



David S. Hendryx

March 9, 2025

David Scott Hendryx, 41, a veteran of three tours in Iraq and longtime resident of Huntington County, passed away Sunday, March 9, 2025, of complications from PTSD (posttraumatic stress disorder).

David was born on February 3, 1984, in Columbia City, IN, the son of William "Bill" Hendryx and Tamara (Steward) Hendryx. He attended Huntington North High School and earned a GED before enlisting in the U.S. Army. As a staff sergeant for the Army, David was assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment where he saw action during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The U.S. Army recognized David for his honorable service with a long list of awards including, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal w/ Campaign Star, and National Defense Service Medal. David was a proud soldier and understood the commitment he made to his country. During his service, he built unbreakable relationships with the men and women he served beside.

After seven years of active duty and three tours of combat, David was one of the lucky ones to come home but he wasn't the same man that set out to follow his grandfather's footsteps. Like so many veterans, David experienced the long effects of the traumatic events that occur during war. He struggled for years with wounds that couldn't be seen. His battle with PTSD was bigger

than any war he fought in.

David's family will remember their very own American Hero, as the guy who wanted to be the life of the party. The one that would do anything to make others laugh. His ability to embrace the outdoors and his talent for whittling wood or painting something beautiful are just some of the memories he leaves behind. David had many hobbies but one of his favorites was playing games with his nephews. He also enjoyed riding his motorcycle and helping rebuild motorcycles for veterans with the AMVETS organization. David was a caring person who deeply loved those he surrounded himself with.

David is survived by his wife of 5 years, Krystal L. Hendryx of Montpelier, IN; children, Aaron Hendryx of Huntington, IN, Triniti Hendryx of Huntington, IN, Nik Hendryx of VA, Kiara Hendryx of VA, Jeremy O'Rielly of Huntington, IN; grandson, Elliot Vest; mother, Tamara Hendryx of Huntington, IN; siblings, Sandy (Chad) Shaw of Huntington, IN, Stefni (Dave) Scharland of Huntington, IN, Adam (Julie) Hendryx of Huntington, IN, Shaun (Katie) Hendryx of St. Petersburg, FL; brother in-law, Billy (April) Duke of Decatur, IN; grandmother, Marsha Overstreet of Huntington, IN; nephews, Xavier (Marysa) Shaw, Zachary (Tori) Shaw, Derrik Scharland, Blaze Shaw, Gage Shaw, Hayden Hendryx, Darrien Duke, William Duke, Aiden Duke; nieces, Aubry Powell, Mara Hendryx. His canine companions, Gunnar, Tigger and Peanut. Also, David leaves behind many aunts, uncles, cousins and several brothers and sisters of the USA military.

He is preceded in death by his father, William "Bill" H. Hendryx, grandparents, Diane Baltrush, Mauri Steward, Billie Hendryx, Dottie Robinson, Lenord Robinson and three men died fighting beside him and who he called brothers, U.S. Army Captain John F. Kurth, U.S. Army Specialist Jason C. Ford, and U.S. Army Specialist Eric G. Palacios Rivera.

If you are a Veteran, or are concerned about one, call 988, then press "1" to speak with a responder qualified to support Veterans. You can also text 838255 or chat online with the Veterans Crisis Line

Visitation will be from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Thursday, March 13, 2025, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Graveside Service will be 10:00 am Friday, March 14, 2025, in Marion National Cemetery 1700 E. 38th St, Marion, IN.

Preferred memorials to Bailey-Love Mortuary to assist with David's final arrangements, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com.

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of David Scott Hendryx.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **13**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750
(260) 356-1710
wecare@baileylove.com
<https://www.baileylove.com>

Graveside Service

MAR **14**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Marion National Cemetery
1700 E. 38th St.
Marion, IN 46953

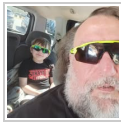
Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Love Mortuary has created this video tribute in memory of David Hendryx.* ”



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - March 13, 2025 at 09:44 AM



Rest easy David! May all your demons be vanquished! Pam and I will miss you!

Carl Hendryx - March 13, 2025 at 08:21 PM

CR

Rest easy brother. Heaven gained another Angel.

Christopher Rich - March 18, 2025 at 01:48 AM

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“ *Ian Hewlett (B Co 1-18 IN) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David S. Hendryx.* ”



Ian Hewlett (B Co 1-18 IN) - March 24, 2025 at 08:46 AM



“ David was one of my regulars at work. He was always quick to crack a joke or laugh at one. He will be greatly missed. I'm so sorry for the loss of a great man, and will be praying for his family and loved ones.

Trisha Stamper - March 13, 2025 at 08:38 PM



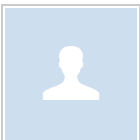
“ I guess you can watch wicket all you want now! Gonna miss you Butthead!

Carl Hendryx - March 13, 2025 at 08:34 PM



“ He was a fine man, a good soldier, a steady comrade. He has fallen on the field of battle and rests now with other great souls, who passed before him. We will not forget him. We will mourn with you, knowing that he, like they, have gone too soon and in the certainty that our pain is but a shadow compared to what you must feel. You are in our thoughts and prayers. - The Purcells

Patrick Purcell - March 13, 2025 at 12:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David S. Hendryx.

March 13, 2025 at 11:54 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David S. Hendryx.*



March 13, 2025 at 11:54 AM



“ *Nanny Holt and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David S. Hendryx.*



Nanny Holt and family - March 12, 2025 at 07:47 PM



“ *I was one of David's medics during his time in Germany. I remember him very well and miss him greatly. He was always a kind person and friendly face down at the Company. I'm terribly sorry and remorseful to have heard about his passing. I hope his wonderful family can find peace in these dark days.*

*Brian, Carmen, and Natalie Ball
P6M*

Brian Ball - March 12, 2025 at 05:04 PM

MM

“ *Margie, Scotty, David, Sarah, & Miranda purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of David S. Hendryx.*



Margie, Scotty, David, Sarah, & Miranda - March 12, 2025 at 04:18 PM

CC

“ *I can remember David being little from all my yrs being friends with his aunt cheri. my hearts breaks for Tam and all the rest of the family. you're in my prayers.*

Cyndi Crews - March 12, 2025 at 03:30 PM

KH

“ *kathy LeCount Harper lit a candle in memory of David Hendryx*



kathy LeCount Harper - March 12, 2025 at 03:13 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David S. Hendryx.*



March 12, 2025 at 02:28 PM

AR

“ Adam Rudy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David S. Hendryx.



Adam Rudy - March 12, 2025 at 12:00 PM

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“ Adam Rudy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David S. Hendryx.

Adam Rudy - March 12, 2025 at 12:00 PM

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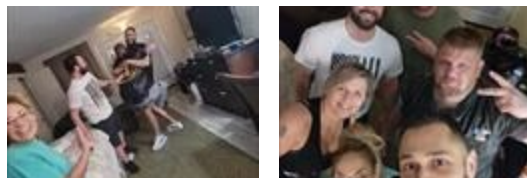
“ Thank you sir for your service. May you rest in peace.



Shirley Kiefer - March 12, 2025 at 11:52 AM

RS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Ryan Saenz - March 12, 2025 at 09:12 AM

JD

“ *Jesse DiCenzo purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David S. Hendryx.*



Jesse DiCenzo - March 12, 2025 at 08:07 AM

JD

“ *Jesse DiCenzo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David S. Hendryx.*

Jesse DiCenzo - March 12, 2025 at 08:07 AM

DG

“ David, or as we (Soldiers, Officers and NCO’s) called him “Jimmi”. One look at his name tape and it stuck! Jimmi was always, let’s say...animated, energetic, or maybe hyper would be a better term. He was constantly bouncing around from room to room or subject to subject. I don’t remember one single moment in the time I knew this young man that he was completely calm. Even while sitting down to eat a meal the man’s foot was tap -tap-tapping out a constant cadence for our listening pleasure. Jimmi was also one of our best and brightest young NCOs. He was willing to learn, quick to action and filled with energy and potential. He lead from the front and had a great relationship with his men. The memory that will forever be engraved in my mind is that of this scrawny young man charging at full speed into the gate of an Iraqi’s compound to “breach” it and allow his team to enter with him at the front and ready to control his team while they cleared the courtyard. Only it didn’t quite work out the way I think he envisioned it. You see, Jimmi might have weighed all of 160-170 pounds and the gate, being made of steel and securely locked and nicely made didn’t want to cooperate with his wishes and so it bent in, flexed back out and Jimmi went flying back out into the street! I could barely breathe I was laughing so hard. Jimmi always seemed to do that to me. I will miss him the rest of my days.

Gaylor



donald gaylor - March 12, 2025 at 03:19 AM

TH

*Thank you for the memories, you made me chuckle,
Tammy Hendryx*

Tammy Hendryx - March 12, 2025 at 10:57 AM

LR

*Rest in peace David. Lieutenant Commander Laura Diane Hendryx,
Aunt and your Cousin Solveig Grace Hendryx*

Lcdr Laura Diane Hendryx, ret - March 22, 2025 at 09:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David S. Hendryx.

March 11, 2025 at 09:39 PM



“ Memorial Honor Blanket was purchased for the family of David S. Hendryx.



March 11, 2025 at 09:39 PM