of accomplishment in serving his country where he made many friends and planned to serve until retirement. Eric's awards include Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Good Conduct Medal with two devices, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award, and the Expert Marksmanship Ribbon. In 2013, he was awarded his Associate's degree.

After his medical discharge in 2016, Eric was able to spend much quality time making precious memories with his young daughter Audrey, who was born in 2012 during his deployment to Africa. Eric loved music and was a self-taught musician of several instruments, in particular the guitar and drums. He enjoyed listening to music, playing video games, spending time with friends, and driving his black Dodge Charger. He was an aficionado of all food and enjoyed watching action movies, especially Star Wars and the Avengers.

Eric's distinct laugh, his quick wit, and incredible sense of humor had a way of keeping everyone smiling. It is reported by those with whom he served in Africa, that even in the "crappiest situation" he had a way of making those around him feel better. Eric definitely made this world a brighter place and will be dearly missed by all who were fortunate enough to know and love him.

Eric is survived by a daughter, Audrey Hanes of Holmen, WI, his parents, Philip Hanes of Templeton CA, and Renee Hanes of King City, CA, Grandma Victoria Hanes of

Oceanside, CA, two sisters, Nicole Hunter of King City, CA and Andrea Hanes of Paso Robles, CA, nephews Logan Hunter and Tillman Hunter, and a niece, Tali Hunter, several aunts, uncles, cousins, a host of friends, and Eric's devoted and loving fiancée, Kristen Cottrell and her daughter Riley, who enhanced his final months and remained by his side during Eric's final days on earth.

Our beloved Eric is preceded in death by grandparents Norman G. Hanes of Oceanside, CA, Theodore A. Wyke of Atascadero, CA and Jean Morgan of Paso Robles, CA

Military Service honors will be held Friday, Oct 19, 2018 at 14:00 at

California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery

2900 Parker Flats Road, Seaside, CA

Chaplain Robert Lokkesmoe will officiate.

Reception following interment held in King City, CA given by Eric's sisters.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations can be made to the GIST Cancer Research Fund, 3905 NE 167th St, N Miami Beach FL 33160 or [gistinfo.org](http://gistinfo.org)

# Comments

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“ My best friend & my hero, you saved my ass more times than I care to admit. I would have died for you brother. I miss you so damn much.

,Steve



**Steve** - September 28, 2018 at 07:20 PM



“ Bless you Steve for your sentiment! Please feel free to contact me on FB or Instagram @radarlove\_cheezwhiz

Renee Hanes

**Renee Wyke Hanes** - October 06, 2018 at 11:53 PM

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“ My deepest sympathies and prayers go out to Eric's family. Eric was a good friend when I knew him while we were stationed in Lompoc, CA. Eric's memory lives on in his loving family and friends who knew him.

**Julio Santiago** - September 08, 2018 at 04:15 PM

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“ I'm so sad to hear of Eric's passing. When I was stationed in Vandenberg AFB from 2003-06, we were coworkers and we were friends. Eric could always make people laugh. He was one of the funniest people I've ever met. I remember taking this picture with him for the Air Force Times while we were working on the Radar on New Love Hill. I also remember the time we accidentally inventoried that there were 2 radars up on that hill. I'm honored I had the privilege to work with Eric and have some great memories of work, Coheed and Cambria concerts, and fun times in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo. His was a defining friendship in my time in the Air Force.

My deepest condolences to the family. Rest in Peace my friend and fellow Airman.





“ My precious son, I can't believe you are gone. I hold dear the honor of being your Mom and I am extremely thankful for that. Your memory lives on, in the many whose lives and hearts you have touched in your short time here in this world. All My Love Forever, Mom

Renee Hanes - August 23, 2018 at 01:00 AM

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Renee Hanes - August 22, 2018 at 11:40 PM

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