



## Todd William Klopp

February 9, 1957 - March 26, 2025

Todd "Poke" William Klopp, 68, of Mooresville, NC, went to be with the Lord and Savior Wednesday, March 26th, 2025.

He was born on February 9, 1957, in Lima, OH, to the late Robert William Klopp and Dora June Klopp. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, Michael Klopp; and nephew, Aaron Crumrine.

Todd graduated from Lima Shawnee High School in 1975. He attended and graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. He was commissioned in 1979 and retired after 20 years of service as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Todd married Emily Riley in 1980 and after traveling the world together they retired in 2019 to Lake Norman, NC where he lived in great health and happiness with his family.

Without question, the most important aspects of Todd's life were his faith and family. He was a devout follower and witness for Christ. His love for his wife and family were unsurpassed.

He leaves a legacy to be cherished by his survivors: his wife of 45 years, Emily Klopp; daughter, Olivia and husband Robert Childress, grandchildren

Esther, Maeve, Winston, Dixie (dog); son, Zane and wife, Catherine (Tharp) Klopp of Charlotte, NC; brother, Daniel and wife Janice; sister, Sandy Crumrine; and sister-in-law, Marsha Klopp; and a host of nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life with full military honors will be held at 1pm on Friday, April 4th, 2025, at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to the Navigators Organization.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Klopp family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 4. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall

GP

“ Todd was like an older brother to me. He taught me about honor, duty, and, most importantly, how to own my future. To Emily, you have my deepest sympathies for your loss. To Olivia and Zane, we were never close; both of you came along some years after your parents and I lived closely together. Still, I want you both to know that your father was one of the most special people in my life. He was my childhood hero and his impact on the course of my 58 years of life is indescribable. I send my love and thanks to the entire Klopp household; Poke was a force of nature.

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**Glenn Pearson** - May 08, 2025 at 10:15 PM

FR

“ Todd Santa is sorry to hear of your passing. You were always on the nice list. The world and our neighborhood was a better place for having had you here. Santa and Mrs CLaus Ringel.

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**Frank Ringel** - May 02, 2025 at 06:48 PM

HN

“ Dear Emily, - Your visits with Todd at the home of Charles & Susan were a great joy for me to get to know you, and his sudden passing away is a huge loss to all of us. My prayers join all others for his peaceful rest. We, Michael, Anne-Charlotte & I hope to see you soon again. Have courage and faith in facing the hurdles of a changing life, and know that there is much comfort in your children and friends surrounding you.  
Warm affection, H el ene.

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**Helene Gaillet de Neergaard** - April 24, 2025 at 08:16 AM

SM

“ Emily, Zane, Olivia and extended family. We were very sorry to hear about the passing of Todd and send our prayers and condolences to you all. Shannan (Riley) Myers and Tom Myers

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**Shannan Myers** - April 10, 2025 at 04:34 PM

TP

“ Emily - I was very sorry to learn of Poke's passing. He was an inspiration to me as I sought admission to the Air Force Academy (but wound up at West Point due to my eyesight). I remember fondly on one summer leave flying with Poke and Principal Clark out of the Lima airport. It is heartwarming to see so many of our Shawnee alumni share their memories of him (Jeff Herzog, Corkey, Jay Belton). I see that our paths (unknowingly) might have passed as I was assigned briefly to Spangdahlem to an Air Hawk Battery. As we say from WP, Be Thou at Peace.

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**Tom Perry** - April 08, 2025 at 05:45 PM

RM

“ Emily, Olivia and Zane,

*Dana and I were devastated to hear of your loss. We have great memories of our time together at Wright-Patt. Todd and I spent many an hour in the gym during our time together at the F-16 SPO. We remember our family outings with you guys, and being amazed at your diligence with Zane, as you even had to check the ingredients on the cracker packages. We had hoped to see you again at the 45th reunion in October. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you, other than offer prayers for your comfort. He and his smile will truly be missed. God bless you all.*

*Rod “MAC” ‘79 and Dana ‘84 McAlear and family*

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**Rod McAlear** - April 07, 2025 at 12:37 PM



“ To Emily and family, Lydia and I cherished our time together at Spangdahlem and visiting you in Ohio (on many occasions). I especially enjoyed his, oft repeated, story of your courtship. Poke was a great friend and I am sorry we lost contact over the years. He was a great friend and confidant to me and Lydia, as are you. My children liked him although I just asked them and apparently they were too little to remember. He was a good officer who led well and with integrity. I am sure his Christian faith served your family well. Ironically, I was contemplating trying to contact him about a month ago - I missed an opportunity. Lydia and I are praying for you, Olivia, and Zane.



*Rich and Lydia Berkebile*

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**Rich Berkebile** - April 06, 2025 at 08:01 PM

SC

“ Dear Emily and the Klopp Family. He was one in a million. I don't think of Poke without a big smile. He was a tremendous positive influence on everyone who ever came in control with him. Emily I am praying for your heart. Still love you.

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**Sue Clark** - April 06, 2025 at 06:46 PM

SC

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**Sue Clark** - April 06, 2025 at 06:47 PM

JH

“ I am so sorry to hear about Poke. He was a positive person and an inspiration to me and likely everyone who knew him. I met him at Shawnee Elementary School and shared a lot of good times and stories with him during our years growing up together. I was also fortunate to work with his dad at Sohio and know he came from great stock. - Jeff Herzog

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**Jeffrey O Herzog** - April 06, 2025 at 03:15 PM

KR

“ To Emily and the family, we're shocked and saddened by this tragic loss. Todd was a positive influence on so many people, and he will be missed. There's no way to count the difference Todd made as a AF Academy cadet, Air Force officer, and with his friends and family. As one of his fellow classmates, I speak for over 900 of us who persevered along with Todd in our 4 years at the Air Force Academy. He was one of us and will not be forgotten. - Keith Kries



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**Keith Kries, Major General, USAF retired** - April 06, 2025 at 10:58 AM

JF

“ Jim & Becki Ford lit a candle in memory of Todd William Klopp



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**Jim & Becki Ford** - April 05, 2025 at 02:13 PM

TF

“ Terry F lit a candle in memory of Todd William Klopp



Terry F - April 05, 2025 at 12:46 AM

CF

“ Great picture of Todd from a hike we did in SpartaNC, the tree as unique and he was. Todd impacted me in such a positive way, I will always respect his conviction to his faith, his wife, and his family. He loved them all dearly. Special place in heaven waiting for him, so we will see him again someday.



Chuck Modica & Family - April 03, 2025 at 02:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Todd William Klopp.



April 03, 2025 at 12:06 PM

JJ

“ Jim & Susan Jelinek purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Todd William Klopp.



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Jim & Susan Jelinek - April 03, 2025 at 10:25 AM

JJ

“ Jim & Susan Jelinek planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Todd William Klopp.

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Jim & Susan Jelinek - April 03, 2025 at 09:51 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Todd William Klopp.



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April 03, 2025 at 09:10 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Todd William Klopp.



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April 02, 2025 at 08:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Todd William Klopp.

April 02, 2025 at 08:29 PM



“ Max & Anna Gunter purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Todd William Klopp.



**Max & Anna Gunter** - April 02, 2025 at 02:10 PM



“ Max & Anna Gunter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Todd William Klopp.

**Max & Anna Gunter** - April 02, 2025 at 02:10 PM



“ Sandy, Shannon, and Gage Crumrine purchased the *Sweet Tranquility Basket* for the family of Todd William Klopp.



**Sandy, Shannon, and Gage Crumrine** - April 02, 2025 at 09:53 AM

SC

“ Sandy, Shannon, and Gage Crumrine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Todd William Klopp.

Sandy, Shannon, and Gage Crumrine - April 02, 2025 at 09:53 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Todd William Klopp.



April 01, 2025 at 07:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Todd William Klopp.

April 01, 2025 at 07:26 PM

CA

“ Poke was such a good friend over the years. He and I spent lots of time together in our younger years. From playing on the Quilna's with our coach Butch to Student Council and Shawnee youth group. Pokey and Corky went together. We both got our Academy appointments Senior year. Wish we spent more time in Ashburn. Our moms were great friends. I have loved both Em and Poke for most of my life. RIP ole friend. Peace and comfort to family and friends. All my love!! 🕊️💜🕊️💜

Corky Allen - April 01, 2025 at 07:00 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Todd William Klopp.*



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April 01, 2025 at 06:43 PM



“ *So sad to hear about such a good man. So many great memories during high school*

*Thoughts and prayers to Emily and his children. He will be greatly missed.*

*Don Hayes*

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**Don Hayes** - April 01, 2025 at 05:23 PM



“ *Dan Klopp & family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Todd William Klopp.*

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**Dan Klopp & family.** - April 01, 2025 at 04:57 PM



“ *Dan Klopp & family. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Todd William Klopp.*



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**Dan Klopp & family.** - April 01, 2025 at 04:57 PM

MT

“ Todd was my neighbor and buddy for more than 15 years. We had so much in common - military service, coaching ice hockey, emphasis on family. Em, Olivia, and Zane - please accept my sincerest condolences on your loss. Todd was a rare gem with so many great qualities, and was a good friend, confidant, and mentor. He meant so much to so many people. I will miss him deeply.

Mark Thompson - April 01, 2025 at 01:21 PM

FB

“ Fredrik and the rest of the Bergmans planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Todd William Klopp.

Fredrik and the rest of the Bergmans - April 01, 2025 at 12:55 PM

FB

“ Fredrik and the rest of the Bergmans purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Todd William Klopp.



Fredrik and the rest of the Bergmans - April 01, 2025 at 12:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Todd William Klopp.



April 01, 2025 at 12:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Todd William Klopp.*



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April 01, 2025 at 10:36 AM



“ *I met Todd through mutual friends. We only chatted one time. It is not often that you meet people who can get deep and wide right off the bat. Because of our faith in Jesus we spoke the same language, so chatting was enthusiastic, cheerful, and rich. Psalm 1:3 pretty much sums this tower of life: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.*

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janet silcox - April 01, 2025 at 08:46 AM



“ *Janet S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Todd William Klopp.*

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Janet S. - April 01, 2025 at 08:36 AM



“ *Todd and I became friends at the gym we went to and we had great conversations about numerous subjects. I will surely miss him and our talks. Rest in peace my friend.*

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Scott - April 01, 2025 at 07:39 AM

JF

“ *The Fitzgerald family will never forget the hospitality given us by Todd several years ago when we were visiting our son, Sean, who had recently had major leg surgery in Charlotte. Todd invited us all up to his cottage on Lake Norman where he cruised us around in his sleek speed boat until the sun went down and then we enjoyed a picnic under a beautiful full moon.*

*Sean was able to forget about his aching leg and we have lasting memories of the beautiful cruise and Todd's warmth and the genuine hospitality of a Good Samaritan. We will never forget him. God rest his soul.*

*The Fitzgerald family from Cincinnati*

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**Jim & Leslie Fitzgerald** - March 31, 2025 at 10:41 PM

BD

“ *Dear Emily, I'm sending much love to you and your family at this time of loss. I am so sorry. Beth Dimon (Wilcox)*

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**Beth Dimon** - March 31, 2025 at 08:30 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Todd William Klopp.*



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March 31, 2025 at 07:41 PM

DS

“ On behalf of the Carolus family in the Lima, Ohio area and beyond, we are deeply saddened to hear of Poke's passing. Our families spent many happy hours together in the 50's and 60's, and we were always so proud of Poke for his accomplishments. But we rejoice knowing that he will now spend eternity with his Lord and Savior. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.

Deborah Sidener - March 31, 2025 at 06:35 PM

MG

“ Condolences, rest in peace my friend

Mike George - March 31, 2025 at 06:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Todd William Klopp.

March 31, 2025 at 06:32 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Todd William Klopp.



March 31, 2025 at 06:32 PM

DB

“ Rest in peace my friend. You will be missed.

Denny Boss - March 31, 2025 at 06:27 PM

JB

“ Was truly one of my best friends..so sorry..bless you emily

Jay belton - March 31, 2025 at 06:15 PM

PP

“ Poke was more than just a friend, classmate and roommate. He was family to me. I'll share more stories when I see you at the services.

Paolo Pappalardo - March 31, 2025 at 03:29 PM

RM

“ The loss of Poke brings back so many memories of us together growing up. He was one of the youngest kids in the neighborhood but was always ready to go foraging for arrowheads with me in the fields around Hume Road. He was the first to grab a sled or his ice skates and join up to go sledding behind St. Matthew's Church or to go ice skating on Bunke's pond. He was five years younger than me but always stayed up. As time went on, age took us apart but I celebrated his successes and was so proud of him when he received his appointment to the Air Force Academy. Poke was an all around good guy. I can only imagine how much he will be missed. May your many memories of Poke sustain you, all.  
Randy Miller

Randy Miller - March 31, 2025 at 03:25 PM

JB

Was one of the best there was.. ever

Jay belton - March 31, 2025 at 06:08 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Todd William Klopp.

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March 31, 2025 at 03:20 PM



“ First and foremost, Todd was one of the strongest and well-read men of God I have ever known. There is nothing like a men’s Bible study with Todd.

*I imagine him in the Lutheran section of heaven right now, trying to sneak in John Calvin to join him for a beer with Jesus, and likes of St. Peter, St. Paul, Martin Luther, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer.*

*Todd leaves a big hole in the lives and hearts of a lot of people. But, I’m sure he would tell us to remember the words of his friend Jesus, “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.” John 14:25 NLT*

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**Kevin Dantuma** - March 31, 2025 at 01:09 PM



“ I didn’t know Poke as well as I knew Mike and Dan. I remember sitting in Mike’s living room having a drink with Poke and Dan. Talking to Todd was as comfortable as talking to Mike and Dan. You young people remember; the best times of your life don’t come with signs telling you so. It’s only after they’re gone you realize what you have. Enjoy life. Terry

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**Terry Miller** - March 31, 2025 at 12:02 PM

SM

“ *With heartfelt sympathy to Emily, Olivia, Zane and extended family. Let the love and support of those around you lift you in your time of need and the memories of Todd bring you comfort. Shannan (Riley) Myers and Tom Myers.*

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**Shannan Riley Myers** - March 30, 2025 at 05:53 PM