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Casey 'Alex' Tran, age 25, Son, Brother, Grandson, Uncle, Nephew, Cousin, Friend and Protector, died unexpectedly on April 3, 2013 at his home. Casey was many things to many people but everyone can agree that Casey was 'The Bridge'. He bridged groups of people together because to Casey, everyone was a friend. He will be missed by so many. He is survived by a very large and loving family. Funeral services, with military honors, will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday April 11, 2013 at St. Johns Family Funeral Home, 385 SR 207, St. Augustine, FL 32084. A visitation, beginning at 3:00 PM, will precede the services. In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions in his memory be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Rd #300, Jacksonville, FL 32256. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ I never thanked you for two of the first gifts I received from you when I moved to FL. The first gift was your friendship just by the virtue of us being neighbors and the two goth kids at the bus stop. I remember how you reacted when you found out that I was a Marine Corps brat. You always knew what you wanted and went for it passionately. The second gift was for introducing me to my best friend to this day Monique. Thank you for being who you were and making everyone laugh even when we are crying.

Jasmine Stanley - November 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ I'm sorry you reminded me of him, and I'm sorry that I creeped you out. I wanted a taste of that lost sunshine so badly, I sought it out wherever I could. You were a beautiful soul Alex, always smiling.

That one weird girl with the kid. - April 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Hello Family! I wanted to let you all know how wonderful it was to meet you and much I saddened for the reason. Casey was my friend, though we did not know each other very well. But he knew that I loved him and that there would always be room for him in my home and family should he need it. He was one of the best male models we had in our group and one of the most helpful. He helped us build props and did a lot of footwork and running for me to make sure our shoots he was involved in went well. Our little artist community wouldn't be the same without him and we will miss him greatly. On behalf of the Barbi3 HeadZ (and my spouse and I without them) do send you our most heartfelt sympathies and if there is ever any need for anything, we are at your service. Without all of you he would not have been the spritely fun-natured person that he was who always went out of his way to make someone else smile. Much love. Chisa

Chisa Rollins (Chisa D., Raven) - April 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I loved my cousin with all my heart. He was a kind, caring, loving, and gentle. He will be missed by so many. Disily was his saying. Everyone will be using that word. Love you casey and miss you like hell. Aunt lori, Carlin, and Miranda we are here for you guys.

Melissa Elkins and family - April 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ ...When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight. - from *The Prophet* by Kahlil Gibran Casey will be missed so very much.

Pam and John Wagner - April 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I remember the exact moment that I met him. It was at Blue Monday at club rehab in 2011. I was entirely new to the whole club thing but I was encouraged to get out of the house by a friend of mine. Alex was there with Topher, Topher being his room mate at the time. We kept kinda looking at each other and eventually he came over and introduced himself as Casey. We thought it was funny because I was Cassie. He's the whole reason I don't stand off in a corner at the club anymore and I dance with people. He refused to let me be a corner person! Later everyone basically called him Alex so that's what I called him. I was drawn to him for more than a year with some inexplicable strong feeling of care. Still have that care but we stopped talking for a little while because I thought he was made at me. Every couple of days I would message his FB to check on him. Sometimes he would answer sometimes he wouldn't. Sometimes our conversation on feelings were really deep. He was really quiet about how he felt even when I would badger him. Sometimes giving me his "go away" face and I'd be adamant. You had to ask the right questions to get the answers you wanted. And sometimes you could only ask maybe once. I made him three paintings with all my heart and one got shred to pieces. So he got another painting I didn't know what to do with until I finished another important one. So in the end he ended up with two heart filled paintings that I made specifically for him and one he put in the living room. I am selfish that I want those back though. I cherished him a lot. He's still gonna always have a place in my heart. Even though I knew him for all of a year and a half.

Cassie Fuller - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Casey you are the stars and the moon. You left a piece of you with everyone who knew you, you are loved and missed so much. I will always look up to the sky for you. Lori, Carlin and Miranda, you will forever be in our hearts and in our prayers. We love you very much.
Deb and Trevor

Deb and Trevor Alles - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Alex's friendly smile at the Farm was unforgettable. He'd work hard under the hot Florida sun and endure so much pressure, but he always maintained a smile. He greeted me, so kindly, and was a real pleasure to be around. Alex was a unique and creative person. He dyed his hair different colors. The world has lost a very personable, interesting, smiling young man and it's a sad day for everyone who knew him. It's my hope that Alex is at peace. He will be remembered for all the good he brought into people's lives.

RBitar - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ To all his family and Family and Friends I send my deepest condolences to you all and I want to say he is in God's arms now and there is nothing but peace and happiness for Casey now, may you all be granted the solace of knowing he is safe and loved you all from the deepest portion of his heart. Thank you Casey for your service to our country.

Gerri Schlootterback - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Casey was my daughter's friend and therefore our friend. My husband and I send our sincere condolences to Casey's family and we will all miss him.

Susan Stetson - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Sending our love, prayers and sincere condolences to you all. Love, Bill and Nancy Huntzinger and family*

Bill and Nancy Huntzinger - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VG

“ *There are not enough words to describe how much I miss you Casey. You are one of the most important people I am blessed to have in my life. You are my best friend. We confided in one another and I never once had an issue or a second thought talking to you or confiding in you. You mean more than the world to me and it is so unbelievably difficult grasping the fact that I will not have the chance to see your gorgeous smile, hear that wonderful humor that made any situation light, or to have you tell me that everything is going to be alright and that you would never leave me. I am going to miss our late night talks, the jokes we shared, as well as the love and comfort. I know you are in a better place, because you are such a beautiful individual inside and out. I love you and miss you so much much Casey. When I see a Clydesdale, you'll be on my mind. I will never forget you. You will always be with me, in my heart, and continually loving you, my best friend and the person who showed me that anything and everything is possible. You are my strength and I will continue to pray for you and your loving, wonderful family. Love always, your Nessa.*

Vanessa Gillis - April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *This still just doesn't seem real to me. Casey was always so lively and the only person I've ever known to pick me up and squeeze me when he gave me a hug. Every single time. It may have been years between our encounters, but he was always so bright and such a free spirit. I love you, Casey. Miranda, Carlin and Aunt Lori... I'm so very sorry. I love you all.*

Jena Redwanski - April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *He was one of my bestfriends. I'm going to miss tickle fights with him and his mom. He always cheered me up. He told me he loved me once and I let him go. I regret it.*

melissa shearer - April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *Casey (Even though you went by Alex, was always Casey to me) we didn't talk much but you were always an amazing friend who I could count on. It started in French class in high school. We sat in the back of the class joking about not knowing what was going on. I remember going to a Vietnamese restaurant with you too back then. High school passed and we went on different paths. I found out you went into the Marines and that your long hair was gone (shock!). You were in Afghanistan and I was in Iraq and we would constantly write back and forth. I loved those letters with funny drawings. You talked about school and the future and laughed about the past. You got out and went onto new things in life and lived. Even though we didn't talk much, I loved those texts every once in a while checking up and saying hi. You always knew how to make me smile and you are in my thoughts. Miss you Casey, I hope you have found peace.*

Erin Scully-Ganzenmuller - April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ *Semper fi Brother*

Victor DIABLO Mendoza - April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *RIP Casey, We will all miss you so very much. DIESILY*

Rebecca Tran - April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CY

“ *My dearest Casey, what will I do without you?! Keep laughing, of course, because I know you'd give me a good whack upside my head if you knew I'd cried so hard over you. I will never forget the first thing you ever said to me... "You're Filipino?! Ha! I'm going to call you Flipper!" I am going to miss you more than you could ever know. I'll think about you every time I laugh, because that was what you were the best at. No matter how upset I was, you always knew how to make me laugh until I couldn't breathe. I know I can never meet anyone else like you but I am honored to say we were once friends. I want to say rest in peace, but I know you would make a face and tell me its too morbid. So instead of rest in peace, Casey, BANGARANG! I love you and I'll see you on the other side.*

Cyni - April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ I wish there was any words for any of this that has happened to your family that hasn't been said. But I don't know if there is, but I am truly sorry for your loss and hope one day you can be at peace at lease knowing that he is no longer battling what ever it was inside of himself. Casey was and always will be an amazing person. A kindred spirit and a friend to anyone that he passes. No matter what he will always be the life of the party, even if he isn't here with us physically he will always be in our hearts and memories. Try to love each day with the love you've shared and the love he was able to give each and everyone of us. Your family was blessed in such a way that very few will ever have to have such a beautiful person that was given to you from god.

Kandice Anderson - April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Cyni Winegard has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

Cyni Winegard - April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ My first memory of Casey is from Amanda's 16th birthday & halloween party 7 yrs ago. At that awkward age it was her first boy/girl party - Casey arrived and had everyone dancing within minutes. From dancing to a wild water gun party to ice-cream sundaes, he made her party a success. He was kind and loving and always helped us move or whatever we needed. He always had a hug for me and I was honored to be one of his "other Moms." He had a warrior's heart and a poet's soul I think. He lost his way but still brought joy and love to the people whose lives he touched. We will miss him but he leaves us better for having known him. Please be proud as parents and family of an extraordinary young man.

Stacey/Amanda/Matt Warren - April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Alex, you were such a bright light at The Farm. You were kind and loving to the horses that you took care of. Your presence and beautiful spirit will be missed by all.

Gayle Gari Cohen - April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Though Casey/Alex, (as I knew you as both)and I only knew each other for a short time it was like we had been friends for much longer. I'm deeply saddened by your passing and i hope you are at peace. you were loved and liked by many and you will be dearly missed.

Kearns Hiatt - April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I love you so much Casey as do so many others. You are a beautiful and wonderful person inside and out. The world is a little bit dimmer from losing such a bright light. I don't know what else to say besides I will always love and miss you!!!

Cindy Mowers - April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM