

Our heartfelt thanks are extended to the staff of the ITOWN Church for their support and generosity, and to the musicians for their God given talents.

The Shahnava family and the family of the Elwood Police Department wish to thank all who were involved in paying tribute to our fallen hero,

**Noah Jacob Shahnava**

Memorial contributions can be made to:

Indiana Fallen Heroes Foundation, Inc.  
1710 South 10th Street  
Noblesville, IN 46060  
or online at:

<https://indianafallen.org/fallen-heroes>

Please notate "Shahnava" on any donation.  
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## In Honor of Our Fallen Hero



Patrolman  
**Noah Jacob Shahnava**  
Elwood Police Department

Date of Birth  
May 18, 1998

Appointed to the Elwood Police Department  
August 21, 2021

Killed in the Line of Duty  
July 31, 2022

# Noah Jacob Shahnavaaz

Officer Noah Shahnavaaz was born on May 18, 1998, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Noah was senselessly killed in the line of duty on July 31, 2022, during a routine traffic stop. Noah served as an officer with the Elwood Police Department for only 11 months.

Noah graduated from Fishers High School in 2016, and shortly thereafter, proudly joined the United States Army, serving in the 591 st Military Police Company. He achieved the rank of Sergeant and earned his Air Assault Badge during his 5-year term in the Army which ended in the spring of 2021.

Following his discharge from the Army, Noah was honored to have joined the Elwood Police Department and served the community and his fellow officers with pride.

Noah's path in life was never easy. He always worked relentlessly to overcome any challenges or barriers. Actually, a more accurate reflection would be to say that Noah destroyed any barriers that got in his way. He was singularly focused on his life-long goal of becoming a police officer and finally achieved his dream in the summer of 2021. To say he was a good officer is an understatement. Noah's work ethic was unmatched.

He knew what it was like to struggle and to succeed, and wove all these experiences into the beautiful man, son, brother, grandson, cousin, friend, officer, and community member that he was.

Noah is beloved by so many. He leaves behind countless friends from his childhood, high school, and his Army days, as well as those he made in Elwood, who we now consider his brothers and sisters. Our hearts have been

warmed by the stories we have heard from those he knew well. We have also been blessed with stories of the encounters Noah had with members of the community that we never met. Noah was an amazing man, but we didn't know until after his death just how amazing he was. He was so humble and was never one to brag about himself.

## OUR HEROES IN BLUE

We gather today to remember,  
The sacrifices our loved ones have made.  
We will never forget those loved ones,  
And the terrible price they have paid.

Their courage, dedication and professionalism  
Will forever be alive in our hearts.  
May God, in His infinite power,  
Help to mend those broken parts.

There is no greater pain, than the loss of those we love,  
But we pray you will find inner strength,  
With the guidance from the Lord above.  
It's a very tough journey you are faced with,  
But together we can all make it through.  
So, we gather today to remember,  
And share the love for "Our Heroes in Blue."

We know they are watching us now,  
And so proud that you are all here.  
They would like to see smiles not sadness;  
See hope in your eyes, not fear.

They are at peace with the Lord up in Heaven,  
And they would like us to be at peace too.  
They know in their hearts how we miss them,  
And they want you to know they miss you.

May you all find some solace in knowing,  
That in God's eyes, they did not die in vain.  
They gave their lives doing a job they believed in,  
And it hurts them to see you in pain.

So as we pray for those loved ones we lost,  
They would like us to pray too;  
For the brave men and women still out there,  
Their Brothers and Sisters in Blue.

-PO Michael J. O'Brien SOD, NYCPD

# PALLBEARERS

## Elwood Police Department

Chief Jason Brizendine

Assistant Chief Kyle Comer

Captain Tyler Irwin

Lieutenant Marcus Shoppell

Sergeant Nick Naselroad

Officer Cody Antrim

Officer Jamie Crawford

Detective Ben Gosnell

Officer Alex Gray

Officer Tim Hunt

Officer Will Maluvac

Officer Andy McGuire

Officer Matt Mills

Officer Austin Ritenour

Officer Caleb Smith

Officer Kyle Smith

Officer Doug Stanton

Officer Matt Walker

Our son loved his family. Noah adored his sister, Sarah, and his brother, Elijah. We treasure the memories we have of family boat trips to Lake Monroe, always followed by a stop for a root beer float. He enjoyed sitting by the fire outside, laughing with his family. He enjoyed hiking,

gaming with his buddies and playing with our pets. These memories we have of Noah will always have us recalling that distinctive, iconic laugh. Noah's sense of humor was unmatched and will be missed by so many.

Noah never had the chance to become a homeowner, a husband, a father, a grandfather, or an uncle. He should have had these opportunities, and this grieves us deeply. The world has lost out on who he was and what he would have become, had he been given the chance.

The bond that Noah had with his brothers and sisters in Blue, as well as those from the Army, was unbreakable. Noah proudly hung both a Thin Blue Line flag on the wall next to his bed and a United States Army flag over his window. He was always so excited to go to work and never missed a chance to share a story with his family.

A good, honorable, and kind man was senselessly taken from the world. We should all seek to honor Noah's life and sacrifice by choosing to move forward, do hard things, and always strive to make the world a better place.

We will love you forever, our beautiful son, and we rejoice that we will see you in heaven one day.

Always and forever Noah's loving parents,  
Matt and Laurie

**Funeral Service  
ITOWN Church  
August 6, 2022  
11:00 AM**

## **Noah Jacob Shahnnavaz**

Welcome/Invocation.....Pastor Dave Sumrall  
Scripture Reading.....Pastor Larry Davis  
Eulogy.....Laurie Shahnnavaz  
Mother  
  
Sharing.....Chris Schmidt  
Nolan Demers  
Nick Tracy  
Army Friends  
  
Musical Tribute.....“Amazing Grace, The Policeman’s Tribute”  
Captain Bryan Wolfe  
Marion County Sheriff’s Department  
  
Sharing.....Chief Jason Brizendine  
Elwood Police Department  
  
Sharing.....Barbara Batson  
Grandmother  
  
Sarah Shahnnavaz  
Sister  
  
Elijah Shahnnavaz  
Brother  
  
Musical Tribute.....“Firm Foundation”  
Brennan Chaulk  
  
Homily.....Pastor Larry Davis  
Life in Pictures  
Benediction.....Pastor Larry Davis  
Drum Procession.....Chad Kohler

