



Sgt. Kristopher J. Gould

February 12, 1986 - February 27, 2011

Gould, Sgt. Kristopher James, of Frankenlust Twp., Michigan, was killed in action while serving in Afghanistan in the U. S. Army Infantry. Age 25 years. Kristopher was born on February 12, 1986, in Saginaw. He was a 2004 graduate from Valley Lutheran High School. Kristopher joined the Army National Guard in 2003, served in Iraq from 2005 – 2006, was in the military full-time from 2006 to the present and he was on his 2nd tour in Afghanistan. He was a very caring and loving man and was so very proud when he wore his uniform to serve his country. Kristopher was involved in several Army combative tournaments. He loved to go dirt biking, motorcycle riding, and 4-wheeling in the mud, playing baseball and golf. Growing up, baseball was his life as he could play it 24-hours a day. He participated in football, baseball and wrestling while at Valley Lutheran. He enjoyed hunting with his late Uncle Paul Gottleber. Kristopher was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and served with its usher group, youth group, and Boar's Head Festival. Surviving are his parents, James A. and Ann L. (Gottleber) Gould, Frankenlust Twp.; his sister, Julianna (Gould) and Kevin Symkowiak; his nephew and niece, Tyler and Jennifer Symkowiak; also his good friend, Josh Williamsen, who was like a brother to Kristopher; special friend Jenny Callaghan; many aunts, uncles, and cousins; grandmothers, Irene Gottleber-Lange and Norma Jean Gould. Kristopher was predeceased by his grandparents, Burton Gottleber, Arthur Gould, Bud Lange, Esther and Johnny Gould. Kristopher's memorial service will take place 3:00 p.m. Saturday, March 12,

2011, at Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church, 808 Weiss St. The Rev. Michael R. Korte and The Rev. Charles F. Buckhahn will officiate with Military Honors conducted under the auspices of the Michigan National Guard. Friends are welcome to visit with the family at the church on Saturday from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes to have memorial contributions given to Valley Lutheran High School for its athletic program, Bethlehem Lutheran School for its athletic program, or to the Sgt. Kristopher J. Gould memorial account at Citizen's Bank to be used for recreational activities in Saginaw County.

Memories and sympathies of Kristopher may be shared with the family on his Obituary page at www.WakemanFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
808 Weiss St.
Saginaw, MI 48602

Service

MAR 12. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wakeman Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Sgt. Kristopher J. Gould*



Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc. - February 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sgt. Kristopher J. Gould*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Sgt. Kristopher J. Gould*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *I miss u a lot little brother*

love ya for ever and always

your sister



Julianna Symkowiak - June 01, 2011 at 08:03 AM



“ I would like to say im sorry for loss and hope u all are doin ok and im proud for what he has done for this country thanx from stephanie

Stephanie Buckelew - April 18, 2011 at 11:01 PM



“ Never forget your loved and missed.
You made my life better on our tour. 2-2. Roto 109.
Canadian artillery forever grateful.



kelsie burns - April 06, 2011 at 11:49 PM



“ Danielle M. Iadipaolo lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Kristopher J. Gould



Danielle M. Iadipaolo - April 06, 2011 at 11:39 PM



“ Ashley Moffit lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Kristopher J. Gould



Ashley Moffit - April 06, 2011 at 11:34 PM

SG

“ Thank you to the family for raising and supporting such an honorable young man. His service will not be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are for you, I am so sorry for your loss, your pain and your sacrifice. My son died in Afghanistan this summer, he was 25 too.

Steve Gentz father of 1st LT. Joel C. Gentz
steve.gentz@gmail.com

Steve Gentz - March 14, 2011 at 01:45 PM

KG

“ Will never forget Kris . Psalms is my favorite book of the chapter and Psalms 23 is my favorite chapter . So when ever i read the first verse of it i will always think of him. He was a great friend and a great Solider who will be dearly missed



Kaitlynn Grueber - March 13, 2011 at 11:36 AM

KG

*Psalms is favorite book **

Kaitlynn Grueber - March 13, 2011 at 11:37 AM

TC

“ My brother P.f.c. John W Dearing KIA..11-21-05 served in Iraq with Sgt.Gould and I just want to send my regards to the families of this Soldier. I am very sorry for your loss. The family of PFC John W. Dearing.....



Tracy Colodny - March 12, 2011 at 04:09 PM

LV

“ *Linda Schram & Cindy Vanderlip lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Kristopher J. Gould*



Linda Schram & Cindy Vanderlip - March 12, 2011 at 03:26 PM

LW

“ *I will Never forget His great big smile whenever he'd walk into the house behind my son Josh and say Hi Mom. His humor, his energy, his wrestling with Josh in the house, his saying the lines of the movie that we were watching, and when I called my house phone to check on the kids, Kris answering, "Hello Clarisse", from Silence of the Lambs, are treasures in my heart now. I'm So PROUD of Kris, and to be known as his friend.*

Lisa J Walker

Lisa J Walker - March 12, 2011 at 10:13 AM

SW

“ *On the last day that SGT Gould was in MI, on January 1st, he had come over and, played cards. On January 2nd, that is when I had told SGT Gould, that he was like a second stepbrother to me. And, that was the last time I ever saw him, or spoke to him before February 27th. :(Kris, you will ALWAYS be remembered, and missed dearly. Just remember the song, "American Soldier", that always brought Kris right back into my mind. :).*

Kris= Our American Soldier <3

Sierra Storme Walker - March 12, 2011 at 09:33 AM

1N

“ SGT Gould, I am going to miss you and the brightness you brought to our lives every day. A few days before you that last mission, you and I talked about boxing and you said you would teach me. Well brother, when we meet again, Im going to take you up on that offer. You are the epitome of everything that a warrior should be, motivated and courageous.

Until we meet again,

1SG NeSmith

Blackheart 7

1SG John NeSmith - March 12, 2011 at 02:03 AM

RW

“ May God comfort each of you as you walk a new path. Know that SGT Gould is received into the Kingdom of Heaven with a heroes welcome and that he will always be remembered in our thoughts and prayers.

God bless you

V/r

Reverend Liz Wold



Reverend Wold - March 11, 2011 at 03:41 PM

KV

“ Kathy Villareal lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Kristopher J. Gould



Kathy Villareal - March 10, 2011 at 06:41 PM

DL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Dr. & Sherry Ledtke - March 10, 2011 at 12:46 PM

TV

“ *Terri Visnaw sent a virtual gift in memory of Sgt. Kristopher J. Gould*



Terri Visnaw - March 09, 2011 at 06:08 PM

DE

“ *Diane Evans lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Kristopher J. Gould*



Diane Evans - March 09, 2011 at 05:35 PM

SR

“ *Ann & family,
I am so sorry for your loss. You will be in my thoughts and prayers, even though we had not seen each other in years I still remember our Kristopher stories. If you need anything ever I will be there. Kristopher will forever be a hero and I salute him and especially you and your family.*

Sue Rick - March 09, 2011 at 05:22 PM

BA

“ *Betty Andrick lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Kristopher J. Gould*



Betty Andrick - March 09, 2011 at 05:17 PM

NJ

“ *Nancy Jackson lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Kristopher J. Gould*



Nancy Jackson - March 09, 2011 at 04:19 PM

NJ

Our sincerest condolences to you and your family. We will include you in prayers at Good Shepherd tonight. What an honorable son you have ... you should be so proud!

Nancy Jackson - March 09, 2011 at 04:21 PM

BP

“ *Bill Pringle lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Kristopher J. Gould*



Bill Pringle - March 09, 2011 at 03:48 PM

CM

“ *Our sincere condolences and We hope you draw some comfort from all the messages here*
Dennis and Carol Miller

Carol Dennis Miller - March 08, 2011 at 05:33 PM

JC

“ *Jennifer Collazo lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Kristopher J. Gould*



Jennifer Collazo - March 08, 2011 at 04:10 PM

LH

“ *Linda Hartley lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Kristopher J. Gould*



Linda Hartley - March 08, 2011 at 09:52 AM

N(

“ *Nicole (Wetzel) lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Kristopher J. Gould*



Nicole (Wetzel) - March 08, 2011 at 09:13 AM

L.

“ I’m sorry for your loss. It seems so unfair that death should have the power to take away someone you love. And when it happens, the thought of never again being able to talk to, laugh with, or hold your loved one can be most difficult to bear. That pain is not necessarily erased by being told that your loved one is up in heaven. The Bible however holds out a much different hope. The Scriptures indicate that it is possible to be reunited with your dead loved one in the near future, not in an unknown heaven but right here on earth under peaceful, righteous conditions. “Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment.” (John 5:28, 29) Please feel free to email any questions regarding this message.readthebibledaily50@yahoo.com I hope it brings comfort to you.

L.B. - March 08, 2011 at 07:53 AM

CP

“ Carin Jordyn Peterson lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Kristopher J. Gould



Carin Jordyn Peterson - March 08, 2011 at 01:56 AM

MF

“ Matthews Family lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Kristopher J. Gould



Matthews Family - March 07, 2011 at 11:04 PM

PH

“I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?”

(John 11:24-26) These are the words of Jesus as he comforted a family member who had lost a brother, and a friend of Jesus. Some of you have lost a brother, a friend of Jesus, a loved one. Kris was taught Who the Resurrection and the Life is by his family, church, and schools, and it is only this faith in Jesus, that will give you everlasting comfort, now, in the days ahead, and for walking with Him and sainted loved ones again, in heaven. God will always be with you; may you always be with Him, disciplined in the use of the weapon that brings peace, God's Word, to preserve your life as another good soldier, a soldier of faith in His cross and resurrection. I will be praying that Kris's family and friends will believe and hold onto Jesus' words above, for Kris, and for you! Let your light, your life, your love for Kris and his Savior, Jesus, shine and fly higher than the American flag that Kris stood for, and which God gave us as a gift out of the freedom Jesus died to make possible.

Pastor Hauser - March 07, 2011 at 02:42 PM

BO

“A face book group has been setup to honor Kris and all Solders that died for there country at <http://t.co/y8YQVgP> Join and add your "Like" and comments,

Bob - March 07, 2011 at 12:00 PM

WO

“ Kristopher,
We never knew you, but want you to know we're humbled and awed
by your commitment, dedication and ultimate sacrifice for this
nation.
Our sincere, heartfelt sympathies are extended to your family and
friends.
Sincerely,
Walt & Janice O'Dell

Walt Janice O'Dell - March 07, 2011 at 10:00 AM

DK

“ Kristopher, You were such an exceptionally
nice guy with a smile that lit up the room. We
will cherish our memories of you. You will never
be forgotten and will always be in our hearts
and prayers, Kristopher. God Bless... from
Diane and Eric Korthals and Lois Symkowiak.



Diane and Eric KORTHALS - March 07, 2011 at 08:23 AM

AW

“ An Wife lit a candle in memory of Sgt.
Kristopher J. Gould



An wife - March 06, 2011 at 08:51 PM

SB

“ Kris, even though your buddy Aiden cries often because he knows he will not see you for a while, he finds comfort in the fact that he knew a hero and it makes him feel special because of it! We will miss your visits and the laughter you brought to our family. May God grant peace to your family and loved ones! We will miss you Kris....but you won't be forgotten!!

Suzanne Beardsley - March 06, 2011 at 07:36 PM

CF

“ Carlisle Family lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Kristopher J. Gould



Carlisle Family - March 06, 2011 at 07:21 PM

Danette
Loper-
Lake

“ I never had the blessing of meeting Kris but wanted to thank him for keeping this country and me free to do what we are free to do in this country.... Thank you just isn't enough to say there really is not words that can say Thank you enough to him and his family for supporting his decision to defend us all..... My heart, prayers, and thoughts are with those that loved him the most...As us fellow Americans are proud of all of our men and women defending us around the world and we support them all but our hearts break for their loved ones when they pay the ultimate sacrifice to keep us free..... Kris you may be gone but you will NEVER be forgotten.....



Danette Loper-Lake - March 06, 2011 at 07:11 PM

PH

“ Kris, we went to school together for six years and played baseball in high school. I'm glad we never had a bad moment. You were always nice to me and always a pleasure to be around. We hadn't seen each other much since then, but I knew you were a friend for life. It was great to see you this past November, even if for a short moment. I know you were doing what you loved. You were trying to be the best you could be, and I'll look to your life as an example of perseverance and integrity. My prayers are with your family and friends right now. See you in Heaven. -Peter

Peter Hinz - March 06, 2011 at 06:56 PM

RL

“ ROIBN LANGE BUD LANGE GRANDDAUGHTER IRENE my thoughts go out to you and your family at the this time of your loss you loss a wonderful guy my prays are with you chirs was a nice guy who sevre our courty proud

robin lange - March 06, 2011 at 04:03 PM



“ Kris, I knew you since we were like 7 or 8 playing baseball together. Then when we joined up at the same time, I knew we were gonna be friends just as easy then as we were before, playing ball. I know we used to give you a lot of crap about your height, but but despite this you always had one of the biggest hearts I have ever seen. Thank you for being a great battle buddy in Iraq, I couldn't have asked for a better guy to watch my back. I will miss you, and hopefully I will see you on the other side brother.
-Taz.

Matthew Tuzas - March 06, 2011 at 02:22 PM

BK

“ *Just know our family has our own angel to watch over us now....Kris you will be missed.*
Beth & Al Kraenzlein & family



Beth Kraenzlein - March 05, 2011 at 08:58 PM

PP

“ *Jim & Ann, Julianna - May the comforting arms of our Savior surround you now and always as you go through the time ahead. We thank God for the sacrifice that Kris made in service to our country. He now lives with his Savior by grace, through faith. Though there are tears ow, someday the reunion of joy will be ours forever. Shalom in Jesus our risen Messiah - Peter & Clare Peitsch, Caleb, Madelyn and Marielle*

Peter Clare Peitsch - March 05, 2011 at 02:07 PM

AL

“ *Although we never met, I am sure that when the Lord calls me upstairs I will take pleasure in taking my post next to you at heaven's gates. Godspeed and thank you for your sacrifice.*

Andy Lopez - March 05, 2011 at 01:55 PM

JB

“ *In my mind's eye I can still see Kris around Valley Lutheran. He had a special type of toughness about him. It was not a meanness, but more of a reciliant kind of toughness. It seemed that no matter what might happen - a big hit in football, a punishing hold in wrestling, or a tough day in the classroom - Kris could bounce back up with a smile on his face and a determination in his eye. More of us could use that quality.*

John Brandt - March 04, 2011 at 12:37 PM