



Eric James Clevinger

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Eric Clevinger of Leesburg, VA died unexpectedly in the evening of Friday, March 22, 2024. He was 45 years old.

Eric was known equally for both his loyalty to others and “dad joke” sense of humor; he loved his friends and family fiercely and lived to bring joy to those around him. It was common to find Eric spending his time in service to others, even if those others were strangers who just needed someone to notice their presence in the world. He loved to share memes and reels on social media, ride every roller coaster he could find, battle his gaming buddies/best friends online, give scratches to his cats, play with his dog, and make experiential memories with his children.

Eric is survived by his loving wife, Joia and was a proud father to two amazing children: Madison and Benjamin. He is also survived by his dad Jim (Jo Anne) Clevinger and brother Shawn (Heather) Clevinger. Eric was predeceased by his mother Debra Clevinger.

Although Eric spent the last year of his life as a Facilities Director at Christian Fellowship Church, he built strong relationships in the ten years prior at Thorlabs, Inc. in various roles, and had deep, connective bonds with his military family as he proudly served as an Aviation Electronics Technician in the United States Navy where he earned the rank of Petty Officer Second Class. Fair winds and following seas, sailor.

His untimely departure comes as a great shock and a deep wound, and it is gravely felt by his entire family and countless others who loved him deeply in his wide network and community. The family deeply appreciates your support during this difficult time and asks that you make contributions to his children’s education funds <https://linktr.ee/honoringeric> in lieu of flowers and contribute by sharing memories and pictures on our memorial website.



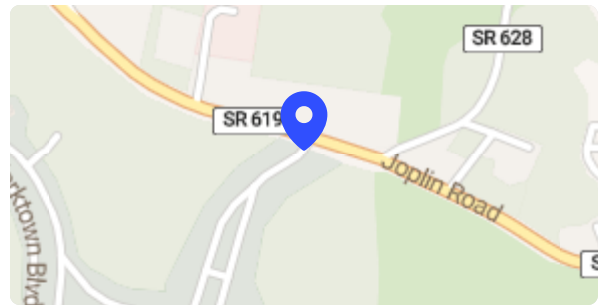
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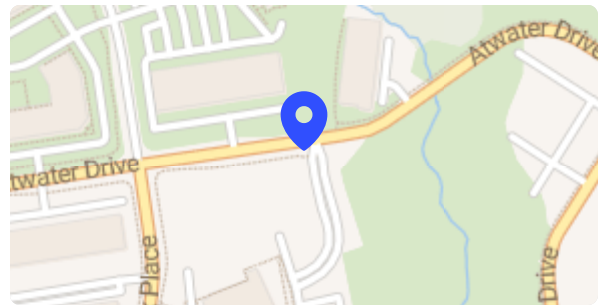
Private Interment

- Monday**, April 1, 2024
- 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM ET
- Quantico National Cemetery**
18424 Joplin Road, Triangle VA



Celebration of Life

- Monday**, April 1, 2024
- 2:30 PM ET
- Christian Fellowship Church**
44505 Atwater Dr, ASHBURN VA 20147





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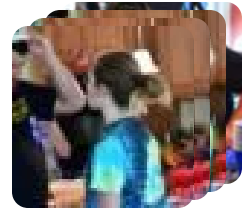
Delese Spriggs posted:

Joia, Benji and Madison - I am holding you close in my heart and praying for you and Eric's family.

April 2 at 7:38 AM

MA

May shared 11 photos to the **Eric's 40th birthday** album.



March 26 at 12:04 PM

AN

Andrea lit a candle in honor of Eric.



March 29 at 6:20 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Clevinger family.



March 28 at 6:14 AM

PR

Panchy Rivas planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Eric.



March 28 at 6:14 AM

LN

Lorie Nash lit a candle in honor of Eric.

I had, enjoyed working with Eric, at Thorlabs. I will never forget the day, he gave me a tour I, when I 1st started there. I always laughed, at his funny jokes and his funny sense of humor. Very deeply sorry, and send Deeply Condolences Eric will be missed. Thank you Eric, for all the laughs, and great colleague to be around. RIP Sincerely, The Nash Family 🙏



March 27 at 4:39 AM



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DT

D. Thompson lit a candle in honor of Eric.

Deeply saddened and shocked for your loss. My heart and prayers go out to all that knew Eric. Eric and I served together at Mayport, FL. I recall several occasions where I would go into his shop about 15 minutes before end of shift and tell him we had a few pieces of gear for him to work on. His reaction was priceless. He was always happy to hear me tell him that I was joking, and then ask him for a pinch of skoal. He will be truly missed.

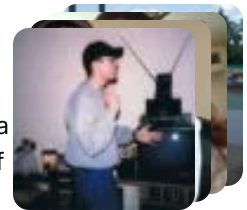


March 27 at 2:08 AM

MI

Michelle shared 6 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My dear friend, My heart hurts. How deeply profound is this? I have learned so much from you in this life. I am so grateful that you were my friend I love you like a brother and you will always remain in my heart. Thank you for being a huge part of my life. Love, Michelle



March 26 at 12:04 PM

RL

Rachel Love shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

We had not spoken in awhile, but Eric was one of my closest friends when we were stationed at Mayport, FL together. One year we both didn't have plans to go home for the holidays, so we had volunteered to stand watch on Christmas day so others could spend that holiday with their families. Afterwards we picked up Chinese food and went back to my newly bought house and he helped me paint my walls. He was just that kind of guy who would unselfishly give up his time for others. I am kind of speechless about this. Here is a photo I had of him back when he was on deployment around maybe 2005 or 2006. My dearest condolences to his family.



March 26 at 8:38 PM



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Sean Mckillop lit a candle in honor of Eric.

I will always remember when in June 2018 Joia and Eric babysat our 1-year old daughter Dinah so as parents, Annika and I could attend a concert. Eric was a big teddy bear playing games and rolling around on the floor with Dinah making her giggle the entire night. At the end of the night, Eric thanked us and said: I think I'm now ready to have another kid. I remember when you both opened your home to us on Christmas Day. Eric made a camp fire in the front yard so we could roast marshmallows. I remember how excited Eric was when he found out he was having a son. I will always appreciate that I was able to meet and get to know Eric. We will miss him.



March 26 at 5:08 PM



Crystal Knight shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I worked with Eric for about a year. He was always so helpful and kind and willing to lend a hand where needed. He will be deeply missed at CFC.



March 26 at 3:52 PM



Tricia Smith shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Eric was a super dad and easy going guy! I often chatted with him at our boys outings and it was very evident that his family was always at the forefront of his heart and mind. He has left a hole that will always be felt amongst the mom group family! Sending love to all his family and friends.



March 26 at 2:34 PM



With Love From All The Gaming Boys. sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Clevinger family.



March 26 at 2:15 PM



Erin Sakalas posted:

So sorry for your loss, keeping your family in my prayers.

March 26 at 12:45 PM



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Sean Johnson posted:

I wish I had tons of pictures to share because Eric's laugh and smile were contagious. His incredible love for his wife, children, and friends was obvious and powerful. Eric will be missed and we will hold his family close.

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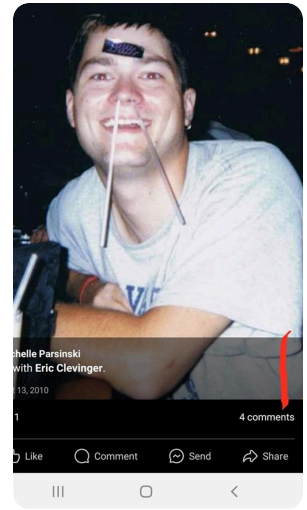


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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Eric by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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