



Hank William Avena

November 6, 1988 - April 3, 2016

The family is planning a memorial service in the future. Please check back for more information.

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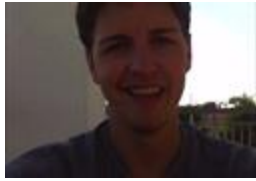


“ *Hank William Avena*

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Alyssa Avena - June 07, 2016 at 03:13 PM



“ *I want to start up a scholarship in remembrance of my dear husband Hank William Avena Jr. It will be an annual type of scholarship awarded to a senior from Waterville High School. More prerequisites will follow when it's official!*

-Alyssa Avena, Sequim, WA

Alyssa Avena - June 07, 2016 at 03:04 PM



“ *I was a substitute teacher at Waterville and my husband was a volunteer coach there. Hank always had a mischievous smile on his face, but was also respectful. He will be missed. Sorry for your loss, Avena family.*

Patti and Terry Cox - April 16, 2016 at 11:16 AM



“ *First day of the year at Waterville school I noticed a new boy. I went over and introduced myself and I was taken back about how polite he was. His eyes sparkled and he had a great sense of humor. He. Was my first boyfriend. In middle school, and I'll always keep his memory alive in my heart. My deepest condolences and prayers to his family. Hank was a good person, he had a good heart.*

Carissa Biggar - April 14, 2016 at 09:13 PM

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“ *I also went to school with Hank, he was in my class. I remember his laugh as well and how distinctive it was and very contagious. He had his own sense of humor, and never failed to make us all laugh. He was very easy to talk to and you could say he was a wild child in a sense. I am saddened to hear of his passing and wish I would've stayed in contact with him over the years. He is going to be greatly missed by all of us. Rest in Paradise Hank.*

Kimberly Danielson - April 14, 2016 at 07:24 PM



“ *I went to school with Hank in middle school in Waterville. I moved away in 8th grade but I will always remember his contagious laugh and his corky sense of humor. I am so saddened to hear we have lost another American soldier. Always reach out to the veterans in your life...22 a day is too much. I will miss you Hank! And you'll forever be in my childhood memories. -Kendra*

Kendra Cousineau - April 14, 2016 at 05:35 PM

KJ

“ I, too, went to school with Hank from junior high through high school. Just like Tammie and Lauren stated, Hank had quite the mischievous smile, and you never could really tell what he was up to! Hank was always very kind to me, and even though we hadn't spoken for years, I still considered him a friend. I was looking forward to seeing him, along with the rest of our class, at our class reunion next year. I will always remember Hank with that goofy grin and funny laugh. Thank you, Hank, for the memories you left me with!

Kaitlin Jorgensen - April 14, 2016 at 09:40 AM

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“ Hank and I went to school together from junior high all the way through high school- and I can definitely second Tammie on the mischievous smile that Hank usually had on his face! I will always remember Hank as his jokester self, with a pretty distinctive laugh that was pretty contagious. Although I hadn't spoken to him in several (too many) years, I consider him my friend, and appreciate how kind he always was to me. I will miss that smile and that laugh, but it brings a smile to my face to recall it now- thank you Hank!

Lauren Daling - April 14, 2016 at 07:08 AM



“ *I was Hank's lunch lady. He always had a mischievous smile, usually a little cocky. I adored him! He could make me laugh at his antics. How could you stay mad at such a cute kid? He played baseball with my boy and was a great teammate! He stayed in touch for a few years after graduating highschool, stopping by on snowmobile when he was home from the military. I lost touch with Hank and his loss saddens my heart so very, very much. I wish he had come by for a chat.....or a butt chewing! I could dole those out, too!! I loved that guy! I will miss Hank for a long, long time!*

Tammie Riddell, Waterville, WA

Tammie Riddell - April 13, 2016 at 04:09 PM

AA

Thanks for sharing your memories :)

Alyssa Avena - June 07, 2016 at 03:06 PM

DH

I'm Hanks Step Dad. I was looking for an obit so I can request a list of medals he received while in the Army. I never knew this online obit existed.

Hank was a really bad kid lol. Mostly at school and constantly fighting with his sister but he was so fun to be with when we were one on one. Hank used to ask me so many questions, he was curious about everything. I was never discouraged by his questions and tried to answer every single one. I meet Hanks mom when he was 5 and married her soon after. I have so many stories of how bad he was as a kid I could talk for hours and we did when he was in Virginia doing some training he came to our house in Florida and flew his wife in to meet us and meet him here. Hanks sister drove in from south Florida and his 2 brothers were still living at home. We sat around for hours and shared some of these stories of Hanks childhood. We laughed so hard and the stories keep coming and he told us some new ones, things we never knew. We had such a great time. I realized Hank had long grew out of that tuff mischievous kid he used to be he was truly a respectable man. This was the 1st time in years that our whole family was together. We took advantage of this time and went on a kayaking trip down the Waccisa river. I will never forget the feeling of having everyone together, we had so much fun. By far my best memory with Hank. I think about him a lot, I don't cry as much as I used to but I sure do miss that boy. I wish he could see how big his little brother is, I wish he could see his other brother following in his foot steps and joining the Army. They ate some of the same dirt at Ft. Hood Tx. I love you and miss you greatly son. I will see you soon.

Daniel

Daniel Huffmaster - May 30, 2020 at 10:05 PM