



Capt. Ross A. Reynolds USMC

March 3, 1995 - March 19, 2022

LEOMINSTER: U.S. Marine Captain Ross A. Reynolds, 27, of Hampstead, NC, formerly of Leominster, died Friday, March 19, 2022 as a result of injuries sustained when his Osprey aircraft went down in the Arctic Circle in Norway. He and his “Raging Bulls” squadron were participating in NATO training exercises at the time.

Ross was born in Leominster, March 3, 1995, the son of Scott A. and Catherine H. (Biron) Reynolds and was a 2013 graduate of Leominster High School. While in high school he was a member of the National Honor Society graduating with Honors. He attended the Boys State Civic leadership program and competed on the wrestling and soccer teams, and the LHS Devil Dogs Robotics club.

Ross had an innate desire to serve. He joined Scouts at an early age and through dedication to his community and grit he obtained the status of Eagle Scout in 2011, scouting’s highest honor. While at the B.S.A. Camp Wanocksett, Ross was a dedicated staff member for 8 years and an active member of the Order of the Arrow serving in roles on the Gischachsummen team related inductions and ceremonies. He also attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference in 2012. He loved hiking, camping, and boating. Some of his fondest memories were of times spent at the lake at Camp Wanocksett.

Ross continued his education at Worcester State College graduating Magna Cum Laude with a B.S. degree in the Criminal Justice Program. While at Worcester State, Ross was as a Presidential Student Ambassador and represented WSU abroad in the new partnership with the Letterkenny Inst. of Technology in Ireland and England. He also represented the University by attending a national conference in Washington D.C.

He began his military career in the NROTC program at Holy Cross and was commissioned as a Marine 2nd Lt. Officer on May 13th, 2017.

Ross' dreams and ambitions were boundless, and they took him to the sky as he earned his "wings" as an Osprey pilot in 2020. He was stationed at M.C.A.S. New River and achieved his Captain rank. He was assigned to the VMM-261 Osprey squadron. His decorations included the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Sea Service Deployment ribbon, and a Navy Arctic Service ribbon.

Ross is fondly remembered for his infectious smile, that lit up every room he walked into. He was always ready to serve when called upon without hesitation. He truly achieved all of his dreams and aspirations which is part of his incredible legacy.

In addition to his parents of Leominster, Ross leaves his loving and adoring wife, Lana E. (Wando) Reynolds of Hampstead, NC; his sister and brother-in-law, Nicole A. and Anthony J. Bilotta II; two nieces, Lilah A. and Fiona R. Bilotta; his mother and father-in-law, Lisa C. and Thomas D. Wando, brother-in-law, Caleb T. Wando, sisters-in-law, Mireille L., Caroline A. and Susanna M. Wando; his aunt and uncle, Laura M. and David M. Reynolds, cousins, Emma M. and Lydia R. Reynolds, Uncle Douglas M. Biron and cousin, Brett R. Biron. He also leaves his beloved dog, Frodo and his two cherished cats, Merry &

Pippin.

Ross was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Arthur R. and Rita B. (LeBlanc) Biron; his paternal grandparents, Francis C. and Frances M. (Bellio) Reynolds and his Aunt, Cheryl Wyman.

Captain Reynolds will lie in state at Tata Hall at Leominster City Hall from 3-7 PM Monday, April 4, 2022.

His funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at St. Cecilia's Church, 180 Mechanic Street, Leominster. Those attending Mass are respectfully requested to go directly to church.

Interment will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: www.wingmanfoundation.org/vmm261-raging-bulls or www.Massfallenheros.org.

The Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon Street, Fitchburg is assisting the family with arrangements. For additional information or to leave an online condolence, please visit their website at www.andersonfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR 4. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Leominster City Hall - Tata Hall
25 West Street
Leominster, MA 01453

Funeral Mass

APR 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Cecilia's Church
180 Mechanic Street
Leominster, MA 01453

Tribute Wall

AL

“ I had the pleasure of sharing a couple of classes with Ross at Worcester State University. Recently heard of his passing and it broke my heart. My condolences to his family. Ross truly was a bright and intelligent person who always strived to excel in the academic field. May you rest in peace Ross and my prayers will be with you and your family.

Alec - December 04, 2023 at 08:44 PM

“ Captain Ross Reynolds USMC;

*Almighty God, Father of the fatherless, now take me home.
I was what others could not be.
I went where others feared to go and did what others failed to do.
I asked nothing from those who gave nothing, but gave hope,
security and freedom to all.
I have seen the face of terror; felt the stinging cold of fear and
experienced the warm comfort of Your love and protection through it
all.
I have enjoyed the sweat taste of life, comrades, love of country,
Your guiding hand and word.
I have cried, failed, pained, loved and hoped.
I have lived times others would say we're best forgotten. But, what
we are in life echoes into eternity.
I humbly offer that with Your guidance. I have done my duty and
lived with grateful pride of what I am.*

- A United States Marine.

*Deep sea and sod for now hold our bodies, but You O' Lord guard
our souls until that final day when all stand before You guilty, and for
those who believe, receive the gift of forgiveness and Eternal Life.
Almighty God, Father of Love, through the precious blood of your
son, Jesus Christ, I pray You now take me home. For I have proven
to be "ALWAYS Faithful."*

To the Reynolds Family

*A great unimaginable loss. A gentleman for sure. A prolific Marine
Leatherneck without a doubt. A man with unquestionable loyalty.
With deepest sympathy, may Ross's family, friends and those who
have had the distinct privilege to know him, be comforted by all the
great and wonderful memories of Ross. R.I.P..*

"Semper Fidelis"

JC

“*Semper Fi*

Jim Collins - April 07, 2022 at 09:06 PM

ST

“*With our deepest gratitude to Capt. Reynolds for his ultimate service to the Corps and to our country, we extend our sympathy to his family and friends. His sacrifice is written into the history of our nation along with all who have gone before in the pursuit of freedom.*

*Semper Fi,
Southwest Missouri Unit #386, Marine Corps League Auxiliary,
Springfield, MO*

Stark - April 05, 2022 at 01:35 PM

VO

“*Heartfelt condolences to all your family and friends. Wishing peace, comfort and light in the days and months to come. Mike and Vicky Obara*

Vicky Obara - April 04, 2022 at 04:06 PM

SF

“*Dear Lana,
My thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn the loss of your husband Ross. You will always remember the good times that you had with him the years that you had together.
My name is Susan Furman and I live in Waltham Massachusetts. 7813309546.*

Susan Furman - April 04, 2022 at 12:57 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Capt. Ross A. Reynolds USMC.*



April 04, 2022 at 12:29 PM



“ *Mary DeConinck lit a candle in memory of Capt. Ross A. Reynolds USMC*



Mary DeConinck - April 04, 2022 at 09:48 AM



“ *Mary, Karl, Gianna and Bella DeConinck purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Capt. Ross A. Reynolds USMC.*



Mary, Karl, Gianna and Bella DeConinck - April 04, 2022 at 09:36 AM



“ *Nurse Becky Lantry, her sons Nate Greenwood and Dan Greenwood have great memories of serving on the staff of Camp Wanocksett with Ross. We are heart broken that we have loss such a great guy, who was a pleasure to work with and was just on the brink of enjoying life.*

Rebecca Lantry - April 04, 2022 at 09:24 AM

SC

“ *Scott my deepest condolences to you and your family. Your son Ross was an inspiration to all.*

Samuel H Cresta - April 04, 2022 at 08:57 AM

FR

“ *My heartfelt condolences to all of Ross' family and friends. The whole country is forever grateful for his service. I will remember his soul in my Masses.*

Rest in peace Ross.

Fr. Michael Rocha - April 03, 2022 at 11:37 PM

SM

“ *Thinking of you all during this tough time!*
Shelley & William Morales



Shelley Morales - April 03, 2022 at 08:13 PM

TW

“ *Ross was the consummate professional at Wanocksett even while dealing with the most immature adult there, me. Rest In Peace Ross.*

Tom Whittier - April 03, 2022 at 06:57 PM

KC

“ My daughter went through TBS and flight school with Ross and was deployed with him in Norway. She relayed his wonderful positivity that always brought a smile. We are all devastated that he is gone far too soon.

My heart is with you all. Semper Fi.

Kyle Cottrell - April 03, 2022 at 03:26 PM



“ Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Capt. Ross A. Reynolds USMC.



April 03, 2022 at 01:56 PM



“ Yellow & White Rose Fireside Basket was purchased for the family of Capt. Ross A. Reynolds USMC.



April 03, 2022 at 09:20 AM

KR

“ Kenzie and I will never forget the kindness you and Lana showed when we had nowhere to be on Thanksgiving in 2020, and you invited us into your home though we barely knew each other yet. I'll remember our common love of The Lord of the Rings when I remember you. Semper Fidelis. -Kyle and Mackenzie Rosenberger

Kyle Rosenberger - April 02, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Capt. Ross A. Reynolds USMC.*



April 02, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Capt. Ross A. Reynolds USMC.*



April 02, 2022 at 07:32 PM



“ *Red, White & Blue Large Sympathy Vase Arrangement was purchased for the family of Capt. Ross A. Reynolds USMC.*



April 02, 2022 at 07:17 PM



“ *Susie and Joe Michaud purchased the Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Capt. Ross A. Reynolds USMC.*



Susie and Joe Michaud - April 02, 2022 at 10:16 AM

PP

“ *Patsy Powell lit a candle in memory of Capt. Ross A. Reynolds USMC*



Patsy powell - April 02, 2022 at 09:54 AM



“ *Eternal Paradise was purchased for the family of Capt. Ross A. Reynolds USMC.*



April 01, 2022 at 09:32 PM

MK

“ *To Reynolds Family , May we extend our support over the loss of your son Ross who you selfishly gave to protect us ! My family understands the commitment and sacrifice it takes to serve as parents or as the ones who serve . My wife has 3 gold stars in her family ,a son Capt /aviator Usmc deployed currently vmgr 352 ! We hope to help and give you support going forward as we could understand all you have given. You live 1 town away , we will make a donation to his squadron respectfully Mark J Kimball &Family Sterling ma*

Mark J Kimball - April 01, 2022 at 08:53 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Capt. Ross A. Reynolds USMC.*



April 01, 2022 at 06:50 PM



“ *Amy lit a candle in memory of Capt. Ross A. Reynolds USMC*



Amy - April 01, 2022 at 05:46 PM

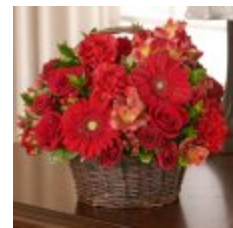


“ *Ken and I were so lucky to have met both Ross and Lana in NC where he was a pilot with our daughter Josie. I know they remained close and there is a bond that will never be broken. Our hearts are broken for your family. Laura Lyons*

laura lyons - April 01, 2022 at 04:47 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red was purchased for the family of Capt. Ross A. Reynolds USMC.*



April 01, 2022 at 04:46 PM

BB

“ *I never met you but i know you. You are a hero and the best of the best America has to offer. Bob Brown, Leominster*

Bob Brown - April 01, 2022 at 03:50 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Capt. Ross A. Reynolds USMC.*



April 01, 2022 at 03:33 PM



“ *Liz Cotoni Trumpolt lit a candle in memory of Capt. Ross A. Reynolds USMC*



Liz Cotoni Trumpolt - April 01, 2022 at 01:23 PM



“ *Cathy, Scott, Lana, Nicole, Anthony, Lilah & Fiona,*

We have fond memories of Ross watching his journey through Scouts as he joined Troop 477. He was a very dedicated Scout and welcomed all the young boys who joined the Troop after him. His passing was very hard on our son Alex who was in Troop 477 with Ross. Ross helped Alex with his Eagle Project and was a great friend to Alex. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. May all the wonderful memories that you have of him live forever in your hearts and over time ease your pain.

Our Deepest and Heartfelt Sympathies,

Rick & Liz Trumpolt

Liz Cotoni Trumpolt - April 01, 2022 at 01:22 PM

TF

“ *The Landry & Stables Family purchased the Yellow & White Mixed Fireside Basket for the family of Capt. Ross A. Reynolds USMC.*



The Landry & Stables Family - April 01, 2022 at 11:47 AM

KE

“ *My deepest condolences to the family, friends and Marine brothers & sisters. Such a terrible tragedy. My son is a Marine and I send my prayers that our Lord will bring you comfort and piece. I thank your Marine for his service.*

Kelly - April 01, 2022 at 11:29 AM

JL

“ *Cathy, Scott, Lana, Nicole, Anthony, Lilah & Fiona,
We extend our deepest condolences to you and your family in this
time of grief. There are no words to adequately express our
sadness for the loss of your beloved, Ross. We will always
remember Ross' boyish grin, generous spirit, and kind heart. We will
cherish his memory and are ever grateful for his heroism.
Much love,
Nancy & Jim Landry*

Jim & Nancy Landry - April 01, 2022 at 11:27 AM

GJ

“ *Graham James lit a candle in memory of
Capt. Ross A. Reynolds USMC*



Graham james - April 01, 2022 at 10:57 AM

GJ

*Scott I am so sorry for your loss please extend my condolences to your
family.*

Graham james - April 01, 2022 at 11:01 AM

EC

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Ed Cruess - April 01, 2022 at 10:44 AM

EC

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Ed Cruess - April 01, 2022 at 10:39 AM

EC

“ We want to extend our deepest condolences at your tremendous loss. Our son was a classmate of Ross in the HCNROTC Battalion, and we met him and you at some events there. We had Ross at our home once and he was such a nice young man and so humble and genuine. We are praying for you all and will continue to do so. God Bless you and all those but especially Ross for his ultimate sacrifice. God Bless you all.

Ed & Kelly Cruess
Farmington, CT.

Ed & Kelly Cruess - April 01, 2022 at 10:33 AM

JG

“ Janice Graham lit a candle in memory of
Capt. Ross A. Reynolds USMC



Janice Graham - March 26, 2022 at 11:39 AM

BA

“ thank you for your service!

barbara - March 25, 2022 at 05:26 PM

WH

“ Thank you for your service
RIP 🇺🇸

WH - March 25, 2022 at 10:32 AM

LS

“ Prayers for all of his loved ones and gratitude for his service and
your sacrifice
The Shifrin Family

Laura Shifrin - March 25, 2022 at 09:22 AM

DO

“ To the Reynolds Family, my deepest condolences on this most
tragic loss of your son, brother, husband. Your son is a True
American Hero. REST IN PEACE. GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD
BLESS AMERICA 🇺🇸

donna - March 24, 2022 at 09:55 PM