



Austin Hand

February 7, 1977 - August 8, 2021

Charles "Austin" Hand, 44, died on Sunday, August 8, 2021.

He was born in Ocala, Florida, February 7, 1977. His parents are Charles Wesley Hand and Libby Burkhalter Hand.

Austin graduated from Forest High School class of 1995. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 7 years supporting the Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort SC and 4 years in the U.S. Air Force as an Air Traffic Controller at Pope AFB, NC. In 2004, he served the AF 332 AEW/EOSS during combat at Balad Air Base Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. After his military service he continued to serve our nation as an Air Traffic Controller at Bethal Air Base AK, Kodiak Airport AK and Homestead Air Force Base FL.

Austin spent his leisure time fishing, scuba diving, playing music and video games, and enjoying life with his family and friends.

His infectious sunshine and Jedi-like wit will be terribly missed by all who knew him. He will be remembered for his kindness and for showing up for others.

He is survived by his mother, father, sister Lorrie Pharmer and husband Jim Pharmer, sister Leslie Wise and husband EJ Wise, his nephews, Weston and Landon Wise, Griffin Pharmer, and niece Becky Pharmer.

At the families request there will be no funeral service. A celebration of life will be held at a late date when we are all free of the coronavirus that took his life. In lieu of flowers the family requests your support to your local hospitals, doctors, and nurses.

Giving Opportunity: <https://baptisthealthgiving.net/Foundation/COVID19-Relief>

Tribute Wall



“ *Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Austin Hand*



Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations - August 16, 2021 at 12:09 PM

KD

“ *Thinking of you Austin...
David and Kiki!!!*



kiki and David - August 07, 2025 at 08:42 PM

KH

“ *Happy birthday in heaven Austin. We love you. Kiki & David. ❤️*

kiki and David Hays - February 06, 2025 at 04:06 PM

 Kiki
Garay

“ *Beautiful memories. He still lives in our hearts. Love to Austin in heaven.
Kiki.*

Kiki Garay - December 31, 2021 at 08:50 PM

SS

“ Your entire Air Traffic Family will miss you..
Our condolences to the family.
Miami International Airport Tower & TRACON

Sarah Shillingford - August 18, 2021 at 04:08 PM



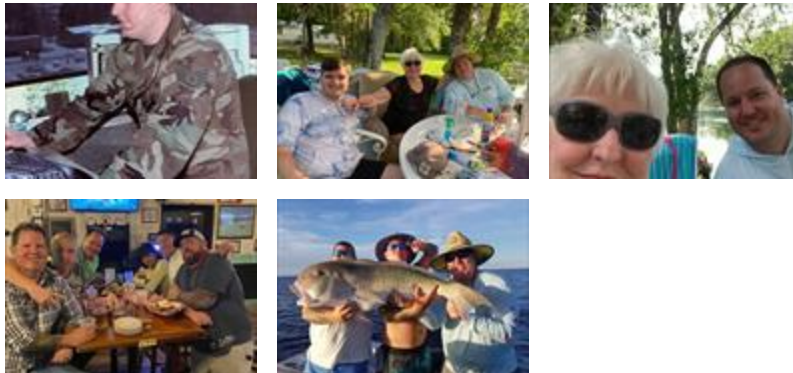
“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased
for the family of Austin Hand.



August 18, 2021 at 04:05 PM



“ 27 files added to the album Austin with More Friends and Family



Libbie Hand - August 16, 2021 at 02:11 PM

JO

“ Beautiful memorial to Austin. RIP dude 🙏🙏

JoJo - August 16, 2021 at 01:19 PM

UF

“ *Until we meet again. HST ATC Family purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Austin Hand.*



Until we meet again. HST ATC Family - August 15, 2021 at 07:01 PM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Austin Hand.*



August 15, 2021 at 12:55 PM

SW

“ *Prayers to his family and friends... I went to school with him many years ago at St. John...*

Stephanie Williams - August 14, 2021 at 06:46 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Libbie Hand - August 14, 2021 at 11:26 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Libbie Hand - August 14, 2021 at 11:23 AM



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Libbie Hand - August 14, 2021 at 11:14 AM



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Libbie Hand - August 14, 2021 at 11:09 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Austin Hand.



August 13, 2021 at 06:32 PM