



## Zachary Emmett Lavoy

August 16, 1990 - November 29, 2023

USAF Technical Sergeant Zachary (Zach) Emmett Lavoy, 33, passed away November 29, 2023. He was among the eight service members who died when their Osprey military aircraft crashed off the coast of Japan.

He was born August 16, 1990 in North Bay, Ontario, Canada. He spent his childhood growing up in Lake Placid, Florida. He attended Mars Hill University in North Carolina until joining the military as an active duty member of United States Air Force Sept. 2013. He has since lived all across the US, including Nellis AFB (NV), Hurlburt AFB (FL), Cannon AFB (NM), and Kadena (Okinawa, Japan).

Zach's life was dedicated to serving others. He had a beautiful, servants' heart. He laid down his life at the cross daily and fervently pursued a relationship with his Lord and savior, Jesus Christ. Zach enjoyed the beach, swimming, eating fine food, getting tattoos and spending time with his friends and family. He loved medicine and was committed to learning to serve his patients best. He was an encourager, teammate, teacher, and mentor. His character and values were of impeccable integrity and honor.

Zach answered the call few take and he served proudly in the USAF for 10 years. He was an accomplished and compassionate medic. He served as a Medical Operations Flight Chief and was an honor graduate of the

Independent Duty Medical Technician program. His career achievements highlight his steadfast devotion to serving his country, helping others, and doing right by his patients. During his career, Zach was recognized with the Air Force Commendation Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air and Space Achievement Medal, and Meritorious Unit Award with One Oak Leaf Cluster. He paid the ultimate price to protect our freedom and keep us safe.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving parents Richard Lavoy of Pembroke, Canada, and Gabriela Lavoy of Odessa, Texas; fiancé Alee Adams of Dallas, Texas; brother Jared William Lavoy and his life partner Robin Hodge of Ottawa, Canada; his best friends and partners in crime Joey Spurlock (Sarah) and Michael Wilkes (Kourtney); his beloved dog, Ace; the USAF special operations community, IDTM community and many friends and family.

Funeral service will be held Monday, December 18, 2023 at 12:00 pm at Sarasota Baptist Church, 7091 Proctor Road, Sarasota, Florida 34241. Interment with full military honors will follow at 2:00 pm at Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 SR 72, Sarasota, Florida 34241.

Memories and condolences may be left for the family online at [www.MFHcare.com](http://www.MFHcare.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72  
Sarasota, FL 34241

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

DEC 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

Sarasota Baptist Church  
7091 Proctor Road  
Sarasota, FL 34241

# Tribute Wall



“ I'm a fan of Zachary. I enjoyed him so, so, so much on Johnny Carson and Parenthood. I wasn't aware of the families loss of Zachary. I sure looked forward ro is long career. God saw otherwise. Much sympathy and appreciation for his dedicated Military services. God bless and protect 🙏 you'll. Thanks for sharing his story.



Carolyn Harris - June 06, 2024 at 04:12 PM

LI

This is not the same Zachary LaVoy that was in Parenthood. That Zachary was born in 1986.

Louise Ingebretsen - July 09, 2024 at 07:29 AM

RB

“ Prayers upon prayers for you all! I have so many great childhood memories with Zach from elementary through high school but what I remember most is his infectious smile and how he was genuinely kind to everyone.

Rachel Cameron Balfour - December 18, 2023 at 10:19 PM

BL

“ My sincerest condolences to the entire Lavoy family. May God bless and comfort you during this sad time.



Barbara E. Lelewski - December 18, 2023 at 06:43 PM

KR

“ *It was an absolute pleasure to serve with you. I will always remember your huge smile and hope you know how much you'll be missed by everyone who knew you.*

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**Kristin Moffeit, USAF, Capt, Retired** - December 17, 2023 at 10:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Zachary Emmett Lavoy.*



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December 16, 2023 at 05:45 PM

FT

“ *We would like to express our deepest condolences on the passing of Sergeant Zachary E. Lavoy at the tragic event of the CV-22 Osprey in Japan.*

*His dedication and sacrifice will forever be remembered, and his absence leaves an indelible mark in our hearts.*

*During this difficult time, our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and colleagues. May his legacy inspire a continued bond of friendship and cooperation between the United States and Japan.*

*With deepest condolences,*

*Consulate General of Japan in Miami*

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**Fumiyo Tsuda** - December 16, 2023 at 11:58 AM



*Thank you . He loved Japan and was looking forward to learning more about his Japanese grandfather . His last name was Tokunhaga .*

**Gabriela Lavoy** - January 27, 2024 at 02:37 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Zachary Emmett Lavoy.*



December 14, 2023 at 02:14 PM



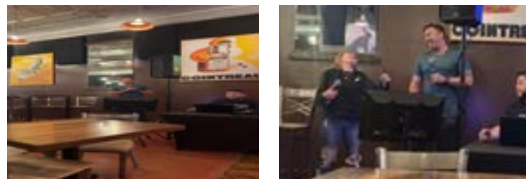
“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Zachary Emmett Lavoy.*



December 14, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ *Missing you so much Zach.. Such a happy and selfless person. You always put a smile on my face and always put everyone before yourself. This is so surreal... Missing you deeply forever.*



**Analicia Serna** - December 14, 2023 at 10:21 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Zachary Emmett Lavoy.*



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December 13, 2023 at 03:27 PM



“ *Amber Doll planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Zachary Emmett Lavoy.*

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**Amber Doll** - December 12, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Zachary Emmett Lavoy.*



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December 12, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Lavette A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Zachary Emmett Lavoy.*

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**Lavette A.** - December 12, 2023 at 07:05 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Zachary Emmett Lavoy.* ”



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December 12, 2023 at 05:42 PM



“ *7 files added to the album Memories Album* ”



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**Maloney Funeral Home** - December 11, 2023 at 05:00 PM