

★ HONORING OUR FALLEN ★
PFC Tyler Knight Cox

July 21, 2000—April 29, 2020

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, May 16, 2020 at 11:00 AM
Dike-New Hartford High School Auditorium
330 Main Street, Dike, IA

OFFICIANT

Juli Camerin

CASKET BEARERS

United States Marine Corps

MUSIC

“Heaven Needed a Hero” (JoDee Messina)

“Drowning” (Chris Young)

“If Today Was Your Last Day” (Nickelback)

BURIAL AND MILITARY HONORS

United States Marine Corps will be held and conducted
at the Elmwood Cemetery in Dike,
following the funeral service.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, to protect the health and safety of all, services are currently being limited as required by state and local authorities and the CDC. Abels Funeral Home-Dike Chapel is caring for Tyler and his family. **Memories and messages of condolence are strongly encouraged on our website.** The family wants to thank those in advance who will welcome Tyler home and is appreciative of all the outpouring of love and support.



Tyler was born on July 21, 2000, to Michael Cox and Kim Knight in Waterloo. He attended school in Dike and was able to graduate early from Dike-New Hartford High School to enlist in the United States Marine Corps. He had been assigned to a 3d Battalion 8th Marines as a 0311 rifleman, as a PFC. Tragically, Tyler's life was cut short at the tender age of 19 but his family was so proud of Tyler's willingness to serve his country and his little sister Tessa, has and will always see Tyler as her hero.



had with him. Tyler would not want people to be sad he is gone but remember the good times they shared with him and the memories they made. The countless stories of Tyler keep pouring in, and they realize the impact he had on people. He was a wonderful son, brother, friend and Marine, and he will be so dearly missed by those he leaves behind. "Fly High, Semper Fi, Tyler".

PFC Tyler Knight Cox, 19, died unexpectedly in a training accident on Wednesday, April 29th at Camp LeJeune in Jacksonville, North Carolina, where he was stationed.

Tyler leaves behind his parents Michael & Sara Cox of Dike and Kim Knight of Wapello, IA; brother Tanner (Maureen) Cox and sister Tessa Cox, both of Dike; grandparents Galen Cox of Dike, Teresa Miller, Mary Lou Knight and Daryl Magee. He was greeted in Heaven by his grandmothers Deborah Cox and Ruth Cox and grandfather Robert Knight.

Growing up, Tyler was as you might say, an animated kid. He loved to be the center of attention and he always lived at a 100 miles per hour! He was very theatrical and lived for Drama, lettering in high school; he was active in theater in high school (and was a part of almost every play!). He also was active in show and concert choir. To say Tyler was an 'entertainer', would be an understatement. He had a magnificent life force that would light up any room and brought so much joy and positivity to his family and friends, and quite honestly, anyone he encountered. Although his family and friends are heartbroken that Tyler is gone, they want people to know that they were happy and grateful for the blessed 19 years they



You left us without warning, not even a goodbye. And I can't seem to stop asking the question Why? I didn't see this coming. It hit us by surprise and when you left for heaven a small part of me died. Your smile could brighten anyone's day, no matter what they were going through. And every day for the rest of my life I'll be missing you.