



## Kit Douglas Roberts, Jr.

July 1, 1982 - February 26, 2023

Kit Douglas Roberts, Jr., 40, of St. Albans, West Virginia, passed away unexpectedly on February 26, 2023.

Kit was born on July 1, 1982, to Kit and Jane Roberts in Charleston, WV. He grew up in St. Albans, WV and was the oldest of four children. He attended Lakewood Elementary School and Hayes Junior High School and enjoyed playing soccer, basketball, and running track. During this time, he also participated in the Boy Scouts of America, eventually earning the highest rank of Eagle Scout. He graduated from St. Albans High School in 2001 with a host of lifelong friends and joyous memories.

Kit attended Marshall University where he became a diehard Thundering Herd fan. After college, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, proudly serving his country as a Senior Airman. He transitioned back into the civilian workforce by first working in the aviation industry, and then for the Veteran's Affairs hospital where he helped veterans secure their benefits.

In 2007, he reconnected with SAHS classmate and friend, Rachel Thaxton. They married and had a son, Kit Martin. After an amicable separation, they remained devoted co-parents.

Later in his life, Kit struggled with substance use disorder. He eventually sought treatment and enjoyed several years of recovery. It was during this

time that he flourished with a renewed sense of purpose for helping other addicts to find recovery. Because of the many lives he touched and the many lives those people touched, he leaves behind an enduring legacy of hope and selflessness.

In 2016, he married Shannon Morse, a fellow Air Force veteran, and had his second son, Noah. Kit and Shannon made their home in St. Albans. They served at Gateway Christian Church and advocated for people in recovery. Whether it was a spur-of-the-moment day trip or just staying home, they found joy in the simple things as long as they were together.

Kit was also blessed with a large extended family with several loving aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was fun-loving “Big Kit” to Keagan, Cora, Kylee, Lilli, Layden, Peyton, and Carrie. He would always make time for them and bring smiles to their faces. However, his most joyful role was that of “Daddy.” He truly loved his children, and just like his father did for him, he would not hesitate to get down on his hands and knees and goof around until they were all giggling. He was cheering from the sidelines for his boys at soccer matches and curling up in bed with them until they drifted off to sleep because he always put family first.

Kit was predeceased by his father, Kit Douglas Roberts, Sr. He is survived by his mother, Jane Hoskins Kessell and her husband Kevin, his wife, Shannon, their son, Noah, his son, Kit Martin and his mother, Rachel Thaxton, his siblings, Nick Roberts and his wife, Amy, Rae Moore and her husband, Justin, Beth Faison and Jared Stover.

A service will be held at Gateway Christian Church in St. Albans, WV at 1 PM on Saturday, April 15, 2023.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Recovery Point West Virginia at [www.recoverypointwv.org](http://www.recoverypointwv.org).

You may visit Kit's tribute page at [BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com](http://BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com) to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Roberts family.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **15**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Gateway Christian Church  
422 B Street  
St. Albans, WV 25177

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Kit Jr. He was an amazing young man I had recently talked with Kit. He will be missed. I know he is with his dad and they are definitely celebrating. Love and prayers for Nick Beth and Rae. Thinking of you all ❤️ with love. Billie

Billie Banks - March 24, 2023 at 09:14 AM

A.

“ I remember you coming into Recovery Point, then the Healing Place, I didn't know you really well but I knew you enough to have very good memories. This was 10 years ago. You're at peace now, my friend.

A.J. - March 07, 2023 at 08:20 PM

SM

“ Kit Roberts .. you touched my life in so many ways and you will be missed dearly. I hate this so much <3 Bee



sabrina mccune - March 07, 2023 at 01:06 AM

TH

“ Kit helped so many he was a big impact on many I had pleasure to know him and for that I'm truly blessed he will be missed by so many that he has helped Recovery Point Alumni Teddy Hornsby

Teddy Hornsby - March 05, 2023 at 01:37 PM

BF

Thank you! ❤️

Beth Roberts Faison - March 07, 2023 at 06:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kit Douglas Roberts, Jr..*



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March 04, 2023 at 10:07 AM



“ *Kit is 100% the reason I am clean and sober today. He got me on a bus from Mobile Alabama to Charleston WV. When I arrived he was there to take me straight to treatment. He came a checked on me while I was there and showed me that recovey is possible. I will never forget going to his house and being amazed at the life he had built for himself and thinking it was not possible for me. He told me this “give it two years and you can have the same” he was absolutely right. Kit, there will not be a day go by that I do not think about you and how much you have done for me I love you like a Brother you will be forever missed.*

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**Travis Stringer** - March 03, 2023 at 09:07 PM



*He loved you too Travis! ❤️*

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**Beth Roberts Faison** - March 07, 2023 at 06:04 PM



“ *I will always remember Kit as the young junior high school kid with the sweetest smile and twinkle in his eye. He was always surrounded by friends and the staff loved him. My condolences to Jane, his siblings, his wife and children, and his extended family who loved him dearly.*

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**Carla Williamson** - March 03, 2023 at 11:38 AM

JK

*Thank you, Carla*

**Jane Hoskins Kessell** - March 03, 2023 at 04:35 PM

BF

*Thank you! ❤️*

**Beth Roberts Faison** - March 07, 2023 at 06:05 PM

CB

“ *Rest Easy now my friend. You may have left this earth physically but I will never forget you. Many talks many tears, even more Laughter. I will miss you.*



**Christopher Bolling** - March 02, 2023 at 10:28 PM

BF

*Thank you Chris, and thank you for reaching out to me! He loved You and it meant a lot to me! ❤️*

**Beth Roberts Faison** - March 07, 2023 at 06:06 PM

BR

“ *Watched him walk into Detox on his first day remember talking with him when he wanted to leave kept telling him to sleep on it and he did fast forward 3 years later I had relapsed lived 3 hours away but when I called he came straight and picked me up and drove me right to treatment came and checked on me after that he showed me no matter what the brotherhood that we had was always there and never changed no matter what I could Say more but I will truly miss my friend*

**bryan** - March 02, 2023 at 09:00 PM

BF

*Thank you for saying that, at least his hope and service for others lives on. ❤️*

**Beth Roberts Faison** - March 07, 2023 at 06:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kit Douglas Roberts, Jr..*



March 02, 2023 at 07:25 PM