



Dusty D. Kasten

October 6, 1970 - July 22, 2011

KNOX-Dusty D. Kasten, 40, passed away July 22, 2011 in IU Health Starke Hospital due to an ATV accident. Dusty was born October 6, 1970 in Knox, IN to Thomas and Lois (Elder) Kasten and lived in the area all of his life. On August 22, 1992 in Hamlet, he was married to the former Tawyna Byer. Surviving are his wife, Tawnya; three daughters, Tiffany Kasten, Brittany Kasten and Dusty Rose Kasten, all of Knox; one son, Tyler Kasten of Knox; six sisters, Linda Ritchie of Big Sandy, TN, Kathy Upchurch, Tina Singleton, Sandy Singleton and Tommie Byer, all of Knox and Rosanna Kasten of Frankfort, IN and four brothers, Robert Kurtz Jr. of Tennessee, Virgil Kurtz and John Kasten, both of Knox and Theodore Kasten of Frankfort, IN. He was preceded in death by his parents; step-father, Leroy Drane; sister, Josephine Drane and brother, Leroy Drane Jr.

Dusty was an employee of Pregis of Plymouth. He was a member of the Washington Township Fire Department for eighteen years. He previously had been rewarded commendations for Firefighter of the Year and First Responder of the Year and had also served as an officer.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. (Central Time) at the Washington Township Community Center with Pastor George Elder Jr. officiating. Cremation will follow. Friends may call Tuesday at the Washington Township Community Center from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday 9:00

a.m. until the time of services. A Firefighter Service will be held Tuesday at 8:00 p.m by the Washington Township Fire Department. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the family. Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel is handling arrangements.

Tribute Wall

TB

“ I loved it when he could make you laugh when u was in bad mood sure miss. I love u

Tommie byer - November 10, 2025 at 03:23 AM

KB

“ i remember when i met dusty at the mayflower a year ago!!! it was just so funny cuz i was shooting a game of pool and he walked up to me and said wait a minute you are teri's daughter and i of course was! and he and my mom have worked together for many years so we just became better friends every time we saw eachother i would always beat him in pool but he always told me its because he didnt try lol but i am personally going to miss him very much it just wont be the same with out him around i give my condolences to his family and wish that he may rest in peace i thank him for every thing he has taught me and all the good laughs we have had good bye for now dusty see ya soon

krystal back - April 29, 2018 at 08:09 PM

DS

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to you. Dusty was a good man and will greatly be missed.

Dan Seago

Anna Ramey Seago

Daniel Seago - April 29, 2018 at 08:09 PM

DS

“ Dearest Tawnya, I just want you to know we are praying for you and your family and we love you very much.

Dee (Landrum) Shreves - April 29, 2018 at 08:09 PM

KA

“ I have only known Dusty and his family for a little over 3 years...but in that time they have opened their lives and hearts to me and for that I am so grateful. Dusty was loving and devoted to his family and friends and the most reverant BEARS fan I have ever met. He was loved and admired by many and I feel blessed to have been a part of his life...Thanks for the smiles, the laughs and the great hugs...rest easy son!

Kay - April 29, 2018 at 08:09 PM

DE

“ Dearest Tawnya & Family. My prayers go out to you and the kids. Thank you for letting me into your hearts and home...

"DUSTY"

You will forever be in my heart.. Say hello to our grandparents... You were our hero. There aren't enough words to say..Walk with God and be our beacon when it is our time to go home.. I love you Cuz... Sissy

Denise Elder - April 29, 2018 at 08:09 PM

MS

“ So sorry to hear this. You are all in our prayers.

Michelle and Melanie Salyers - April 29, 2018 at 08:09 PM



“ To the Family of Dusty: We didnt know Dusty very well, but our hearts and prayers go out to him and his family.

August 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM