



Amanda Dare Raper

July 30, 1980 - November 11, 2013

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Amanda Dare Raper, 33, formerly of Bartlesville, died Monday, November 11, 2013 at her home in Grove, Okla.

Memorial services for Amanda will be held at 4 P.M. Saturday, November 16, 2013 in the Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675.

Amanda was born at Stuart, Florida on July 30, 1980 to Candace Lee (Gaddy) and Steven Nelson Dare. She grew up and received her education in Bartlesville graduating from Bartlesville High School in 1998 and then attended the University of Oklahoma for a year. She joined the Army National Guard at the age of 17 and following her studies at OU did active duty training with the Weapons of Mass Destruction Unity in Oklahoma City. She was married to Eddie Eugene "J.R." Raper in Oklahoma City on August 2, 2013. Later that year she was deployed to Iraq with the 122nd Combat Engineers Unit for 18 months. She then returned to the United States and was active with the Funeral Honors and Officer Branch at Oklahoma City until her deployment to Afghanistan in 2011. She received her Honorable Discharge on March 1, 2012 and she and Mr. Raper established their home in the Grand Lake area at Grove, Oklahoma where she was active as a homemaker and involved in her daughter's schools activities.

Survivors include her husband, J.R. Raper of the home, two daughters,

Aurora Marie Raper (age 7) and Isabella Jean Raper (age 3) both of the home in Grove, her father, Steven Nelson Dare and wife Linda of Kansas City, Missouri, her mother and step father, Candace Lee Diggs and Jim Diggs of Bartlesville, a brother, Steven Colby Dare of Bartlesville, a step brother, James Barnes Diggs V of Orlando, Florida and a two step sisters, Katherine Diggs of Orlando, Florida and Cheryl Lesniowski of Kansas City, Missouri. She was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Eddie Eugene Raper Sr. on July 27, 2012.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Amanda Dare Raper*

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“ *Jim, Candy, Colby, you and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers. Amanda was such a sweet girl and friend to our son in high school. May God give you peace and comfort during this difficult time.*

Tom and Diana Brewington - November 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Amanda will be missed. I was blessed to know her. During her time in Afghanistan, she continued to make me laugh, and she had a smile each day. In such a harsh place, she brightened up the place/day. The day she left, things were different....again, she will be missed; never forgotten.
I pray her daughters will know how much their Mama was loved.
Thank you. Chief Tidaback*

Kristen Tidaback - November 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Amanda's family and loved ones are in my prayers. She was always so sweet and helpful. Rest in Peace friend.*

Misty - November 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VE

“ Praying for strength and comfort for her family and friends, during this very difficult time. God bless her for her service to this great country.

Victoria Elbert - November 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ My sincere condolences to family and friends, Amanda was a sweet soul and will not be forgotten. She touched our lives and has left us all too early.

Rosemary Masters - November 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ I remember Amanda when she was only a young child and was so sweet and kind. She grew up to be a wonderful person and great full that she dediacted her self to the United States Army. So Proud of Amanda

Ellen Holtsclaw - November 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Amanda touched many people's lives. My heart goes out to her family during this difficult time.

Megan Brannan - November 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ So sorry for your loss. she was a wonderful young lady.

Michael Hale - November 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *A bright shining star that is gone to soon. God Bless and prayers for her husband, children and family.*

Jana Biddle - November 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *Amanda u will be missed what a bright woman with such a bright personality.*

John - November 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with this young family in this extremely difficult time. May God bless those precious girls and guide them through this tragic loss.*

Nikki Phillips - November 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *It is with great sadness that I write this note. Amanda was a loving person and dear friend. She and I became very good friends at JFHQ. She will be missed. God be with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Always in my prayers, JoAnne

JoAnne Evans - November 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Rest in Peace SSG Raper you will be missed.*

Sgt. Jim Snider - November 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time*

SGT Tom Meeker - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *Such sad news. See you at the rally point Sarge.*

CW2 Daniel R Johnson - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *Our hearts are broken.
You will be greatly missed.*

Aunt Sue and Uncle Robert - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *I work at OMD and I am so sorry to hear about Amanda. Your whole family will be in my thoughts.*

Brenda Myers - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *I'm so sorry to hear the news about Amanda. She always had a great attitude when I called needing something and everytime I saw her, had a smile. My prayers are with her children and family.*

MAJ Jenkins - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *Amanda was always willing to help in all that she did. She will be greatly missed.*

Chaplain Jason Davis - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *My heart and soul are heavy with grief for Amanda. She is a great friend and always lit up any place she went. I will miss her very much....*

SFC James D. Bonds - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *Amanda, you will be missed by so many. I love you sweetie and will miss your sweet smile and laughing eyes. I wish I would have seen you more over the last years since I took that picture of you and JR at Friends on NYE. But I am so thankful for having the time I did have to get to know you. You have left a beautiful legacy with your girls and JR will never let them forget their beautiful momma. Love you Katie*

Katie - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. This soldier did her job well and left us too soon. From a veteran who served and lives in Stuart, Fl.hpus*

Marion Hedrick - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *You kept me on my toes when you worked with me. You will be greatly missed.*

Larry and Deb Palmer - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *She was a great girl. She will be missed greatly!! Our prayers are with you.*

Shawn Sumner - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Growing apart doesn't change the fact that for a long time we grew side by side; our roots will always be tangled. I'm glad for that. – Ally Condie

You will truly be missed, Thank you for getting me through some of the hardest times of my life!

Debbie Kunnanz - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Amanda's family. It was an honor and pleasure to know Amanda. She will surely be missed.

SGT Robert Pineiro - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Amanda was amazing! She was a great mother to her own children and to our daughter Hope. Auora and Hope are besties and Amanda and Jr always

Treated Hope as one of theirs. Amanda had a gift of extreme patients with the neighborhood kids and they all loved her. I will forever miss her love of children.

Mike and Brooke Ashlock - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ My thoughts with family and friends of Amanda. I will always remember her as an outstanding Soldier and glad she deployed with the 120th Engineer Battalion in 2003-2005.

LTC Mark W. Clifton - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Amanda was an amazing friend. She was full of life and a blessing to all of those around her. She will be truly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with her Family at this time.

Lindy (Toney) Kralicek - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ You will be missed. God speed to your family and friends.

SSG CONDIT JACK W. - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SQ

“ My sympathy goes out to your family Amanda. It was a pleasure knowing you and working with you for that short time.

God Bless

SSG Darryl QUigley - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Amanda, you will be missed greatly by all who knew you. You were a great friend to have at Ft Sill and Iraq, and I wish we'd stayed in touch better. I miss your sense of humor and fun. We'll be thinking of you and your family.

Marie Ledbetter - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ SGT Raper you will be missed. May you R.I.P. I pray God will be with your children in their time of need.

SFC Angela leoni

SFC Angela Leoni - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ *Condolences and prayers for the family. I served with SSG Raper in 2003-2004 with HSC 120th Eng Bn. She always brought a smile or laugh to many.*

Gary Wayne Grantham - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *My hart goes out to the family.. My friend will be miss.. love you all ways..*

Cabrina Candelaria Deaton - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time. Amanda could always brighten my day and give me a new perspective on life. She will be missed.*

Amanda Thornton - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *Amanda was a great NCO she always went out of her way to help her soldiers. She will be missed. Prayers for her family.*

SGT. Aaron Cole - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *What an awesome person she was! A great soldier and good friend to so many. I pray for peace for her family!*

SFC Darron P. Weeks - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I always had the best time when hanging out with her. She was always talking about her family. I will miss her very much and I will keep your family in my prayers.

Elizabeth Setser - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Our Deepest Sympathies

Steven and Lisa Martin - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ I am very sorry for your loss, the world will be a little less bright without Amanda.

MAJ Charles Neely - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Amanda was a joy to work with. She treasured her family and was always ready to show me the latest photos of her husband and daughters. My heart grieves with the family for their loss and my prayers will go out to them. I will miss her.

COL (Ret) David W. Brown - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ SSG Dare was a good kid, she worked hard a gave allot while serving on the WMD Team.

SGM T - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ I worked with Amanda for a little over a year up at JFHQ and we talked often and laughed even more than we should have while working. She was a great friend who loved to help people when she could. I am saddened by her passing and I will miss her. I am also in the same unit at HHB 45th Fires Brigade as her brother Steven who is also a good friend of mine.

SGT Cristi L. Venable - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ May God bless you and keep you and give you his peace.

CSM David Willingham, Retired - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Went severel military classes with her and was her pay clerk for years... she'll be missed and all my prayers go out to her family. May God be with and may His spirit guide y'all through all your needs.

Donna Flowers - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ May the peace of the Lord be with you during your time of bereavement.

Marion Logan - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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Donna (Baxter)Lacey - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM