



## Mr. Harold Alan Kouns

April 27, 2024

In the wake of Harold "Hak" Kouns' passing on April 27, 2024, we find solace in remembering a life lived with unwavering dedication, boundless love, and a touch of humor that could light up any room. Retiring from military service as a Major in 2005 after three decades of service to the United States Air Force, his proudest moments included his educational tenure as Associate Professor of Aerospace Studies at the University of Florida between 1996-1999, and his acceptance of the Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal in 2018, awarded in recognition of the important contributions and sacrifices made throughout his career. Hak's commitment to the safety and autonomy of his countrymen and women left an indelible mark on the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him. Hak's interests extended far beyond his military career, always embracing a love for knowledge and stories. He exultantly traveled the world and encouraged others to explore. With a passion for science fiction and fantasy, Hak shared many moments with anyone willing to sit with him and watch movies for hours. His role as a mentor to young minds and a loving grandfather to his adored grandchildren showcased his boundless generosity and kindness. Through his ability to forge close friendships across continents, Hak's legacy of unity and shared stories continues to resonate, reminding us of the profound impact one person can have on the lives of many. Ultimately, Hak's true joy stemmed from the love he shared with his cherished family, friends, and pets. He was a devoted Husband (aka "Babylein") to Marietta Kouns, a beloved Dad (alias "PITA") to

Amber Aftonomos (Theo), Krista Kouns, Alan Kouns, Eddie Fulton, and Stefanie Fulton, and a proud Grandpa (“Opa”) to Nicholas, Alexis, Zoe, Luna, Yasmin, Sara, Nathaniel, Carmen, and Alexander. While he was known as a gregarious man, his actions spoke even louder than words, revealing the depth of his love and admiration for his family in every gesture and moment shared. In laughter and tears, we celebrate the extraordinary journey of Harold "Hak" Kouns, forever grateful for the love and laughter he brought to our lives. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Friday, May 10, 2024, at 11AM from the chapel of Brookside Funeral Home with Military Honors and burial at Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, Al. Brookside Funeral Home, Crematorium & Memorial Gardens of Millbrook, AL directing.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

Brookside Funeral Home  
3360 Brookside Dr  
Millbrook, AL 36054  
(334) 285-7442  
<http://www.brooksidefuneralhomeal.com>

## Burial

MAY 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

Alabama National Cemetery  
3133 Hwy 119  
Montevallo, AL 35115  
(205) 665-9039

# Tribute Wall

HH

“ Hildegard H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Harold Alan Kouns.

Hildegard H. - May 09, 2024 at 08:32 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Brookside Funeral Home - May 09, 2024 at 11:31 AM

SF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Stefan Furtuna - May 08, 2024 at 11:35 AM

MF

“ Marin & Furtuna planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Harold Alan Kouns.

Marin & Furtuna - May 08, 2024 at 11:22 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Mr. Harold Alan Kouns.*



May 08, 2024 at 11:22 AM



“ *Sarah S. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Harold Alan Kouns.*

**Sarah S.** - May 08, 2024 at 02:04 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Harold Alan Kouns.*



May 05, 2024 at 02:53 PM

JB

“ I only got to work with Hak for three years, but I am so very grateful for those years. He shared a lot of stories, many of which included leadership lessons and stories of how important it is to do one's very best at work but know when to go home because family is the most important. His love for family far exceeded his love for country and his love for country was extraordinarily vast.

*Hak's death is a shock to me and I am truly sad. May his love and desire to be involved continue for the family in incredible ways. Know my prayers are with you.*  
*Janice*

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**Janice Barnes** - May 05, 2024 at 02:52 PM

ME

“ Madalina,Razvan, Catalina and Emil. purchased the Ringed by Love for the family of Mr. Harold Alan Kouns.



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**Madalina,Razvan, Catalina and Emil.** - May 05, 2024 at 02:27 PM

BF

“ Betty, Klaus, Ute with Families purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mr. Harold Alan Kouns.



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**Betty, Klaus, Ute with Families** - May 05, 2024 at 02:01 PM

DW

“ Gave some professional guidance as my Squadron Section Commander, 36th SPS Bitburg AB Germany in the early days of Desert Storm Jan 1991. RIP.  
SMSgt (Ret) D. White

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**Dwight White** - May 05, 2024 at 01:26 PM

BI

“ Friends since high school, he was always a gentleman. I knew his health was going down hill but always upbeat. May God surround his family with comforting arms. 🙏

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**Brenda Craig, Indianapolis** - May 05, 2024 at 01:08 PM