



Donald R. "Deejay" Fredenburg Jr.

March 27, 1991 - March 13, 2015

It is with great sorrow and sadness that family, friends, fellow servicemen, State Police, and the community mourn the untimely passing of NYS Trooper Donald R. Fredenburg, Jr., age 23. Deejay went home to the Lord as he passed away unexpectedly at the Albany Medical Center after collapsing during training at the New York State Police Academy.

Born in Utica on March 27, 1991, Donald was the son of Donald R. Fredenburg, Sr. and Joanne Cowley who shared a 30 year union. He was a graduate of T. R. Proctor High School/Class of 2009. He then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and in October of 2009 he graduated from boot camp at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, South Carolina. He was subsequently stationed at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, 29 Palms in California; several tours of duty brought him to Japan and the Pacific Theater. Upon his honorable discharge from the Marine Corps, he returned to Utica where he furthered his education at M.V.C.C. earning an Associate degree in Criminal Justice. Deejay held firmly to the belief that "once a Marine, always a Marine" and he would remain "always faithful" to the Corps and to his country, no matter what. It was in his youth while our own country was invaded on 9/11 that he knew that he was destined to protect fellow Americans as a career. On November 1, 2014, Donald married his best friend, the former Angela Ciccolella; they were very much in love and they helped to develop each other's character. He was a Processor at the Walmart Distribution Center from May of 2013 until his recent acceptance to the NYS

Trooper Academy. Within this past week he took his oath and was a recruit at Basic School Training having great expectations of being part of an additional brotherhood.

A man of great strength of character, DeeJay was dependable and self-driven. He had the best smile and eyes that saw the world and envisioned his dreams. He attracted people into his life and had the blessing of many friends, always remembering his dear friend, Christopher Swider. He was altruistic and aspired to meet the needs of others. His greatest goal was to serve his family, his country, and his state. His proudest achievement was being accepted into the ranks of the New York State Troopers in order to serve, protect, and defend the people of New York State.

DeeJay was an All-American man --- he was goal-oriented and strived for success, he loved his job, and he displayed self-reliance, discipline, and a sense of responsibility. He embraced family traditions and spending time with loved ones. Those who knew him best knew that his satisfaction came from dark chocolate and sweet tea. His hobbies included riding his motorcycles, his dirt bikes, and bike riding of which recently he was accompanied by his two huskie-mixes; these canines were Rescue dogs which was an outward sign of Angela and his affection for animals. In earlier days, he had a feline named Baby who he fondly remembered. DeeJay's spirituality was deep in his soul and came from his Catholic faith.

Donald is survived by his wife, Angela; his parents, Donald, Sr. and Joanne; and his brother, Adam Cowley, all of Utica; his mother-in-law, Judi M.

Ciccolella and Doug Stoddard; brother-in-law, Nicholas Grieco; paternal grandparents, Lorraine and Barry Horne; and his maternal grandparents, Lansing and Roseann Cowley. Although he never met his wife's grandparents, Rudy and Rose Ciccolella, he will come to know these two great people who will be waiting for and watching over him. He will also be remembered by his aunts, uncles, cousins; his godmother, Sharon Jacintho; his godchild, Gabriella "Gabbie" Nelson; his fellow brothers in the United States Marine Corps; and his best friends in Utica. He was predeceased by his paternal

grandfather, Earl Fredenburg; and his uncles, Earl III, and Michael Fredenburg.

The family is deeply grateful to the New York State Troopers, especially Major Coots, Sergeant Hopf, Major Smith, and Investigator Michael Slade and the EAP staff for their unending commitment to standing by the family during this untimely journey; and the physicians and ER staff at the Albany Medical Center for the dignity and compassionate care rendered to DeeJay.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 3-7 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, 2222 Genesee Street in Utica. The family will remain until visitors have been seen. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), or the Wounded Warrior Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org); envelopes will be available at the church service. DeeJay's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Thursday morning at 11:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by co-celebrants Rev. Joseph Salerno and Rev. James Cesta. Full Honors will be conferred by the New York State Police and Military Honors by the United States Marine Corps. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

"Semper Fidelis"

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Deirdre Spicer sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald R. "Deejay" Fredenburg Jr.*



deirdre spicer - March 21, 2015 at 09:31 AM

DS

so sorry for your loss Deejay was a very special person in his life time . may you be blessed with the wonderful memories you have , he was taken form you way to soon .. try to find some comfort in knowing he will be waiting for u in heaven until you meet again.

deirdre spicer - March 21, 2015 at 09:34 AM

MF

“ *Our deepest and heartfelt condolences. From the family of Maria Del Monaco of Orchard Park, N.Y. A classmate and a brother, you are an inspiration and will never be forgotten.*

Maria DelMonaco and Family - March 19, 2015 at 05:36 PM

GL

“ *I don't know you, but I know your type... Thank you for your Service to our Country, Thank you for your dedication to helping others, Thank you for your decision to be a New York State Trooper. You left us way to early..... You will not be forgotten !!!*

Glenn - March 19, 2015 at 02:14 AM

AO

“ You were always there for me and my family
you will be missed by all of us

- Ashley Ortiz



Ashley Ortiz - March 18, 2015 at 06:30 PM

RA

“ MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO DONALD SR,
MOTHERJOANN,BROTHER ADAM, & HIS WIFE ANGELA, FROM
ANN MARIES SISTER & SAM AUSTIN AUNT

ROSALIE ANDERSON - March 18, 2015 at 02:53 PM

BB

“ Brad & Michelle Blackburn purchased the Red, W
hite & Blue Mixed Fireside Basket for the family
of Donald R. "Deejay" Fredenburg Jr..



Brad & Michelle Blackburn - March 18, 2015 at 09:48 AM

PM

“ Paul & Patti Mangano sent a virtual gift in
memory of Donald R. "Deejay" Fredenburg Jr.



Paul & Patti Mangano - March 18, 2015 at 09:30 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Donald R. "Deejay" Fredenburg Jr..*



March 17, 2015 at 06:56 PM



“ *Deanna Payne lit a candle in memory of Donald R. "Deejay" Fredenburg Jr.*



deanna payne - March 17, 2015 at 07:23 AM



My Prayer's and Thoughts are with you and your Family

deanna payne - March 17, 2015 at 07:24 AM



“ *PRAYERS, HEALING, REIKI, AND ANGELS ! MY HEART GOES OUT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. WE ONLY MET BRIEFLY BUT ANGELA ALWAYS TALKED ABOUT YOU. YOUR WIFE AND MOTHER-IN-LAW ARE WONDERFUL PEOPLE AND IT BREAKS MY HEART THEY ARE IN PAIN. COME VISIT WE CAN TALK !*



REV.ROGER FRANK - March 16, 2015 at 07:59 PM

BC

“ donnie,joanne,family,i was sadden to hear of the loss of deejay,it's been a long time since we have saw one another,where does the time go,i was remembering when i took deejay to school a few time's, what a gentleman& what became of him,my heart is with you feeling very sad,and shed a tear or two,i am unabile to attend the service because of my health,just wanted you to no i will be their in spirt,,,,,,,,,

billy chriman

billy chrisman - March 16, 2015 at 05:29 PM

BS

“ DON,JOANNE, AND ADEM. Iam so sorry to hear about deejay, my sincerest thoughts and prayers are with you at this very hard time.May our lords peace and love surround all of you and provide comfort.anay DeeJay R. I. P.

BETTY SPICER - March 16, 2015 at 02:12 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Donald R. "Deejay" Fredenburg Jr..



March 16, 2015 at 12:20 PM

LF

“ Joanne, My condolences go out to you and your family. I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your son. My thoughts and prayers are with you, and may God bless and give you the comfort and peace needed to get through today and the days ahead.



Lori Ferraro - March 16, 2015 at 11:03 AM

LF

“ Lisa Fitch lit a candle in memory of Donald R. "Deejay" Fredenburg Jr.



Lisa Fitch - March 16, 2015 at 08:29 AM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Donald R. "Deejay" Fredenburg Jr..



March 16, 2015 at 07:50 AM

LI

“ Lisa lit a candle in memory of Donald R. "Deejay" Fredenburg Jr.



lisa - March 16, 2015 at 07:19 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Donald R. "Deejay" Fredenburg Jr..



March 15, 2015 at 09:00 PM



“ I'm gonna miss you cuz you always gave me advice. Fly high with the angels. You will be missed dearly. Aunt Joanne uncle son and Adam I'm so sorry for your loss

Melissa Schisler - March 15, 2015 at 08:31 PM



“ A great Marine!

darren szurdy - March 15, 2015 at 08:01 PM



“ To DJ's beautiful wife, his Mom, Dad, Brother and all his extended family and friends we send our love and prayers to you all. DJ was an honorable hard working young man whom you can be very proud of. We had the pleasure of knowing him and your family through our daughter Lynne Marie and Proctor. He was so helpful to me when my nephew was going into the Marine's, answering all my questions and offering me support when I was nervous about it. You now have 2 very special Angels to watch over you all. May God Bless your family and know so many people loved your husband and son. Love from Angelo, Jane Marie, and Lynne Marie Gigliotti.



Jane Gigliotti - March 15, 2015 at 08:00 PM

SD

“ My deepest sympathy to Joanne, Don, Adam & Angela. Words can't mend your heartache, but I share the loss of your beloved DeeJay. I am here for you to give you comfort and may you find strength in the love of family and kindness in friends. My thoughts and prayers are with you.



Love, Sylvia Dever

Sylvia Dever - March 15, 2015 at 07:32 PM

CS

“ I worked with deeJay at walmart dc will never forget him even though it was a short period of time and it was work he was a great guy to work with and made the 40 hour work week alot more enjoyable. His smile could light up the world. My condolences to his wife and whole family.

chad seeley - March 15, 2015 at 05:32 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Donald R. "DeeJay" Fredenburg Jr..



March 15, 2015 at 05:12 PM



“ Beautiful Angela, to his mom, Joanne and father, Donald, Joe and I are so very heart broken . DJ and Christopher, both had so much to do; I remember the both of them sitting at the kitchen table, eating and laughing, just laughing at such dumb things. One day they were sitting them saying or making up words and they just couldn't stop laughing. I remember the Christmas eve and Christopher asking Joe and I if he could go with DJ to visit his grandmother before he left for the Marines, we said it was "Christmas Eve, but the two of them looking at us, and thinking well, we can celebrate when they get back. Out of that trip came a very curious conversation that Christopher and DJ recorded on Christopher's phone; both laughing about a darn 'unicorn". It must have been a pretty funny inside joke they both shared and I remember sending that conversation to DJ 4 years ago, how he laughed and thanked me for sending it. I just want you all to know what an honorable young man DJ was and in my mind is and will always be. I am sorry for the loss of a young fine son, and beautiful Angela, I am so sorry for the loss of your husband and best friend. Maybe now, DJ and Christopher can search for that "damn unicorn" together. I know they are both together and only God knows what adventures they will be on. Please know you are in our hearts and again, we are so sorry for your loss. <3 Joseph and Helen Swider

Helen Swider - March 15, 2015 at 04:59 PM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Donald R. "Deejay" Fredenburg Jr..



March 15, 2015 at 04:03 PM

SP

“ *Donnie and Joanne,
We are so sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you
during this difficult time.*

Steve and Cindy Pietsch

Stephan David Pietsch - March 15, 2015 at 03:49 PM

RB

“ *My deepest condolences go out to the entire family. It is indeed a
sorrowful loss of such a good man. It has been an honor to see this
bright young boy, grow into a promising man. The world has been a
better place ,for him gracing it with his presence. Fly high with the
Angels and watch over those who love you most. My sincerest
sympathy ? Rene'e Bronson and family*

Rene'e Dubois Bronson - March 15, 2015 at 02:53 PM

CO

“ *Angela lam so sorry for your loss . Know that your in my thought
and prayers . Cherish your memories.*

Love, MJC

coveleski - March 15, 2015 at 02:29 PM

LU

“ *Lulu purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy B
asket for the family of Donald R. "Deejay"
Fredenburg Jr..*



Lulu - March 15, 2015 at 01:55 PM

MB

“ To the family of Donald Frendenburg Jr sending our deepest sympathies you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love you Brad and Michelle Blackburn family

Michelle Blackburn - March 15, 2015 at 01:50 PM

JB

“ To the Wife, Mother, Father and brother of DONALD JR.. I hope you get through this time of sorrow. I did not know DON JR. that well. But I know and think DONALD now is in the HEAVENS PROTECTING ALL WHO LIVE IN THIS WORLD. As he wanted to do in the branch of service he chose , Marines and State Police (PROTECT AND SERVE). Mine and my familys heart goes out to all of you.



Joe Bumbolo - March 15, 2015 at 01:35 PM

BR

“ Joanne And Donnie I can't say that i knew donnie like you did but if i had the chance to meet him i would have said he was a great man.I read the obituary and there was not one moment that i did not tear up.It was beautiful.My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and i know when he reaches the pearly gates god will accept him with open arms.

Brian - March 15, 2015 at 12:48 PM

Mary Vetal

“ I am sorry for your family's loss. Prayers are with you. Mary Vetal and family



Mary Vetal - March 15, 2015 at 12:22 PM

JS

“ *My Heart Goes Out To u All Dj Is A Good Person May He R.I.P And Fly Like A Angel That He Is I Am So Sorry For Ur LossJody,Dj Shingler*



Jody Shingler - March 15, 2015 at 11:36 AM

RC

“ *God bless his loved ones and friends during this very sad and difficult time. My thoughts and prayers go out to all who have him in their hearts. Reach out to God for comfort, take one day at a time and keep his memory live by helping others.*



Rena Chapman-Cunningham - March 15, 2015 at 12:26 AM