



In Loving Memory of
Travis Lee Ransom

December 26, 1974 - June 21, 2024





Travis Lee Ransom was a selfless, genuine and humble man who led by example. He was intelligent, charismatic, and incredibly ambitious. Travis was happiest outdoors and was the first in line to jump in and help those around him. He embodied the principles he believed in, choosing persistence in the face of adversity. Travis was reliable, patriotic, present, noble, and reserved, and treated everyone around him with dignity and respect, no matter their social status. In his 49 years of life, Travis continually gave of himself to friends, family, and his community. He accomplished so much and his life story is one we should all try to emulate.



Travis was a Christmas baby, born on December 26, 1974, in the small town of Conneautville, Pennsylvania to Ernest and Linda Ransom. Travis was adventurous from a young age and Conneautville was a place where his affection grew for the outdoors. He has an older brother, Doug, and a younger sister, Heather. He attended Conneaut Valley Elementary School, where he found his love for sports, playing little league baseball. The Ransom farmhouse even had their own baseball field at the house with a set of bleachers built into their hillside. Summers were spent fishing, swimming at the “swimming hole”, and learning to hunt. Once high school started, the fall season was always set aside for Friday evenings under the lights, where Travis excelled on the football field. He played both sides of the ball at Conneaut Valley. The coach knew he could place Travis anywhere on the field and his athleticism was certainly something to witness. He stood out from other players and always gave 110%! He quickly learned the values of perseverance, teamwork, and a strong work ethic from all his years of playing youth sports. Travis not only excelled in sports, but he excelled in popularity in high school too. Everyone knew Travis and he was crowned prom king his senior year.



Upon graduation, the small town boy was ready to spread his wings.

Travis graduated from Conneaut Valley High School in 1993 and enlisted in the Air Force in 1994. He served his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in St. Antonio, Texas, and was stationed shortly thereafter at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. After proudly serving, he landed a job in 1997 at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport. Travis quickly worked his way up the ranks. Two years later, while at CVG, he had the good fortune of meeting the love of his life, Lisa. She worked in another department at CVG and was introduced to Travis through a coworker. The couple developed a close friendship that would last throughout their 23 years of marriage. Lisa and Travis made an awesome team, tackling their days side-by-side and celebrating the sweetest moments that life had to offer. The two married on October 14, 2000 and settled down in Crescent Springs, Kentucky before

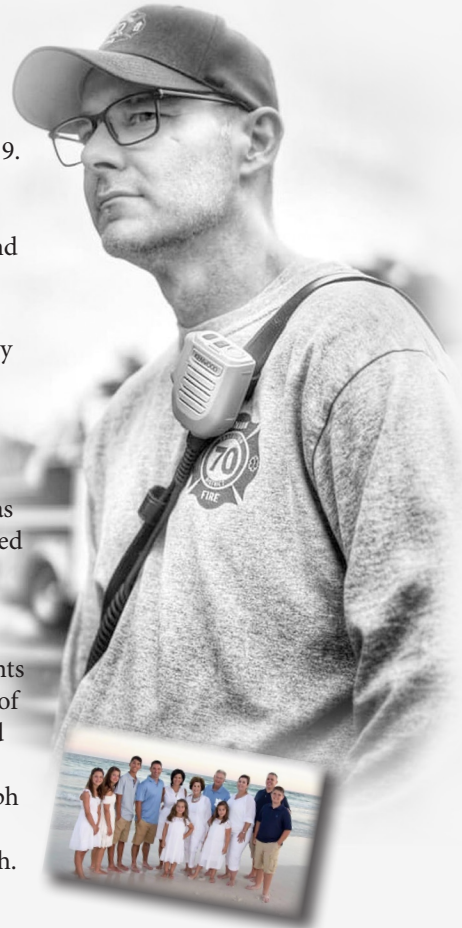


building a house in Hebron in 2001. They both continued giving of their time and energy toward their careers and dreamed of building a family together. Their dream finally came true on July 8, 2003 when they joyfully welcomed a set of twins, Hunter and Hannah. Three years later, Kayleigh was born and the Ransom family was complete! Travis dove into his role as a father with both feet. He loved attending all their games and activities and cheered them on every step of the way. He coached their sports teams, took the family on annual beach vacations, and shared the love he held for the great outdoors with them. Travis enjoyed his softball league nights with the guys, looked forward to the Annual Ransom Family Reunions, loved to cook, and was a loving, supportive father. On warm evenings after dinner, the family enjoyed baseball games, bike rides, and friendly conversations with neighbors in the cul de sac on Deer Hollow Court. Those ten years held many fond memories; celebrating lots of holidays, birthday parties, and get togethers as there were many young families with children the same age as Hunter, Hannah, and Kayleigh.

Travis enjoyed a good steak and he'd always tell you, he was a meat and potatoes kind of guy. Travis loved music and could rock out to some old-school heavy metal music, but also enjoyed the classic country songs too. He was a huge Pittsburgh Steelers fan and the Ransom family were often found sitting together on Sunday afternoons watching the football games. Travis never missed a hunting season. Being out in the woods brought Travis a tremendous amount of peace. He also loved cheering on #21 Ricky Rudd at a NASCAR race, could be found laughing at the Big Bang Theory, and was intrigued by different true crime series' on Netflix. Travis was an early riser and greeted his day with routine and an unwavering positive outlook. He held a few nicknames over the years....."Handsome Ransom" but more known for "The Kid" referring to his sweet, young, and innocent face. His kind eyes and sweet charisma lit up the room! Travis always cared for his health, kept in good shape, ate foods to fuel his body, and was regimented with his workouts.



Travis was deeply devoted to his family while balancing his role at the firehouse. While at CVG, he obtained his Paramedic Certification and a degree in Fire Science. He also was on the SWAT team for a period of time at CVG. Travis retired in 2017 with 20 years of service at CVG as a Battalion Chief. After retirement, Travis worked part-time at Union Fire Protection District and went full-time with the department in February 2019. While at Union Fire, Travis found his passion for mentoring and training new recruits. He was excited to give back just as he has always served his community, country and family. He loved his profession, his community, and his country. He was truly an American hero.



During COVID in 2020, the family welcomed Finley Martin, an Australian Labradoodle, and Travis & Finley quickly became best friends. In March 2022 after an annual well checkup required by the fire department, a concerning chest x-ray led to further tests and procedures. In April of that year, Travis was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. While devastated by this news, Travis and his young family faced cancer head-on. Travis continued to work full time and underwent chemotherapy and immunotherapy treatments every three weeks. He tolerated treatments exceptionally well and he fought bravely every step of the way never giving up. The family was committed to living life and creating lasting memories despite the uphill battle Travis was climbing. Travis' Triumph Tour was coined and Lisa documented Travis' progress for family and friends invested in his health. Travis never missed an opportunity to express his gratitude and was so appreciative for the love and support from his brothers/sisters at the firehouse, his friends, and family. Though some days were harder than others, Travis remained positive and kept his sense of humor intact. He bravely carried on for his family, making the most of every day.

Travis won his two-year battle with cancer and was called to his heavenly home early Friday morning on June 21, 2024. We celebrate the countless ways Travis made the world a better place. He will be deeply missed and his light will continue to live on in all of us who knew and loved him. To honor Travis and to continue his legacy, we have established the Travis' Triumph Tour Memorial Scholarship Fund. To read more or to donate, please visit: <https://horizonfunds.org/fund/travis-triumph-tour/>

Fly high Travis and we'll see you soon!

