



## Kevin Jacob Seal

July 15, 1968 - March 27, 2016

KEVIN JACOB SEAL, AGE 47

And a resident of Franklinton died at 11:30 pm Sunday March 27, 2016 at St. Tammany Parish Hospital. Kevin was born July 15, 1968. He graduated from Bogalusa High School 1986 and was a correctional officer at Rayborn C.C. for over 20 years. Kevin worked in radio, at WBOX and others, where his booming, animated announcer voice was heard by many. (Because of his beautiful radio voice, Kevin was always invited to MC events on the USS Saginaw, at the Prison, and community events.) He enlisted in the Navy and was in active duty from 1989 to 1992, where he was assigned to the USS Saginaw in Little Creek Virginia and traveled the world. Kevin served in Desert Shield and Desert Storm. It was during that time that he received many honors: Navy Unit Commendation ribbon, Kuwait Liberation medal, Southeast Asian Service medal, National Defense Service medal, SRA Service Deployment ribbon. Kevin received an Honorable Discharge and then served 4 years in the Naval Reserve from 1992 to 1996 as BMSA Kevin Sea. He began a career at Rayborn Correctional in 1993 and is currently ranked Master Sergeant. He is in charge of a DOTD Crew and serves as a CPR instructor for the prison.

Kevin met his wife Tonja in 2008 while she was Principal at Byrd Avenue in Bogalusa. Kevin and a crew of inmates were assigned to Byrd Avenue to

complete repairs around the school. Kevin and Tonja began dating in 2009 and were married on July 14, 2010 in Ocho Rios Jamaica and haven't really left their honeymoon.

Survived by:

Wife: Tonja Varnado-Seal of Franklinton

Parents: Houston Seal, Jr. and Brenda Duncan Seal of Varnado

Daughter: Malarie Jenkins of Covington

Son: Coley Varnado Jenkins of Franklinton

Aunt and Uncle: Debbie and Bobby Potter of Bogalusa

Mother in law: Peggy Varnado

Brothers in law and Sisters in law: Harold Varnado, Jr and Rhonda Varnado, Michael and Debbie Varnado, Tammy Ingram all of Franklinton, Ruston and Shelly Varnado of Covington

Special Friends: Dennis "Archie" Andrews and Trish Andrews of Virginia Beach, VA

Also numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Melvin and Evelyn Duncan, Houston Seal, Sr. and Elizabeth Seal, first cousin Jessica Potter, father in law Harold Varnado, Sr. and brother in law Alan Varnado.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Thursday March 31, 2016 from 5 pm until 10 pm and after 9 am on Friday. A funeral service will be held at 12 pm Friday in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Leon Hickman, Dr. Gene Richards and Rev. Andrew Voss officiating. Burial with Military Honors will follow in the Seal Cemetery.

Pallbearers are his co-workers and friends Pat Campo, Daryl Grant, Damon Smith, Jonathan Chaisson, Chris Ladner, Josh Goff

Honorary Pallbearers: Hugh Magee, Brent Brumfield, Darrell Miley, Tim Crawford

Obituaries can be viewed online at [www.crainfh.com](http://www.crainfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

CH

“ Kevin and I met onboard the USS Saginaw. He was larger than life and always in a good mood. He and I were on a special paint crew that were tasked with painting most of the main spaces onboard and even though it was rough work he always made me laugh. He moved into the apartment with my wife and I to help out with the rent and so he didn't have to live on the ship. Kevin was the greatest friend who would do anything for you without question. I lost track of him when he got out but will never forget him. There will never be another one like him. I still to this day think about him often and smile. Fair winds and following seas my brother. You will never be forgotten.

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**Chris Hurtte** - December 02, 2022 at 08:40 AM

BC

“ I just heard of Kevin's passing , we were both in the navy , but met at rayburn , he was a true friend, and helped me through the toughest time of my life. we bonded over the fact that we were both lifelong KISS fans and we attended a concert together once. I only wish he could have shared the last concert they had in New Orleans last february, but I know his spirit was there.  
Kevin was the best

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**Benito Castro** - June 03, 2019 at 10:32 AM

SM

“ Although I never met Kevin, Clarence sent me his obituary today. I am very sorry to hear of the loss of another family member of Mama's family. I always felt close to you all although I had never met Kevin. I know I can never truly feel the loss you feel, but I want you to know that I am thinking of you.

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**Silva Cooper Marcantel** - April 12, 2016 at 05:59 PM

JM

“ *The first time I met Kevin, he was standing in the BMS office awaiting his bride. There was a beautiful bouquet of roses for Tonya as she began her first year as principal of this school. I complimented him and he mentioned he gave her flowers the first day of a school year. I asked him if he needed another wife and sadly, he turned me down. He was always such a nice person.*  
*Jenell McGee, Ellensburg, WA*

Jenell McGee - April 02, 2016 at 01:38 AM

DV

“ *Debbie Varnado lit a candle in memory of Kevin Jacob Seal*



Debbie Varnado - March 31, 2016 at 03:44 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kevin Jacob Seal.*



March 31, 2016 at 08:40 AM

MC

“ *Mike and Janet Chilton purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kevin Jacob Seal.*



Mike and Janet Chilton - March 31, 2016 at 08:26 AM

KW

“ Tonya, I am so sorry to hear of you losing your husband. We will be praying for you and your family as you deal with the grief.  
Kaye M. Williams

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**Kaye Williams** - March 30, 2016 at 01:27 PM

SY

“ Tonya, MAMA SYBIL NEVER GOT THE CHANCE TO MEET MY SON IN LAW. PRAYING FOR YOU AND COLEY AND MAL. LOVE YOU

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**SYBIL YOUNG** - March 30, 2016 at 10:58 AM

CL

“ our sincere condolences too the family, Kevin was an outstanding sailor an a good study. many of times he an I would talk about our BM rate an what we had too work on an be ready for everyday. Kevin will be a brother in arms an a dear friend.

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**Carl Lattimore** - March 30, 2016 at 06:40 AM

 Adam Shebroe

“ My sincere condolences to the entire family. I was Kevin's division officer for a while onboard the U.S.S. Saginaw. He was a hard worker and a quick study. He was always in a good mood. We will always be brothers in arms. I know he will be truly missed.

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**Adam Shebroe** - March 29, 2016 at 06:41 PM

KF

“ I had my first grade class draw pictures and write letters to Kevin when he was away and protecting our country. I wanted to get his attention and put Duncan on the envelope. I remember when Kevin was born and I know what a strong and loving family he had. Much love to all of you.



kristi fuller - March 29, 2016 at 06:31 PM

 Rich Brodmann

“ I served with Kevin aboard the USS Saginaw (LST-1188) in the early 1990's. Kevin was always a bright light even on the darkest of days. He was a good friend and shipmate and served his country most honorably. Rest in Peace old friend & Shipmate!

Rich Brodmann - March 29, 2016 at 05:13 PM



“ My prayers to Kevin's Family... It was an honor to serve with you on board the USS SAGINAW. Fair Winds and Following Seas.... you will never be forgotten by your shipmates.

Mike Wezensky - March 29, 2016 at 04:33 PM

FS

“ I lots of memories of Kevin and they are all good and funny. Kevin was all ways the center of attention , he was load and funny. He all ways back up his fellow shipmates and he wasn't afraid of work. Kevin was always welcome in Gun division. May you rest in peace my friend.



Floyd Saylor - March 29, 2016 at 03:34 PM

JO

“ Tonya and Family you are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time in your life . I pray for peace for you and your family.

John/Faith - March 29, 2016 at 02:38 PM

 James Howell


“ My prayers are sent to his family and friends. It was an honor to serv with you Kevin, we will see uou on yhe other side

James Howell - March 29, 2016 at 02:34 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to Kevin's family. It was a pleasure and a honor to serve with him on the USS Saginaw.  
R.I.P. Brother - Fair Winds and Following Seas  
Mike Croslis

Michael Croslis - March 29, 2016 at 02:15 PM

 Brad Broerman

“ My deepest sympathies to Kevin's whole family. I haven't talked to him much since he left the USS Saginaw, but he was definitely a friend and good shipmate.

You are relieved, we have the watch. Fair Winds, and Following Seas.

Brad Broerman - March 29, 2016 at 02:07 PM