



## Michael James Gunnison

February 13, 1983 - October 13, 2021

Michael James Gunnison, 38, of High Point, passed away October 13, 2021 at his residence.

Born February 13, 1983 in Charlotte, NC he was the son of Kathleen Mary Stapleton Gunnison and James Richard Gunnison. He attended Metrolina Christian Academy and Central Piedmont Community College. As a proud US Army infantryman of the 101st Airborne Division deployed to Iraq, he was the recipient of the Army achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Bar (2nd Award), and Combat Infantryman Badge.

He was a member of Central Church in Charlotte.

Left to cherish his memory are his mother, Kathleen Mary Stapleton Gunnison of Charlotte; father, James Richard Gunnison and step-mother, Debra Dence of Concord; brothers, Eric Andrew Gunnison (Danielle) of Denver, NC, and Shawn Matthew Gunnison of Kannapolis, grandmother Vivian Gunnison, and nieces Autumn and Lily Gunnison.

The family will receive friends 12 – 1 p.m. Monday (October 25th) at Summersett Funeral Home. The funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. in Summersett Memorial Chapel. Burial will be in the Salisbury National Cemetery with Military Rites by The US Army and the Rowan County Honor Guard.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Gunnison family. Online

condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **25**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
(704) 633-2111  
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

## Graveside Service

OCT **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall

SG

“ *Shawn Gunnison lit a candle in memory of Michael James Gunnison* ”



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**Shawn Gunnison** - October 24, 2021 at 09:42 AM

SD

“ *Suzanne DeMoss lit a candle in memory of Michael James Gunnison* ”



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**Suzanne DeMoss** - October 20, 2021 at 10:19 PM

LG

“ *Lily Gunnison lit a candle in memory of Michael James Gunnison* ”



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**Lily Gunnison** - October 20, 2021 at 10:17 PM

AG

“ *Autumn Gunnison lit a candle in memory of Michael James Gunnison* ”



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**Autumn Gunnison** - October 20, 2021 at 10:16 PM

EP

*I'll remember Michael for his warm heart and gentle spirit, his close relationship with God and kind words throughout the years. My last trip to North Carolina was 5 years ago with Grandma and Uncle Bob to see Michael and Shawn in Asheville; we had a pleasant visit and enjoyed lunch together at The Moose Café.*

*When Michael was about 8 years old, Dan and I took Gloria, Marlene, Steven and Valerie to Houston Texas and met up with Jim and the boys at Uncle Don's house. The cousins had a blast driving to San Antonio and Galveston. My kids had a doodle board sending written messages to the boys in Jim's car. The boys communicated back with a notebook and marker. They made the drive entertaining and we had lots of good laughs. Uncle Don showed us around San Antonio, the Alamo, and told stories of the good times there with Aunt Evon. We had an adventure finding the famous Tamale restaurant. Everyone enjoyed walking along the beachfront and lunch on the pier in Galveston.*

*Kathy brought the boys to Chicago and we had Christmas at Grandma's. We celebrated Michael's homecoming from Iraq at Jim and Debbie's. With living so far away, each visit and the time together was special.*

*Recently, Michael expressed joy in seeing the first birthday pictures of little Gaby, my granddaughter, and pleased to learn of Aunt Shelly's GoFundMe fundraiser Operation Hometown Hero.*

*In 2021, Michael changed his e-mail name to Naphtali which was curious to me and soon realized the meaning made sense "my struggle" and "warrior". May we find comfort in knowing his earthly struggles are over and his soul is at peace. Saddened he couldn't make it a bit longer for the release of Med-Bed healing technology.*

*Cousins Michael and Gloria were born the same year and both passed in their 30s, in October, on the "day" of the month of their births. They are joyously celebrating together in overwhelming love, peace, beauty, and the lessons learned from this lifetime in Heaven.*

*Jim, Debbie, Kathy, Shawn, Eric and family – may the love of our Lord Jesus Christ bring you comfort and heal your heart. We will all miss Michael and remember the good times shared with joy in our hearts.*

*Love and light,*

*Eileen Price or "Auntie" as Michael would say*

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**Eileen Price** - November 02, 2021 at 04:45 PM

