



## Scott Andrew Kunkel

April 2, 1968 - October 15, 2018

Scott Kunkel, age 50, of Whitehouse, TX passed away on Monday, October 15, 2018. He was a selfless leader and dedicated servant who led his fellow team members as Chief Administrative Officer at CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Flight For Life. His passing is a loss to the CHRISTUS and Champion EMS community, as well as the entire air medical industry nationwide.

A career spanning 27+ years in the air medical profession, Scott touched many programs. His passion for his work was demonstrated as he spoke at conferences in the U.S. and abroad. No one can question Scott's passion and drive for perfection. With his vision, Flight For Life became an example in the air medical industry.

Scott lived the mission of CTMFHS by extending the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, not only to patients served, but also to the staff who worked alongside him. He was well educated beginning at Saint John's Jesuit in Toledo, OH, followed by a nursing degree and completion of an MBA. He worked closely with the FBI and Texas Rangers SRT1 in the capacity of a volunteer tactical paramedic.

Known for his love and dedication to the air medical industry, nothing compares to his devotion to his daughter, Katrina, and his wife, Michelle. They were above all the true loves that gave meaning to his life.

Survivors include wife, Michelle and daughter, Katrina of Whitehouse, TX; parents, Jerry and Tricia Kunkel of Sylvania, OH and Tom and Rosie Shine, Whitehouse, OH; Michelle's parents, Mike and Donna Jardot, Kenton OH; siblings, Kayla Kunkel, Sylvania, OH and Kristi (Jordan) Shepler, Sylvania, OH.

Scheduled services in Tyler, Texas include:

Friday, visitation from 6-8 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home

Saturday, memorial service at 10 a.m. Green Acres Baptist Church, Tyler.

Reception will follow memorial service in the Bradley Conference Room at CHRISTUS Louis and Peaches Owen Heart Hospital.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Children's Miracle Network Hospital at CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances 100 E. Ferguson, Ste. 800, Tyler TX 75702 or online at <https://www.tmfhc.org/donate/form/>. Additionally, an educational fund has been established for Katrina Kunkel at Austin Bank.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Memorial Service

OCT **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Green Acres Baptist Church  
1607 Troup Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Scott Andrew Kunkel*



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - October 19, 2018 at 09:42 AM

KH

“ *What a loss for the health care industry. I worked with Scott in the ER at Watervliet MI, learned so much from him. My prayers to his family, he will be dearly missed.*

*Karrey Hanko RN*

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**karrey hanko** - October 21, 2018 at 07:30 PM

JH

*Scott was one of a kind!  
He will never be forgotten by those who knew him!*

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**John Van Hare** - October 21, 2018 at 08:01 PM

GE

*It is sad to see you goy*

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**George** - October 28, 2018 at 01:43 PM

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*Good to wmac*

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**George** - October 28, 2018 at 02:43 PM

JB

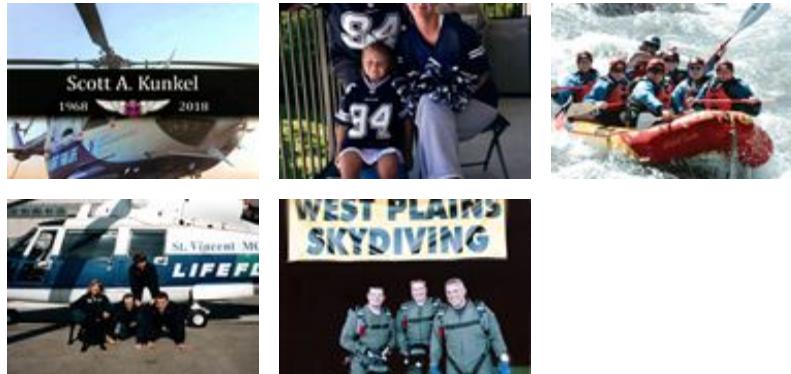
“ *Jan/John Eichel, Joann/Glenn Beecher purchased the Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet for the family of Scott Andrew Kunkel.*



**Jan/John Eichel, Joann/Glenn Beecher** - October 19, 2018 at 05:04 PM



“ *75 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - October 19, 2018 at 08:38 AM

KC

“ *Michelle and Katrina, I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved Scott. May your memories sustain and comfort you during this time. He was a great leader, father and husband. I miss our previous work time together Michelle.  
Kay Cotton and family*



**Kay Cotton** - October 19, 2018 at 07:48 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Scott Andrew Kunkel.*



October 19, 2018 at 07:42 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to family and friends at this difficult time. May Scott's memory and character give you peace and heal your grief.*



**Charlann Staab** - October 19, 2018 at 12:46 AM



“ *We are so very sorry for the loss of Scott Kunkel. We have your family and friends in our prayers. I know he meant a great deal to my brother, Jim Speier, and that he will be sorely missed. May God, family, and friends hold you all very close at this time and in the days and months to come. Sincerely, Jon Speier and family*

**Jon Speier** - October 18, 2018 at 09:56 PM



“ *Palestine Regional Medical Center EMS purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Scott Andrew Kunkel.*



**Palestine Regional Medical Center EMS** - October 18, 2018 at 08:02 PM

MR

“ I was so sad to hear about Scott's passing. Michelle and K you are both in my thoughts and prayers.

*Marie Robbins*

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**Marie Robbins** - October 18, 2018 at 03:21 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Scott Andrew Kunkel.



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October 18, 2018 at 12:33 PM

JS

“ Scott and I worked together at Metro Life Flight in Cleveland. He was a great friend, teacher and Flight Nurse. I am proud to have worked along side him for those years. All of us admired his abilities and desire to always do things better and we are better for having known him.

*Rest in Peace Scott! We will miss you.*

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**John Singleton** - October 18, 2018 at 10:14 AM

JW

“ What an amazing man! Michelle and Katrina our thoughts and prayers will always be with you.



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**Jamie Weatherford** - October 18, 2018 at 08:33 AM

LD

“ Treasure Scott’s memory and he will live forever in your hearts.



Lindsay and Mindy Diaz - October 17, 2018 at 10:49 PM

JB

“ Jo Boyd lit a candle in memory of Scott Andrew Kunkel



Jo Boyd - October 17, 2018 at 10:03 PM

BV

“ Billy Vinson lit a candle in memory of Scott Andrew Kunkel



Billy vinson - October 17, 2018 at 09:52 PM



“ Candy Kunkel lit a candle in memory of Scott Andrew Kunkel



Candy Kunkel - October 17, 2018 at 09:50 PM

SF

“ Scott and Kelly Tipton & family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Scott Andrew Kunkel.



Scott and Kelly Tipton & family - October 17, 2018 at 09:34 PM

KH

“ While I did not know Scott, I just read of his passing from West Michigan Air Care. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Kevin Hoffer - October 17, 2018 at 09:11 PM

MA

“ Mary Ahlers lit a candle in memory of Scott Andrew Kunkel



Mary Ahlers - October 17, 2018 at 08:35 PM

TG

“ Tina Giangrasso lit a candle in memory of Scott Andrew Kunkel



Tina Giangrasso - October 17, 2018 at 08:31 PM

BS

“ *Bill Stubba lit a candle in memory of Scott Andrew Kunkel*



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**Bill Stubba** - October 17, 2018 at 08:26 PM

LM

“ *I worked with Scott on many CAMTS Accreditation Site Surveys over the years and he was a wonderful survey partner and friend. I will miss him and will pray that his wife and daughter, his family and the personnel at Flight for Life find comfort and peace.*

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**Linda Meiner** - October 17, 2018 at 08:03 PM

SR

*I worked with Scott when he was a new RN at St Vs in Toledo, ohio. He was always interested in learning. He was dedicated and passionate. May your memories bring you comfort*

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**Sally (Green) Royston** - October 17, 2018 at 08:43 PM

LM

“ *Linda Meiner lit a candle in memory of Scott Andrew Kunkel*



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**Linda Meiner** - October 17, 2018 at 08:00 PM

MD

“ My sympathies to the Kunkel family and friends upon this sad loss of Scott. I knew him in his youth as a fellow life guard at Bowman Pool. He was quiet, but very kind and fun to work with. May God’s peace be yours until you meet again in heaven. Marsha Drees and family

Marsha Drees - October 17, 2018 at 07:44 PM

DJ

“ Dave And Julie lit a candle in memory of Scott Andrew Kunkel



Dave and Julie - October 17, 2018 at 06:01 PM

SW

“ I had the distinct pleasure of working along Scott during his time at Metro Life Flight in Cleveland. He was not only a colleague, but a mentor and a friend. We kept in touch over the years, and I looked forward to seeing him annually at AMTC. He always supported my career, and me his. He was a champion in the industry and he left a large legacy to follow. I send my deepest condolences to his family, friend and colleagues. He will be missed by many, myself included. May he Rest In Peace.

Stacy Wicinski - October 17, 2018 at 02:55 PM

 Tom Baum

“ You will be deeply missed. You were a remarkable individual, humble, meek, hard working and incredibly smart. You used your talents and abilities to save lives, touch so many more and make the world a better place. May we learn to be as good as you.

Tom Baum - October 17, 2018 at 02:48 PM

KA

“ *Karen Arndt lit a candle in memory of Scott Andrew Kunkel*



Karen Arndt - October 17, 2018 at 02:21 PM

JD

“ *Joe and Ronda Drummelsmith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Scott Andrew Kunkel.*



Joe and Ronda Drummelsmith - October 17, 2018 at 01:15 PM

JG

“ *My deepest sympathies to Scott's family and friends. I conducted my first CAMTS site survey with Scott many years ago. He was a consummate professional. He will be missed by many.*



Jonathan Gryniuk - October 17, 2018 at 12:12 PM

RH

“ *Renee M Holleran lit a candle in memory of Scott Andrew Kunkel*



Renee M Holleran - October 17, 2018 at 11:51 AM

RH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Scott related to CAMTS Accreditation. He was a great resource for programs seeking accreditation and provided comprehensive and fair evaluations. He will be missed in the transport industry Please know how much he was respected and liked.

Renee Holleran, FNP-BC, PhD  
CAMTS Board .

Renee M Holleran - October 17, 2018 at 11:50 AM

PC

“ Patti Corbett lit a candle in memory of Scott Andrew Kunkel



Patti Corbett - October 17, 2018 at 11:27 AM

AI

“ AirMed International purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Scott Andrew Kunkel.



AirMed International - October 17, 2018 at 10:11 AM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Scott Andrew Kunkel.



October 16, 2018 at 05:46 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Scott Andrew Kunkel.*



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October 16, 2018 at 04:35 PM



“ *Michelle and Rosie--  
I am so sorry for your loss. Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. May you be comforted by the outpouring of love surrounding you.*

*My thoughts, love and prayers are with you all.  
Paige Nielsen*

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**Paige Nielsen** - October 16, 2018 at 12:58 PM



“ *CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Health System purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Scott Andrew Kunkel.*



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**CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Health System** - October 16, 2018 at 10:43 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Scott Andrew Kunkel.*



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October 15, 2018 at 03:55 PM