



## Staff Sergeant Alexander Scott Lawson

November 17, 1986 - March 13, 2019

Staff Sergeant Alexander Scott Lawson, U.S. Army, age 32 of Chattanooga, TN, passed away on Wednesday March 13, 2019. He was a member of Jacksboro United Methodist Church. He was honorably discharged from the United States Army after serving up to five tours of duty including Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Inherent Resolve. He was awarded the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2nd Award), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Medal Unit Award (5th Award), Meritorious Unit Commendation (2nd Award), Valorous Unit Award, Component Achievement Medal (2nd Award), National Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award), Armed Forces Reserve Medal, 10 Year Device Bronze Hourglass, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device, NATO Medal, and Combat Infantryman Badge. The world lost a beautiful man, son, brother, and grandson who believed in freedom and had a passion for the outdoors, the beach, and paintball. He was a dedicated leader who gave all to his country. Preceded in death by maternal grandmother, Gloria Jane Thomas; paternal grandmother, Frankie Lawson; grandparents, Lee and Joan Asbury. He is survived by mother and stepfather, Mannetta and Monte Tucker; father and step-mother, Ron and Elizabeth Lawson; brother and sister-in-law, Matthew Thomas Lawson and Crystal Lawson; paternal grandfather, Earl Lawson; maternal grandfather, Gorton Thomas; and a host of other family and friends. The family will receive friends from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm Monday, March 18, 2019, at ROSE MORTUARY BROADWAY CHAPEL with a Celebration of Life to follow. A Military Honor Service will be conducted at 2:00 pm Tuesday March 19, 2019, at TENNESSEE VETERANS CEMETERY on Lyons View Pike with full military honors presented by the Volunteer State Veterans Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to [smokymountainservicedogs.org](http://smokymountainservicedogs.org) or sent to 110 Tooweka Circle, Loudon, TN 37774 whose mission is to enhance the physical and psychological quality of life for the wounded veterans by providing custom trained mobility assistance service dogs at no cost to the veterans. Online obituary may be viewed and condolences extended at [www.rosemortuary.com](http://www.rosemortuary.com).

# Events

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**MAR** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Rose Mortuary Broadway Chapel  
1421 N. Broadway, Knoxville, TN, US

**MAR** **Celebration of Life** 07:00PM

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Rose Mortuary Broadway Chapel  
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**MAR** **A Military Honor Service** 02:00PM

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East Tennessee State Veterans' Cemetery  
5901 Lyons View, Knoxville, TN, US, 37919

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Rose Mortuary** - March 17 at 12:25 PM



“ This most beautiful and a great tribute to a wonderful man

**claude Thomas** - March 17 at 04:53 PM



“ What an absolutely beautiful tribute. Thank you Alex for all you did for our country. May you rest in peace. John 16:33

Leanne Goins

**Leanne Goins** - March 17 at 05:24 PM



“ Alex, thank you for your service and the privilege of being part of your middle school years. All my love and prayers to your family.

John Turnblazer

**John Turnblazer** - March 18 at 10:06 AM



“ Freedom is never "free" and the cost of freedom is never more painfully apparent than when we lose a warrior like SSG Alex Lawson.

Thank you for your selfless service to our nation.

**William Jones** - March 18 at 12:42 PM



“ Thank You SSG Alex Lawson for your service to our great country!

Ron, Elizabeth and Family: You are in our thoughts and Prayers. We pray God comfort and carry you as only He can during this most difficult time. Monty and Pam Bullock

**Pam Bullock** - March 19 at 01:02 PM



“ I served with Alex in Afghanistan. He was a great team member and had an interesting outlook on situations. He always did well on keeping his team mates spirits up when things were rough. Thank you for being there for us Alex, the world is not as bright without you.

**Eddie Clay** - March 19 at 08:19 PM



“ I served with Alex in Afghanistan too. It was a privilege to be with him. His goofy grin, spontaneously coming up with things like buying goats and things were just funny as heck. If something needed to be done, he did it. We returned from a patrol one evening and he found where a round had impacted next to his gun turret. It had been aimed for him and he was like wow....and then laughed at it. Alex was the consummate Soldier and should have been SF. Watching his video reveals that his hair was always askew and that grin....

**Richard Hardy Jr** - March 20 at 12:32 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers.

**Aimee** - March 22 at 08:21 AM

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“ Elizabeth and Ronnie, I was do very sorry to hear of the loss of your son. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Darlene Parrish

**Darlene Parrish** - March 19 at 09:59 PM

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“ Ronnie and Elizabeth I was so sorry to hear about your son. I am praying for all your family. Carol Leach Slover

**Carol Slover** - March 19 at 04:06 PM

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“ I am very sorry for your loss. I hadn't seen Alex in many years but I'm glad I was able to coach him back in his JMS football days. I remember him as a very respectful young man with a great sense of humor. I am thankful for everything he gave so that we can have the freedoms we have in America. I am praying for your family & knowing that you will all see him again.

**Rodney Ellison** - March 19 at 03:28 PM

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“ You all are in my thoughts and prayers. May God wrap his arms around you through this difficult time.



**Shaniell Johnson** - March 19 at 12:09 AM

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“ I had the Honor of Serving with Scott, in Afghanistan at FOB Methar Lam. He had returned from out west with an SF Unit, that he was with. Alex, was one of the finest Men I ever served with or known. I miss you Brother.  
SSG Richard Hardy Jr. Retired.

Richard Hardy Jr - March 18 at 09:58 PM

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“ Ron, Elizabeth and Family. We are so sorry for your loss.

Sheila Daugherty - March 18 at 07:19 PM

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“ I wish to extend my deepest sympathies on the loss of your beloved son. He was a true hero and man of honor. My family is praying for you all.

Missy West - March 18 at 06:44 PM

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“ Shelby Lawson, Mike & John Pierce and Stacey Minor purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Staff Sergeant Alexander Scott Lawson.



Shelby Lawson, Mike & John Pierce and Stacey Minor - March 18 at 04:36 PM

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“ Alex was a good friend of mine during our Jacksboro Middle and Campbell County High days. We always had a laugh and would constantly joke together. I've only seen him a couple of times since we graduated. It breaks my heart to hear that he has passed. No words can be said to make the pain ease, but I will definitely be praying for the family. I thank God that we have men and women like Alex that served/serve our country to the highest honor. It takes a very special person to risk their lives for our freedom. Again, I pray that the family will get peace and comfort through this terrible time and I will miss Alex.

Lance Wilson - March 18 at 11:49 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Staff Sergeant Alexander Scott Lawson.



March 18 at 11:29 AM

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“ From everyone at ISG Insurance purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Staff Sergeant Alexander Scott Lawson.



From everyone at ISG Insurance - March 18 at 11:16 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Staff Sergeant Alexander Scott Lawson.



March 18 at 09:08 AM

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“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Staff Sergeant Alexander Scott Lawson.



March 18 at 08:10 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Staff Sergeant Alexander Scott Lawson.



March 17 at 07:37 PM

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“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Staff Sergeant Alexander Scott Lawson.



March 17 at 05:35 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of working alongside Alex when he worked loss prevention for Food City. Great guy and very passionate about his work. Thoughts and prayers to his family.

Kyle Gilson - March 17 at 11:33 AM

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“ 194 files added to the album LifeTributes



Rose Mortuary - March 17 at 10:56 AM

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“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Staff Sergeant Alexander Scott Lawson.



March 17 at 10:37 AM

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“ Elizabeth, Ron and family: There are no words to express how this broke my heart and I know there are no words I could ever say to ease your pain. Just know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Prayers for peace, comfort, and strength during this extremely difficult time. I love you all.

**Carol Wells Stooksbury** - March 17 at 01:50 AM

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“ Carol Wells Stooksbury lit a candle in memory of Staff Sergeant Alexander Scott Lawson



**Carol Wells Stooksbury** - March 17 at 01:42 AM

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“ So sorry for your unbearable loss. Please know that each of you are in my thoughts and prayers.

**Sue Nance** - March 16 at 06:28 PM

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“ Ron, Elizabeth & family, I am so sorry to hear this heartbreaking news, My thoughts & Prayers are with you at this sad time. May God wrap his loving arms around you thru the days ahead. Love you all very much. Betty Hatmaker

**Betty Hatmaker** - March 16 at 02:18 PM



“ Words cannot express the sorrow we feel for this family whom we have known forever and this fine, young man we have known since we knew as a child who went on to serve our country with honor and received many medals for his service. I remember how worried Ron and Elizabeth were when he was first leaving to serve in the Middle East and I cannot imagine how heavy their heart is now. Please know that Tracy and I will be praying for all the family and will be there if needed. Thanks to God's word, we know will be get to see Alex again, but for now, we will weep, celebrate his life and be thankful for his service to our country. Dennis and Tracy Powers

**Dennis and Tracy Powers** - March 16 at 02:06 PM



“ Thank You, Sir, for your service for our country. Prayers for your family and friends.

**Ann Bunch** - March 16 at 10:37 AM



“ Prayers for this family, Alex and I went to school together. He had the best personality always making you smile and laugh. RIP, Alex you are a now.

**Diane Osborne Daniel** - March 16 at 08:36 AM



“ My thoughts and prayeers are with your entire family during this time. I didn't,t know Alex, but I know Elizabeth and she is one of the sweetest people I know. I cannot imagine the hurt and devastation your family is going through, but I know that God's grace is sufficient. Weeping may endure for the night, but joy comes in the morning.

Love and prayers for all...Lynn Ward

**Lynn Ward** - March 16 at 08:26 AM



“ Alex was a wonderful young man, and the world is poorer for this loss. Ron and Elizabeth, know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Love you all

Lyle White

**Rev Lyle White** - March 16 at 12:01 AM



“ Brad, Beth and Bailey Redmond purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Staff Sergeant Alexander Scott Lawson.



**Brad, Beth and Bailey Redmond** - March 15 at 11:19 PM

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“ Ron And Elizabeth and family . You are in our hearts and prayers .  
Danny and Billie Woods

**Danny Woods** - March 15 at 09:32 PM

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“ We were so sorry to hear this heartbreaking news. We also remember Alex and his visits to our home with a smile. Prayers for all of you going up.  
Scott and Carla Jeffers

**Carla Jeffers** - March 15 at 09:31 PM



“ I remember having Alex in Day Care. We went to Knoxville Zoo and I have a picture of him and me sitting on the big turtle they have there. So sorry to hear about his death. Prayers that God will comfort you and keep you in His care during this very sad time.

**Vijaya Morton** - March 15 at 09:37 PM

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“ Beth ,we are so sorry to hear this sad heartbreaking news.You had a great son and you and Ron and Matt are in our prayers.

**Tammy, David, Cody Kitts** - March 15 at 09:17 PM

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“ Dear Ron and Elizabeth we are very saddened by the loss of Alex . He was a fine young and kind man who we remember the most in high school with our son Jeremy. I know he will be missed dearly. May God wrap you all up in his arms and comfort you the way only he can. With all our love your brother and sister in Christ, Jeff and Darlene Adkins!



“ Ron, Elizabeth and family... We are so very sorry for your loss... You will be in our thoughts and prayers...  
O'neal and Nancy Taylor

Nancy Taylor - March 15 at 07:22 PM

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“ My heart is absolutely broken for the entire family. Alex was one of my best friends for many, MANY years. I hold memories close to my heart. From high school shenanigans to college memories, I will never forget the friendship Alex showed me.

To his parents, you raised an amazing young man. I do not know the circumstances, but my prayers are with you. This world is a better place because of Alex. Rest in Peace!

Adam Wright - March 15 at 06:35 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Staff Sergeant Alexander Scott Lawson.



March 15 at 06:31 PM

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“ Alex was my friend, and I miss him dearly. We worked together everyday. He was a beautiful soul, and an intelligent man. I am a better man for having known him.

To his parents, you did a wonderful job. Passionate and bright, his fire in everything he did, was infectious. I don't have many friends, but he was special. If he were as good as son to you as he was a friend to me, then you have nothing to fear. Alex helped people, knew right from wrong, and was on the correct side of good. He told me stories of being overseas, and the man was a warrior.

I can offer no higher praise than that for my dear friend. I hope he isn't in pain anymore. I hope I'll make him proud. Even now, I am proud of the man he was.

Andrew Mullins - March 15 at 06:15 PM



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“ Ron, Elizabeth, Matt and family, our prayers are with you and know that we, Jacksboro UMC, Teresa, and I are willing to do anything we can to help you through this heart-breaking time. Please know that God's loving arms hold Alex, each of you, and all God's children together in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for ever. Love you all.

**Perry & Teresa Duncan and family** - March 15 at 05:53 PM

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“ Unfortunately, I never met this young man, but I heard his mother speak of him often. I was in class at Bryan college with Manetta, and there was never a doubt how proud she was of her son. Her words of him conveyed nothing but her love and pride in Alex and the fine young man he was. The world would be a better place if we had more good people like the Lawson family.

**Sherrie Watts** - March 15 at 05:50 PM

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“ Our hearts are broken and all our love, thoughts and prayers are with you, Jack and Karen

**Karen Walker** - March 15 at 05:03 PM

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“ Ron, Elizabeth, and Matt,

We have no words to express how deeply saddened we are for your family. We are praying for your strength in the days ahead.

With love,  
Nicole and Tom Brannick

**Nicole Brannick** - March 15 at 04:47 PM

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“ I met Alex through my son, Brad Redmond, and was so impressed during our short conversation. He must have been an awesome young man and I know your hearts are broken. Brad adored his friend and often told me of times they shared. I know that Alex touched many lives in a beautiful way and one of those lives was my son.

**June S. Burch** - March 16 at 10:00 AM



“ May God Bless Alex and his family. I thank him for the Service he did for his country. RIP  
**claude & Dorothy Thomas** - March 17 at 03:32 PM



“ Many Prayers for healing and comfort in this painful time of loss. I was only lucky enough to hear you praise your son. I'm grateful for his service and in the same light sorry for the burden it laid on him and all our other men serving this country and others. God Bless you and your family.

Christina Crofoot

**Christina Crofoot** - March 18 at 12:32 PM