

## Major Joshua James Molgaard

September 2, 1980 - October 11, 2021

U. S. Army Major Joshua James Molgaard passed away on October 11, 2021, at the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. Major Molgaard was born on September 2, 1980, to Brad and Therese Molgaard in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Josh grew up in Carlsbad, New Mexico and graduated from his family's home school in 1999. In 2007 he married Allison Short in Greenville, South Carolina. They have two boys, Austin, 11, and Dillion, 8.

After earning a Bachelor of Science in Physics from Bob Jones University, Josh went on to earn two master's degrees. He earned his first master's degree in physics from Clemson University (2006) and his second master's degree in nuclear engineering from the University of Tennessee (2014).

Major Molgaard was commissioned in the U. S. Army as a 2nd Lieutenant in 2006 and served in distinguished fashion. In 2007, he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom where he served as a Platoon Leader and Executive Officer until 2008. He commanded Delta Company, 3rd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri from 2011 to 2012. Major Molgaard then served as an instructor in the Department of Physics and Nuclear Engineering at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York from 2014 to 2017. Following West Point, Major Molgaard served as a researcher in the area of assessments and radiation injury at the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute from 2017 to 2020. Major Molgaard's final

assignment was with the Defense Threat Reduction Agency in 2020.

Josh enjoyed fishing, camping, hiking, and football. He was a passionate fan of the Clemson Tigers and the Green Bay Packers. Josh was also an amazingly gifted musician, singer, and songwriter. Despite all his talents, Josh will be best remembered for his love of God, Country, and Family. As a member of the Olney Baptist Church near their home in Maryland, he served as a deacon and worship leader. As a husband and father, Josh made his wife and two boys the greatest priority of his life. He will forever be remembered for his unselfish and loving ways. He was a true servant of God and the United States of America.

Josh is survived by his wife and children, his parents, his brother Justin (Chelsey) Molgaard of King George, Virginia, and his grandparents, Jim and Bea Foucault. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Paul Molgaard, and his maternal grandparents, Ray and Eldora Fliess.

Major Molgaard's awards and decorations from the Army include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Combat Action Badge.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 PM, Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at Davenport Funeral Home with burial to follow at Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends from 1:00-2:00 PM, Tuesday, October 26, 2021 prior to the service at Davenport Funeral Home

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to Operation Heal Our Patriots, Samaritan's Purse, PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607 or Compassion International, <https://www.compassion.com/donate.htm>.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Memorial Gardens

970 Highlands Highway  
Walhalla, SC 29691

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **26**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Davenport Funeral Home  
311 S Highway 11  
West Union, SC 29696  
(864) 638-3611  
davenportfhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.davenportfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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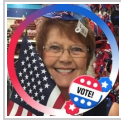
# Tribute Wall



“ *Davenport Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Major Joshua James Molgaard*



Davenport Funeral Home - October 25, 2021 at 03:20 PM



*Baeutiful service for Major Molgaard.... My prayers continue for his family and friends as they adjust to this great loss in their lives.*

Lynne Elrod - October 26, 2021 at 06:24 PM



“ *Major Joshua James Molgaard*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *What a beautiful tribute to Josh. You can tell that he loved his wife and two boys. Our hearts are broken and grieved for you. With much love and prayers coming your way, John and Mindy Manuel*



Melinda Manuel - October 29, 2021 at 10:12 PM

RB

“ Thank you for your outstanding service to our country, Major; now, Rest in Christ's Loving Arms. My prayers for your family.



Rosemary Bailes - October 26, 2021 at 09:38 PM

KA

“ Kathy Addis lit a candle in memory of Major Joshua James Molgaard



Kathy addis - October 26, 2021 at 09:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Major Joshua James Molgaard.



October 26, 2021 at 12:24 AM

RW

“ Brad and Therese, Allison and boys, Justin and Chelsey and Families; I am heartsick to read of Joshua's passing. I watched he and his brother grow up, and this just seems surreal. Please know that I am praying that God will wrap His Arms of Comfort and Love, a Peace that passes all understanding over you all. Such a beautiful life gone too soon for us here on earth.

Rita Woodman - October 25, 2021 at 08:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Major Joshua James Molgaard.*



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October 25, 2021 at 03:23 PM



“ *Brad and Therese, my heart goes out to you, and to Joshua's family knowing that your hearts must be broken with the passing of Joshua. But you know that Joshua being a child of the King is rejoicing in God's presence. We don't know why he was taken so early in life and, if you question, it is okay because God understands our anguish as parents. I am sure he expects it and holds nothing against you. May the peace that only our Lord can give sustain you in this trying time.*

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**Connie Calderon** - October 25, 2021 at 02:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Major Joshua James Molgaard.*



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October 25, 2021 at 12:53 PM

DL

“ *Danny, Karen & Micah Lee lit a candle in memory of Major Joshua James Molgaard*



Danny, Karen & Micah Lee - October 25, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Major Joshua James Molgaard.*



October 25, 2021 at 09:10 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Major Joshua James Molgaard.*



October 25, 2021 at 08:30 AM

BF

“ Dear Allison, Austin, Dillon, extended Family My thoughts and prayers are with you as your honor Joshua's life. May his love of family and life on earth give strength to you as you move forward with God's grace and love...  
Brad and Therese may God be with you as face the challenges ahead.  
all my love.  
Barry Fliess.

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**Barry Fliess** - October 25, 2021 at 08:22 AM

JS

“ Judy Shook lit a candle in memory of Major Joshua James Molgaard



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**Judy shook** - October 24, 2021 at 09:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Major Joshua James Molgaard.



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October 24, 2021 at 08:47 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Major Joshua James Molgaard.



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October 24, 2021 at 04:37 PM



“ I never new Major Molgaard but he sounds like the type officer I would be proud to serve under. The military needs officers like him who believes in God and Country and are true Christian leaders. He will be missed by friends his country and his loving family. God has a plan for us all but sometimes it's hard to understand. With all my sympathy from a fellow Soldier.

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**Leonard Loudermilk** - October 24, 2021 at 03:52 PM



“ David And Marci R Talley sent a virtual gift in memory of Major Joshua James Molgaard



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**David and Marci R Talley** - October 24, 2021 at 12:25 PM



“ Joshua was a friend of my son Daniel Moralez he always a great smile may he rip my prayers to the family

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**DIANA MORALES** - October 23, 2021 at 11:34 PM



“ Wayne F Barton sent a virtual gift in memory of Major Joshua James Molgaard



Wayne F Barton - October 23, 2021 at 01:10 PM



“ Wayne F Barton sent a virtual gift in memory of Major Joshua James Molgaard



Wayne F Barton - October 23, 2021 at 01:09 PM



“ Thank you for your service for our country and for your service most of all for God.



John and judy higgins - October 23, 2021 at 12:36 PM



“ Donna O'Dell lit a candle in memory of Major Joshua James Molgaard



Donna O'Dell - October 23, 2021 at 12:11 PM