



Russell Carlisle

September 9, 1968 - March 22, 2020

Russell Keith Carlisle of Seaford, Delaware passed away on Sunday, March 22, 2020 at his home surrounded by his family after bravely fighting for 10 years with Multiple Myeloma. He was 51.

He was born on September 9, 1968 in Seaford, Delaware the son of Keith Carlisle and Carol Russell Carlisle of Greenwood.

Growing up on the family farm in Greenwood, Russell graduated from Woodbridge High School with the class of 1986. He later graduated from the University of Delaware in 1994 with a BA in Agriculture Engineering. He married Tammie Waldron Carlisle on December 10, 1994 and they made their home in Bridgeville and later Seaford.

Russell had a long career in the United States Air Force. He served from 1986 to 2014 and retired as a Lt. Colonel. He began his career as an enlisted active duty member of United States Air Force. He then became a reservist while attending college and worked as a loadmaster on the C-5 Galaxy military aircraft at Dover, AFB. Russell then attended officer training school and later pilot training at Reese AFB in Texas. He began his career as a pilot at Dover AFB, in Delaware where he worked until he retired. Russell also worked as a pilot for American Airlines and Fed Ex Express.

When he was not flying, Russell enjoyed hunting, cars and spending time with his family and his beloved dogs.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Tammie Waldron Carlisle, a son, Ian Carlisle and a daughter Bayleigh Carlisle all of Seaford, a brother, William "Will" Carlisle and his wife Karla of Greenwood, and two nieces, Hannah Carlisle and Lilly Carlisle.

Due to the current limitations set by our government, services will be private. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the HEADstrong Foundation, 232 Green Ave, Holmes, PA 19043. This foundation provides two locations in the Philadelphia area for families of cancer patients to stay/live while undergoing lengthy cancer treatments at surrounding hospitals. During Russell's hospital stay at University of Pennsylvania, the family stayed at "Nick's House" which is part of the HEADstrong Foundation. We had a beautiful, safe place to stay and we met other families also going through cancer treatment . We will always be grateful for the support of the HEADstrong Foundation.

Services entrusted to the Framptom Funeral Home – Fleischauer Chapel in Greenwood.

Comments



“ Way too soon my friend. You were the heartbeat of the 326th for years. My prayers are with the Carlisle family. Rest In Peace!



Jeff Snyder - May 27, 2020 at 09:38 PM



“ I just recently was informed of Russ's passing. We were very good friends from 86-89 at Barksdale AFB. Many fond memories from those times. Rest In Peace brother.

Kelly Reed - April 18, 2020 at 08:38 AM



“ Russ was a true mentor and inspiration. Always cool, always level, always. He just had a way about him that was honest and direct and humorous all at the same time. From my early days at the 326th until our semi-competitive fantasy football seasons over the past couple years, he always managed to be the voice of reason and yet saw the humor in so much. You're missed my friend. God speed.

Scott Suazo - April 16, 2020 at 04:52 PM



“ Michelle



Michelle - April 12, 2020 at 08:54 PM



“ The memories our lives will continue to grow with the faith that this time we have on Earth is short. Evolution and change is paramount, yet, human connections and love will never be forgotten. May his soul Rest In Peace.

Michelle - April 12, 2020 at 08:59 PM



“ Bayleigh Carlisle lit a candle in memory of Russell Carlisle



Bayleigh Carlisle - April 10, 2020 at 09:52 PM



“ Carol and Keith, my heart breaks for your loss. I am so so sorry.
Sincerely, Nancy McKinney (Stubbs) Cramer

Nancy Cramer - March 28, 2020 at 03:07 PM



“ Ruth Ann F. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Russell Carlisle.



Ruth Ann F. - March 27, 2020 at 12:35 PM



“ I will always remember Russ for the testimony he gave during church service at ARAC several years ago. He was a true witness for the a Lord who he now eternally resides with.

My sincere sympathy to Tammy, their children and extended family members. May you be comforted by God's presence in your life and the wonderful memories you have of your life together until your reunion in eternity.

Wanda Rhodes - March 27, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ Wanda Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Russell Carlisle



Wanda Rhodes - March 27, 2020 at 08:51 AM



“ Well Russ I guess God wants the good ones early - knuckleheads like me will have to hang around on this rock a bit longer. God Bless your family and all of us who loved your fun loving attitude and sense of humor.

Al Hart - March 26, 2020 at 05:29 PM



“ Russ and I first met 20 years ago in the Air Force Reserve. We immediately hit it off. I admired his approach to work and life and always enjoyed spending time with him. He was indeed an exceptional pilot and officer but even a better friend. I loved his sense of humor, his work hard/play hard spirit and how he carried himself through good times and bad. You will truly be missed my great friend.

Mark Babione - March 26, 2020 at 01:13 PM



“ Russ is just a person that you feel better for having meet and known. It is good he is free from pain finally but it is a great loss to family and friends. When I worked and socialized with him he was a pleasure to be around even if he wasn't in the best of shape.
We meet in the Reserves and his personality was positive even in the face of adversity. No one event comes to mind but I just remember feeling comfortable talking with him and you knew he was interested in helping others even if he had a lot to deal with himself. Truly a loss of a good man.
Justin Greiner

Justin Greiner - March 25, 2020 at 05:16 PM



“ Ivan Kobets lit a candle in memory of Russell Carlisle



Ivan Kobets - March 25, 2020 at 03:58 PM



“ I first met Russ when I flew a mission w/ the 326 Airlift Squadron when I was an relatively young active duty pilot in the 3rd AS. He educated me A LOT on the benefits of being in a C-5 reserve squadron. Over the next couple of years he continued to “recruit” me over to reserve side whenever our paths crossed on Dover AFB. I hope I thanked him enough for all his efforts to get me into the 326 AS and I hope he knew how much I enjoyed flying C-5s and doing simulator training with him during our days in at Dover, AFB. He was a great guy to work with and fly with. I will miss him. RIP Russ and Thank You for your friendship.

Ken Slater - March 25, 2020 at 09:45 AM



“ I went to school with Russ! We graduated together. I spoke to him a year ago. He was always kind and very sweet. I'm so sorry he was taken so young.

Gina Elliott - March 29, 2020 at 07:56 AM



“ I was in Drum & Bugle Flight B5000 in September 1986 with Russ. He exemplified what an Airman and leader should be from the beginning. He was and always will be my brother. Fly High Russ! From my family to yours we pray all of you find strength and peace in your memories. Always, Michele Hayes-martinez "aka Airman Smiley"

Michele Hayes-martinez - March 25, 2020 at 08:43 AM



“ I met Russ when I started working at the C-5 simulator in 2005. He was so much fun. As I worked part time there for about a year (there were no full time positions available), Russ came to me and said that he thought I should be full time. He took it upon himself to talk with management and essentially swapped HIS full time position for my part time! That's the kind of man he was. I'll never forget the kindness he showed. He will be missed.

Brad Marthaler - March 25, 2020 at 08:41 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Russ’ passing. I had the pleasure of attending Air Force pilot training with he and Tammie. They were always so much fun to be around and Russ made UPT much more enjoyable with his humor. We kept in touch over the 25 years and I will always cherish the night he stayed at our house while at Altus AFB. We had such a great time and laughed so hard about funny stories from pilot training. I was always hopeful that we would have more good times together and am sad that I won’t. We have certainly lost a wonderful friend who will be truly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with Tammie, Ian, Bayleigh and anyone else who’s life was touched by Russ. May God bless you with memories that warm your heart. RIP Rizzo!
I love you bro!
Johnathan Benton

Johnathan Benton - March 25, 2020 at 12:21 AM



“ Russ, I will miss you very much. I appreciate the support you gave me during various ventures over the years. You were a fantastic pilot, officer and friend to many! I will never forget the fun we had at Rick Thomas’s wedding. Please say hi to him from me...

Hans Reigle - March 24, 2020 at 09:14 PM



“ Oh my Lord...this made me cry. I am sitting here in shock that Russ has passed away and thought how nice that reunion will be for he and Rick.

Annie Thomas Howell - March 25, 2020 at 08:04 PM



“ I have so many great memories of Russ, but one that I’ll never forget was when he was working late at the C-5 Simulator he knew my dad was in town visiting and invited us over to check it out. My dad got to fly the C-5 sim, and it’s a memory that he still talks fondly of to this day. Russ was a good man, and took care of his people, he will be sorely missed.

DJ Ginter - March 24, 2020 at 08:39 PM



“ I always loved flying with Russ - He was a great pilot and an even greater person to be around. He will be missed.

Brad Seymour - March 24, 2020 at 08:28 PM



“ I grew up within view of the Carlisle Farm. I still love looking at it when I drive by. Russell was always kind to me, the annoying little sister of my big bro Ted. I'm so sorry for your loss. Russell was always a stand up guy. --Leigh Durig McKenna

Leigh Durig McKenna - March 24, 2020 at 05:15 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. He is the son of my classmate Carol Carlisle and my sympathy goes out to the family

golda williamson - March 24, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ Have know. The Carlisle family since my family moved to Greenwood in 72. We met them at the Methodist Church. Taught Russell in Sunday school. Tammi, Ian, Bayleigh, Keith, Carol, Karla, Will and the rest of the family have been and will continue to be in our prayers! So sorry for this huge loss to u all! God bless! Valerie and Mike Benton

Valerie Benton - March 24, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ Russ was my childhood friend, neighbor, classmate from first grade on, and all around great guy. His humor, decency, and concern for others will be deeply missed. Prayers for the Carlisle family as you honor who he was and mourn his absence. - Mindy Green

Mindy Green - March 24, 2020 at 06:12 PM



“ always had a great time flying with russ, great aircraft commander, i know he will be missed. god bless and rest in peace.

henry iosbaker - March 24, 2020 at 06:33 PM



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Johnathan Benton - March 24, 2020 at 08:32 PM



“ Enjoyed working with him in the simulator at Flight Safety. R.I.P

Ed - March 25, 2020 at 08:59 AM



“ I was a Wing Safety manager in the flying squadron when Russ was assigned to a squadron. He was a wonderful person. God Bless him and his family!

Peter Lasavage - March 25, 2020 at 09:02 AM



“ I knew Russ at Barksdale AFB back in 1986. We chatted from time to time but I never really got to know him. It was because of Facebook we reconnected. Last June I was diagnosed with CLL. He gave me insight and advice from his perspective. Moreover, he gave me strength and hope when I really needed it. I wish I had gotten to know him better as a young man, knowing the great man he later became. The world is a lesser place without

him.

Robert Smedley - March 25, 2020 at 10:10 AM



“ I have wonderful memories of the Carlisle family and they were always good to me when I was growing up and working on the farm with them. My deepest condolences to all of those mourning the loss of Russ. May God grant you comfort.

Glen Clouser - March 25, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ I had the good fortune to spend most of my initial Air Force training alongside Russ. He was a true professional, a humble family man and a good friend. I know he cared deeply for his family. He loved Tammie and was very proud of Ian and Bayleigh. The world is a better place because of Russ. Rest in peace my friend.

Pete Gross - March 26, 2020 at 11:03 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Russ's passing, praying for you all. I know you all are missing him.
Tammi Mullin

Tammi Mullin - March 26, 2020 at 11:55 AM



“ Sympathy, love and prayers to the Carlisle family. We are so sorry for your loss. Love,
Carol Russell and family in Michigan.

Carol Ann Russell - April 01, 2020 at 03:59 PM



“ After a long career in the ALCF, I was so happy to depart the unit with Russ Carlisle as my commander. I was left with great memories of a truly great leader and an honorable person. My deepest sympathies to his family and friends.

Jim Ralph - April 08, 2020 at 09:51 AM