



## James Kelley Cradduck

October 3, 1970 - January 5, 2020

James Kelley Cradduck, age 49, of Rogers passed away Sunday January 5, 2020. He was born October 3, 1970 in Aurora, Colorado the son of James and Bobbi Fisher Cradduck. He was preceded in death by his father.

He was a Veteran of the United States Army serving during Operation Just Cause. He was a police officer for Rogers Police Department for over a decade holding many different ranks and positions during that time then going on to become the Benton County Sheriff from 2012-2016. Kelley had a servant's heart, was loving and forgiving and he displayed that during his time in law enforcement and his everyday life. Halloween was his favorite holiday and was a co-owner of a Halloween Store, he was an avid Broncos fan and loved the cold weather and snow. He aspired to move back to Colorado. His favorite movie was Tombstone and was inspired by what King Leonidas and his 300 Spartans accomplished. He is survived by his wife Sabrina; three sons Logan, Landon and Mason; three daughters Taelyn, Mackenzie, and Piper; his mother Bobbi Cradduck; a brother David Cradduck and several other family members and friends.

Funeral Service will be held 11:30 a.m. Thursday January 16, 2020 at Christian Life Cathedral with the burial to follow at 1:00 p.m. at the Fayetteville National Cemetery with military honors.

# Cemetery

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## Fayetteville National Cemetery

700 Government Avenue

Fayetteville, AR,

# Events

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**Funeral service**

11:30AM

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Christian Life Cathedral

1285 E. Millsap Road, Fayetteville, AR, US

# Comments

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“ Great man. Fun memories from old RMC days.



**Kim Major** - January 20 at 12:40 PM

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“ Kelley was a great friend and had a good heart. I will miss him dearly, but know I will see him again! Rest now Kelley, in the loving peaceful arms of Jesus!

**Susan McNeel** - January 17 at 07:16 PM

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“ Sabrina, My Heart Breaks for you! I will never understand why we lose the best too soon! I can't even imagine the pain you are in. I love You very much. I am so extremely sorry for your loss. Please know you are on my mind in my prayers. I love you sister. Xoxo.

**Sarah and Josh Chelette** - January 17 at 11:59 AM

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“ Sarah And Josh Chelette lit a candle in memory of James Kelley Craddock



**Sarah and Josh Chelette** - January 17 at 11:54 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to Kelley's family. I have kept you in my prayers since learning of his death. May God guide you through this.

**Tina Cogdill** - January 16 at 07:08 PM



“ Chad Campbell lit a candle in memory of James Kelley Craddock



**Chad Campbell** - January 15 at 10:40 PM

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“ Sabrina i am so so sorry for your loss. I am thinking of you in the awful time. I wish i could make it but please dont think you are far from my mind. I am one od the few that know the heartache you are going through...pray for peace sweet woman....

Sending lots of love and prayers your way

Cathy Rice

**Cathy Rice** - January 15 at 03:51 PM

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“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of James Kelley Craddock.



January 15 at 12:52 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Kelley's family. As a former school principal, I worked with Officer Craddock for many years in his role as resource officer. His passion for creating an awareness in students and adults about the signs of drug abuse and gang related activities no doubt saved many youth from going down the wrong path. He held high expectations for our students to demonstrate respect for teachers and each other. He was always available to come at a moments notice to help diffuse a threatening situation. In a nutshell, he served. I am blessed to have known and worked with Kelley.



“ Sabrina, I am so sorry for your loss. Kelley was very special to us. He worked for many many years as an off-duty officer for me at the Razorback Roller Rink. He will be missed.

Condolences to you and your family and especially Logan and Landon.

Nancy Campbell - Razorback Roller Rink

Nancy Ann Campbell - January 15 at 08:31 AM

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“ Thirty years is a long time.. Kelley, I watched you go from the lifeguard at the Lake Atalanta pool To the Sheriff of Benton County.. So many roles changed in your life and career but one thing never did, and that was our friendship.. You are the definition of the word “friend”. Thank you for your service to our country, the community and every life you touched. You will be greatly missed my friend.

Ronna McAllister - January 15 at 07:51 AM

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“ It's amazing how 20 years have gone by, I remember working together at the hospital ok let me rephrase that I worked and you played paper football with my son for hours, then when he was old enough you helped him get on at the Rogers PD. Thank you for your service and thank you for your friendship.



Reeca Dildy - January 14 at 10:31 PM

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“ Kelly worked for me when I managed Dixieland Mall a long time ago as an off duty police officer. He helped me bring the mall to a peaceful place. I liked him so much we became friends. Through the years I watched him grow into a wonderful man. I kind of felt like a mother to him. We talked often. I'm so sorry for your loss but know he will be watching over his family.

Anne Burbage - January 14 at 09:06 PM

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“ Thank you Kelley for dedicating your life to protect and serve. I will always remember you as a passionate officer and educator. You fearlessly fought against gang activity while teaching prevention education to children and adults alike. I am privileged to have been part of those days. You will be missed my friend.

Amy Smith - January 14 at 08:38 PM

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“ You will be missed, friend! Love and prayers to your sweet children. Rest In Peace.



LaDonna - January 14 at 02:13 PM

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“ Thank you for loving everyone equally good or bad. Thank you for loving my family.



Crystal - January 14 at 02:01 PM

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“ Crystal lit a candle in memory of James Kelley Craddock



Crystal - January 14 at 01:59 PM

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“ When we first met you were working for Mercy Medical. You served your country with pride, returning to share your expertise. I would see you everywhere as my children were growing up. Later we would find ourselves working on many projects together from a child's platform to veterans activities. You were my instructor when I return to college to complete my degrees. We exchanged comforting words when we both lost a parent. Shared stories of the crazy things children what do. (Wow, my baby's 31 now!) We would laugh until we had tears. I loved your sense of humor and practical jokes. You served this community with pride and honesty. You had a gift, a special heart, a deep love of Humanity. Thank you so much for all that you shared and gave. You will forever have a special place in my heart. Spread those angel wings and fly!

Regina Boatright - January 14 at 01:26 PM

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“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of James Kelley Craddock.



January 14 at 12:18 PM

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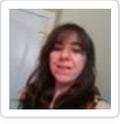
“ Our hearts are broken for all of you. Kelley was, quite simply, a God-send to us for a couple of years when our foster son was a teenager 15-20 years ago. Our foster son had experienced hell, and needed to learn how to trust adults. Kelley was wise beyond his years, and seemed to immediately recognize that. Twice he called us to come pick up our son, even when I had reached the end of my parental rope, and requested that he be arrested instead. Kelley talked me down from that both times, and I am SO THANKFUL for his caring, wise words and huge heart. Our son went on to serve our nation in Iraq, get his Masters degree at the U of A, and is thriving in a medical career he loves. We will always credit Kelley for the role he played in teaching a young man how to trust adults again.

We are SO SO SO sorry for your loss. You're in our prayers for comfort, understanding and strength.

Michael and Carol Sonnier  
Rogers, AR

Mike-Carol Sonnier - January 14 at 11:54 AM

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“ Kelly we will miss you so much. Now you can look from up there and protect us all. I pray you know how much you are loved .



Liz Fabrizio - January 14 at 10:51 AM

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“ Lori Schwyhart sent a virtual gift in memory of James Kelley Craddock



Lori Schwyhart - January 14 at 10:44 AM

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“ Lori Schwyhart lit a candle in memory of James Kelley Craddock



Lori Schwyhart - January 14 at 10:43 AM

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“ Kelley, you were like a brother to me, after we met serving the community together while working at the Rogers PD as the Public Relations Officer. You always joked about my heels being my most secret and dangerous weapon, you cheered me on while I needed the most, you were the first-ever to support our endeavors at work and community. Cops and soccer, International Festival, Gang Awareness, (I wish community leaders would have listen to you in that more attentively). Thank you for running Tylenol to west side school for my kids when I was traveling for days and mom could not go; for unlocking my car when I was locked out and needed to get kids home, for literally bringing the whole squadron one Christmas and bring some gifts to the kids in a very hard season of life. Thank you for reminded me to seek God

and for showing me we were never alone, and for taking my phone calls or answering my texts with questions at any time. I learned from you to see Law Enforcement Officers as the real people they were, you taught me to respect them seeing you how you gave respect to us. Thank you. Our communities need more servant leaders like you.

Yes, yes I am winning, and this time you can't ask me if I want cheese for my wine!  
James Kelley, You will be missed my friend, my brother,  
Rest Easy!



**Mariae Westbrook** - January 14 at 07:32 AM

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“ Wyatt Jones lit a candle in memory of James Kelley Craddock



**wyatt jones** - January 14 at 01:33 AM

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“ I am honored and blessed to have known Kelley. He was truly a great man and will be missed by many. May care and love of those around you provide comfort and peace to get you through the days ahead. Our most sincere condolences to the family. Jason & Angie Arnold.



**Jason & Angie Arnold** - January 13 at 11:58 PM

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“ Officer Cradduck held a special place in my heart! When he had the D.A.R.E program he used to come to Bella Vista, AR and pick my daughter up every day and take her to the program and bring her back home every day! Officer Cradduck was a true servant and will be greatly missed! Prayers for his wife and children! RIL Officer Cradduck! #Gonetoosoon

Joyce Nelson - January 13 at 11:26 PM

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“ Kelley you where and always will be my brother from another mother. You have shown me and alot of other people the love and compassion the God has given you by trusting in us and standing in our corner when we needed someone the most. I remember the last day we talked you told me that I got this when we where talking about me getting my concealed to carry and I told you I was scared because of what happened to me and my daughter Ella. You told me God will be walking beside me and that he will only put what I can handle on my shoulders. As you told me that I was thinking God gave you big shoulders because you where dealing with alot but you never faltered once. You where a God sent man and I know I will never forget you and the kind things you did for me and never even known it. May your family find the peace to make it through all of this hard sad time. Keep a watch over us and we will see your smiling face soon.

Misty Bursee - January 13 at 10:31 PM

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“ Sabrina Cradduck sent a virtual gift in memory of James Kelley Cradduck



Sabrina Cradduck - January 13 at 09:32 PM

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“ Look how handsome you were. This was one of the happiest days of my life. I married the keeper of my heart and soul.





“ Sabrina Craddock lit a candle in memory of James Kelley Craddock



Sabrina Craddock - January 13 at 09:29 PM

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“ Kelley.... help me get past these fees days... I've decided I'm going to bring Piper... and I pray that she is happy the entire time, we've yet to tell her. I love you. You remember that one time we went to that abandoned haunted house, and well, Um. We had fun I love you, I miss you so much. I don't know how I'm going to be able to celebrate our favorite holidays. There's times I feel like I could just barf, and scream, and cry without stopping. I love you Kelley. Save room for me, I'm coming for you babe. Until we meet again. And death did NOT do us part. To the keeper of my heart and soul. I love you

Sabrina Craddock - January 13 at 09:26 PM

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“ I went to school with Kelly. He hung out at beaver shores with a group of us, fishing, swimming, skiing. Just being kids. I got pregnant when I hit 16 and suddenly all my friends disappeared. Everyone but Kelly. He stayed my friend. Checked on me, and was kind when no one else was. His kindness even started a stupid rumor that he was my baby daddy. (Not even close to truth. Kelly treated me like a little sister) he knew who was my sons dad was, but instead of talking bad about me or even denying what we both knew couldn't be possible he defended me. Kept my baby daddy secret and stayed my friend. We lost touch after he left for the service, but I voted for him as sheriff and always believed in him. He had a heart of gold and I am so grateful for our friendship at such a hard time in my life. My heart broke at this loss, but I want his children to know I never met a kinder person and will always treasure that friendship.

Kim - January 13 at 08:06 PM

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“ Niki Spitzer lit a candle in memory of James Kelley Craddock



Niki Spitzer - January 13 at 07:57 PM

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“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of James Kelley Craddock.



January 13 at 07:10 PM

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“ I can remember when Kelly and I stood out front at the old hospital on Walnut when it was st mary's we talked about how he wanted to become a police officer. Wanted to know what thought and I told him he could be what ever he wanted. He had his heart set on it and he wanted to know if he could put papa as a Reference and papa said yes. He was a good police officer and a good man. I watched him from the time he was in high school with Tammy till now. RIP sweetheart.

Marcella Faucett - January 13 at 06:29 PM

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“ Kelley there will never be any words to express the sorrow I have with your passing. You have always been such a good friend to me. I watched you do, what you loved to do, for so long and you put your whole heart into your passion. The City of Roger's is better because you served them, Benton County is better because you served them. Your friends are better because you touched and served them. I will miss you and I will hold onto every memory I have of you. Your laugh and the way we always poked fun at each other, not being as young as we once were. I will never understand how this happened. I will search for answers till the day I die and I will miss you my friend. Till you and I meet again, keep the streets of heaven safe, and enjoy your freedom from this world. Love David

David Hastings - January 13 at 05:02 PM



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**Sabrina Craddock** - January 13 at 09:16 PM

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I met Kelley in 1989, as I took over the Recruiting Station in Rogers. He had already enlisted and I finished his DEP program. Upon returning to Rogers, I found out he and some other enlistees had joined the Rogers Police Department. I looked him up and from that day we have been friends. I have watched Kelley help many people in Benton County. Especially in Rogers. Kelley was an advisor, fellow soldier and friend to me. I will always remember the good times and try to forget the way he was treated by Benton County Officials and Deputies looking for personal gains! Kelley this Old First Sergeant will miss you!

**Terry A Thurman** - January 13 at 02:27 PM



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terry he loved you like a father.

**Sabrina Craddock** - January 13 at 09:01 PM

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We will miss Kelly. I remember him one Fourth of July stopping at my moms house and playing basketball with my kids and my nieces and nephews while they were waiting on the Rogers fireworks to start. He was always there for the kids. I also went to his Gang Awareness seminar at the Women's convention one year. We will never forget him.

**Susan Cannady** - January 13 at 02:18 PM

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Kelley was a hard core Broncos fan as much as I am a hard core 49ers fan and he would tease me every time I wore my 49ers shirt as I would him when he was in his Broncos hat, shirt, jacket etc! He actually said to me about a month ago I hate to admit it but the 49ers are a good team this year. I know it took everything he had to say it out loud to me. We both laughed

**Lori Schwyhart** - January 13 at 01:14 PM

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Loved Kelley like my own father. Always will he be in my mind heart and soul. My real friend. A true hero. Love and miss you Kelley. Looking forward to seeing you again one day.



“ David Sabelfeldt lit a candle in memory of James Kelley Craddock



David Sabelfeldt - January 13 at 01:04 PM

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“ I meet Kelley when I moved to Rogers in 1999 , he was my son's D.A.R.E Officer at his school , he included in his Junior Cadets program he made a difference in both of our lives and I know he made a difference in many others lives. Kelley will never be forgotten a true hero who cared about the community and the Children. Praying for his family

Donna Ramey - January 13 at 12:18 PM



“ He was also my son's D.A.R.E Officer. He did an awesome job with our children. He was an awesome Sheriff. No one will fill his shoes. Great man. He sure loved his family and friends.

Mary Ann Smith - January 13 at 04:20 PM

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“ Eternal Paradise was purchased for the family of James Kelley Craddock.



January 13 at 12:05 PM

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“ When I coached at Elmwood, Kelley did a ropes course and team building with my basketball team every year. He made it so fun and he was so funny. Rest In Peace Kelley, until we meet again.

Jamie Rains - January 13 at 11:54 AM



“ Would not be in the job I am now if it wasn't for kelley. You will be missed. Enjoyed the time at work with you. James Boudreau

**James Boudreau** - January 13 at 11:50 AM



“ Yes you would james, you're such an asset for the county! Kelley always loved and respected you.

**Sabrina Craddock** - January 13 at 09:03 PM

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“ Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of James Kelley Craddock.



January 13 at 11:49 AM

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“ Kelley was a good friend, always honest and professional. I have a lot of good memories of the time we got to work together at the Razorback Roller Rink. Gone way too soon!

**William Evans** - January 13 at 11:44 AM

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“ Kelley we love you and miss you so much, there will forever be a void in our hearts.



**Sabrina Craddock** - January 13 at 11:16 AM



“ Beautiful...

**Regina Boatright** - January 14 at 12:32 PM



“ You look so IN LOVE so Beautiful and Happy!!

**Sarah and Josh Chelette** - January 17 at 03:59 PM