



Walter Andrew Linch Jr.

November 3, 1954 - September 27, 2024

Walter Andrew Linch, Jr., 69, a resident of Prattville, Alabama, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, September 27, 2024. Walt, or Andy, as he was known to many of his family and friends, was born in Phoenix, Arizona to Walter A. Linch, Sr and Barbara (Ralston) Linch, on November 3, 1954.

Mr. Linch graduated from Perry Christian School (Marion, AL), with the class of 1972. After high school, he studied at the Marion Military Institute, Wallace Community College, and the University of Montevallo.

Mr. Linch was a heavily decorated veteran of the United States Armed Forces, having served for nearly 40 years, with almost 30 of those years as full time status with the Alabama Air National Guard. He was honored with 21 awards during his outstanding career and served three separate tours in Operation Enduring Iraqi Freedom. Serving our nation was one of his greatest passions.

After retirement, he enjoyed spending time with, and caring for, his large network of family and friends. His interests included fishing, competing in barbecue cook offs, and watching any sport related to the University of Alabama. He is remembered for his strong Christian faith, as well as his witty and jovial-spirit, positive influence on others, and endless generosity.

He is preceded in death by his parents; son, Joshua Linch, and sister; Nancy

(Linch) Gunter. He is survived by three daughters; Gina Rommel-Vlahakis (Greg), Jacquelyn McDonald (Michael), and Jamie Linch; one son, James Linch; five grandchildren, Ayasha Burton, Stella McDonald, Troy McDonald, Erich Rommel, and Hayleigh Rommel; one great-grandchild, Kameron McDonald; one sister, Alice Mobley; two brothers, Frank Linch and David Linch; and a host of extended family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at Prattville Memorial Chapel on Sunday, November 3, 2024 with visitation from 1:00 pm until 2:00 pm and memorial service at 2:00 pm. The burial with full military honors, will take place on Monday, November 4, 2024 at 11:00 am at the Alabama National Cemetery, in Montevallo, AL.

All who knew and loved Mr. Linch are invited and encouraged to attend.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Prattville Memorial Chapel
841 Fairview Avenue
Prattville, AL 36066
(334) 365-7147
prattvillememorial@live.com

Service

NOV 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

NOV 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

Alabama National, Montevallo
3133 Highway 119
Montevallo, AL 35115

Tribute Wall

VF

“ *Vlahakis Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Walter Andrew Linch Jr..*



Vlahakis Family - November 01, 2024 at 03:24 PM

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“ *Paula Vlahakis and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter Andrew Linch Jr..*

Paula Vlahakis and Family - October 27, 2024 at 05:33 PM

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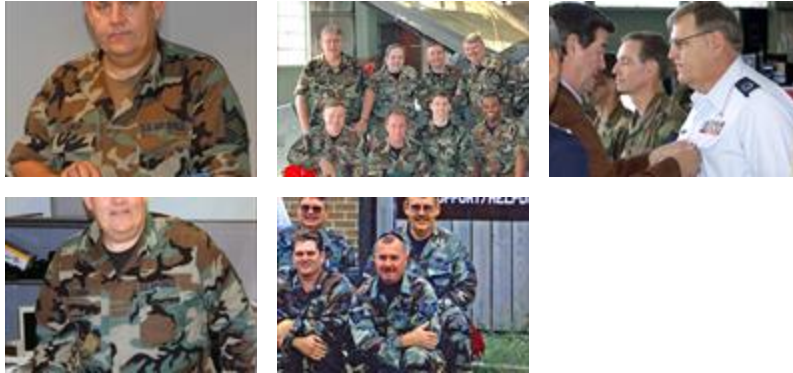
“ *Paula Vlahakis and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Walter Andrew Linch Jr..*



Paula Vlahakis and Family - October 27, 2024 at 05:33 PM

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“ 6 files added to the album 187th Fighter Wing



Frank Spencer - October 10, 2024 at 03:55 PM

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Walt was a kind and gentle soul. He loved our country and I know he loved his family dearly. He is gone way too soon. I continue to pray for all of his family. It was my honor to have served with him at the 187th!
Paul Griggs

Paul Griggs - November 04, 2024 at 12:09 PM

SK

“ Stanley K. "Chaplain Ski" Krasinski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter Andrew Linch Jr..

Stanley K. "Chaplain Ski" Krasinski - October 03, 2024 at 06:32 PM

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“ Stanley K. "Chaplain Ski" Krasinski purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Walter Andrew Linch Jr..



Stanley K. "Chaplain Ski" Krasinski - October 03, 2024 at 06:32 PM

JH

“ I was in the Air National Guard with Walt. He was a wonderful, Christian man. I will miss his daily devotions. RIP my friend. My thoughts and prayers for his family.

Judy Holland - October 03, 2024 at 06:29 PM

CP

“ My condolences to Walt's family. I served with Walt in the 187th for a number of years. I was saddened to hear of his passing. He was always cool, calm and collected. Always helpful and jovial even in the worst of moments. We can all take solace that Walt is with the Lord and in a better place.

Chris Penland - October 03, 2024 at 04:11 PM

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Win Peacock 708 Japonica. My condolences to Walt's family. So sorry for your loss. Walt was a good neighbor always willing to help when I needed it. I will surely miss him.

“Win” Peacock - October 04, 2024 at 09:28 AM

NB

Walt always had an easy smile and a genuine concern for everyone. It was an honor to serve beside Walt at the 187th Fighter Wing where he documented many significant moments through his photography and videography. He was so proud of his family and often spoke fondly of them!

Love, Lee and Norma Billings

Norma Billings - October 06, 2024 at 05:26 PM