



SGT Craig Perry

September 15, 1968 - August 15, 2025

Craig Perry departed this life on Friday, August 15, 2025 at his home. He was predeceased by his mother, Gladys Perry Pauling, two sisters, Starlesie “Cookie” Pauling, Sandra Dee Coleman, and an uncle, William Perry (Rosie, Helen). He is survived by his wife of 14 years, Frederica Perry (nee’ Scott), two daughters and a son from previous marriages, Shaunta’ Angelika Jones (Sheila), Jakairia Imani Perry, Christopher Craig Perry (Angela), a stepson, Kevon Shaw, a son-in-law, Kevin Jones, two granddaughters, Kennedy Taylor Elaine Jones and Karrington Amaani Jones, his father, Lawrence Barnes of Elgin, SC, his brothers, Kawan Pauling (Tasha) and Jamal Barnes, and an aunt, Shirley Perry Bernard, as well as his beloved cousins Melette, Shawna, William, Johnathan, Tammy, Michael, Stephanie, and Gregory, and many other cousins, acquaintances and friends who are left to cherish his memory. Special mention goes to Garrett Johnson III, his friend who was steadfastly by his side for most of his adult life and his final moments.

Born September 15, 1968 in Winnsboro, South Carolina, his family lived in the Peay Ridge community of Great Falls, South Carolina. He was educated in the Chester County School District and graduated from Great Falls High School in 1986, where he was a member of the school’s football and track teams. Craig was a beloved son, grandson, brother, nephew, cousin, uncle, friend, and husband. He touched the lives of many with his profound sense of

humor, warmth, creativity, curiosity, and gregarious, outgoing nature. Craig was a generous friend and possessed an uncanny ability to connect to just about anyone. Away from school he was an avid sportsman and fisherman who enjoyed spending time with his friends and family. At the age of 17, Craig enlisted in the United States Army. He valued this service highly and attained the rank of Sergeant as a combat medic in the 82nd Airborne Division. As part of this service, he served all over the world, including the First Iraq War and Operation Just Cause. He was awarded numerous medals and commendations throughout his decade-plus military career.

Sgt. Perry's memorial service will be held at Colvin Funeral Home and Crematory, 2010 Murchison Road, Fayetteville, NC 28301 at 2:00 pm on September 6, 2025. All are welcome to attend.

-May God give us the grace to be vulnerable, free and trusting enough in our own shared humanity that we can ask for help, guidance, and counsel when we need it to show us we are not alone. Loneliness, despair, rage, regret and sorrow can take us to place to which there is no return for some. Showing kindness and grace, when the person sometimes may not even deserve it, may be the only way. You can save two lives by saving one: yours and theirs. Do not let pride make you afraid to ask for help or reticent to give it to those who may truly need it.-

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Tribute Wall

RA

“ *Perry Family*
May god wrap you in his arms during this difficult time and may his love be your shelter and strength. It was truly a pleasure, joy and never a dull moment working with Craig at WAMC.
Ronda Anderson



Ronda J Anderson - September 06, 2025 at 10:15 AM

RA

“ *Ronda J Anderson lit a candle in memory of SGT Craig Perry*



Ronda J Anderson - September 06, 2025 at 10:06 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of SGT Craig Perry.*



September 05, 2025 at 06:27 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of SGT Craig Perry.*



September 03, 2025 at 09:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of SGT Craig Perry.*



September 02, 2025 at 08:28 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of SGT Craig Perry.*

September 02, 2025 at 08:28 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of SGT Craig Perry.*



September 01, 2025 at 06:39 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to Craig's Family. He will be truly missed. He was a great person. Rest In Peace. The Genfi Family.*

Frances Genfi - August 28, 2025 at 09:47 AM

RB

“ With deepest sympathy to the Perry family. Blessings to each of you.

Robert & Valentina Boulware - August 27, 2025 at 08:55 PM

TS

“ Good Evening to the Family 😞
I've been knowing Craig for years !!
I'm talking when he was a young fella.
You Craig is like family.
His Uncle was Married to my Auntie and that's how I met him.
He was a very smart young man... but he has a Brother that was very smart as well.
I used to love going over to their house when we were little.
You see I'm just a few years older than Craig. He always had a serious look on his face. It was like he was going to be a lawyer or a judge the way he used to look so serious. Got to be honest I did not see the military anything else but that.
Forever in our prayers and you will always be remembered love always Craig . Family Forever 💔

Terry G. Stevenson - August 27, 2025 at 08:45 PM

TH

“ Praying for the family 🙏

Tucker Harrison - August 27, 2025 at 07:37 PM

DJ

“ With great sadness words are sometimes hard to express our deepest sympathy. I remember all the great and wonderful deployments we shared. Also, thank you for encouraging me to become a Great Jumpmaster❤️. Until we meet again ❤️

Dennis L Johnson - August 27, 2025 at 07:19 PM

MM

“ Marny M. Marsh lit a candle in memory of Craig Perry



Marny M. Marsh - August 27, 2025 at 05:13 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kawan Pauling - August 27, 2025 at 02:40 PM

TS

*Kawan and the the rest of the Perry Family.
It saddens my heart when I heard the news 🥹💔
I'm So Sorry for your loss and I will be praying for you and the family
🙏🙏*

Terry G. Stevenson - August 27, 2025 at 08:50 PM

CH

My condolences to the Perry family

Carolyn Hemphill - August 28, 2025 at 12:03 AM

CM

“ *Craig is one of the best men I've ever met. My thoughts go out to his family.*

Clayton Muirhead - August 27, 2025 at 01:46 PM

MH

“ Condolences to the entire Perry family. Craig was a good man, a solid soldier, and beyond any definition of my military motto - *Semper Paratus* "Always Ready" ~ he was ready for all and anything, and at any given time to another human in need. Memories of his legacy and service in this life will never be forgotten. Godspeed brother ~

PS3 (Gulf War V), Mark Hutton

Mark Hutton - August 26, 2025 at 06:54 PM

TC

“ *Sending prayers and sincere condolences to the family.*

Tina Cloud - August 25, 2025 at 06:57 PM

CC

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the Perry family. To my brother in Arms who cared for fallen comrades on the battlefield. I will always remember you as we crossed paths in school and later in life during our Military Careers at Fort Bragg, N.C.*



As, we say at Fort Bragg, Paratroopers never Die. We fade away in the blue sky.

1SG (R), Curtis Curry

Curtis Curry - August 25, 2025 at 04:27 PM

LB

“ Grief can be hard, but our special memories help us cope. Remembering you and your loved one today and always
Linda Nettles



Linda Barbour - August 24, 2025 at 02:29 PM

WW

“ Love you always brother! Miss you! Prayers for you and your family!
Barbara and William WINDLEY

William WINDLEY - August 23, 2025 at 07:52 PM

PC

Condolences to the family. Praying for you Kawan &Tasha. Love yall.

Paula cauthen - August 27, 2025 at 02:17 PM