



Dakota Brown Collison

March 19, 1998 - April 9, 2025

With heavy hearts and profound sorrow, we announce the passing of Petty Officer First Class, Dakota Brown Collison, who left us unexpectedly on April 9, 2025, at the age of 27. Dakota served his country and community with honor, courage, and an unwavering sense of duty.

Born March 19, 1998, in Chestertown, Maryland, Dakota was a bright light in the lives of all who knew him. He brought warmth, laughter and kindness into every room he entered. His love for life was shown through his infectious smile and humor. Dakota's sense of duty, protective nature and kindness touched all he encountered, as demonstrated by his service at Rock Hall and Chestertown Volunteer Fire Departments and his willingness to assist anyone he encountered. He considered Maryland firefighters a part of his brotherhood. From a young age, Dakota displayed a deep sense of strength, duty and compassion, which were qualities that shaped his life.

Petty Officer First Class, Dakota Brown Collison proudly served in the United States Navy as an ITR1 serving aboard the USS Santa Fe, USS San Juan, and COMSUBPAC. This allowed him to experience other countries including Guam, Australia, Greece and Spain, while being stationed at Groton, Connecticut; Kittery, Maine; San Diego, California and Honolulu, Hawaii. Dakota's initial and final submarine duty station in Hawaii provided him with a sense of home as he thoroughly enjoyed the island lifestyle. Dakota embraced each day with bravery and a deep love for his country. The loss of such a

dedicated young life is a tragedy that touches us all.

He shared many loving and dedicated years of marriage with his wife, Morgan Collison. Together, as a young married couple, they navigated through a marriage that was intensified by everyday challenges and changes but also the sacrifices that all military couples face. Together, they shared many adventures through a shared love of service, baseball, history and Disney, while sharing their love for their three dogs: Maverick, Goose and Iceman. Though their time together was cut short, their love and friendship was deep.

Dakota was preceded in death by his MomMom Patricia “Patsy” Glenn Higgs. MomMom Patsy cared for, loved and helped guide Dakota along through his growth into the man he became. Playing major roles in that guidance also includes his Uncle Donnie Perry, MomMom Barbara and PopPop Joseph Wachowiz, who adored him beyond measure.

Dakota was the cherished child of loving parents Sara Plato and Michael Collison as well as his adored “bonus parents” John (T-Bird) Toulson, Angela Collison and Anne Howerton. He is survived by his deeply loved siblings, Wyatt Toulson, Chloe Toulson, Dominic Collison and Chase Collison as well as many other family members and friends who will forever carry him in their hearts. Dakota was not only a grandson, son and brother, he was a best friend, a protector and a light in their lives that can never be replaced. Though his time with us was tragically cut short, the memories he gave will last a lifetime.

Dakota has many military brothers across the world and their bond was one built on laughter, loyalty and duty. Dakota had a passion for riding and fixing motorcycles with many of his beloved motorcycle enthusiast friends including “Honolulu’s Slowest”, his passions also included playing video games, building Legos and watching baseball or Star Wars. His enthusiasm was contagious.

He lived with integrity and a deep sense of compassion, always willing to lend a hand or share a laugh.

A funeral service will be held Thursday May 8, 2025, at 1pm with a visitation 2 hours prior beginning at 11am at Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Department. Friends and family are welcome to attend and celebrate memories with Dakota's family.

In lieu of flowers the family kindly requests donations be made to Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Department in his memory honoring Dakota's generous, giving heart and many years of service to the community. Though he is no longer with us Dakota's love, strength and spirit will remain in our hearts forever.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company
21500 Rock Hall Ave
Rock Hall, MD

Service

MAY 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company
21500 Rock Hall Ave
Rock Hall, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dakota Brown Collison*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - May 06, 2025 at 11:24 AM

YF

“ *Your BEI Family planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dakota Brown Collison.*

Your BEI Family - May 29, 2025 at 02:13 PM

BC

“ *Barbara Calder lit a candle in memory of Dakota Brown Collison*



Barbara calder - May 10, 2025 at 02:57 PM

MC

“*...Dakota Brown Collison...
“Fair winds and following seas”
I will love and miss you forever, my beautiful son!*

*Rest peacefully!
Until we meet again!*

“And Theeeeen” ❤️👍💙

Michael Collison - May 10, 2025 at 12:23 PM

DB

“*Dinky Harris & Laura Brilz lit a candle in
memory of Dakota Brown Collison*



Dinky Harris & Laura Brilz - May 08, 2025 at 08:32 AM

GR

“*GySgt Ali Ricky lit a candle in memory of
Dakota Brown Collison*



GySgt Ali Ricky - May 07, 2025 at 11:14 PM

JH

“ *Joan Hatcherson lit a candle in memory of
Dakota Brown Collison*



Joan Hatcherson - May 07, 2025 at 06:18 PM

LM

“ *Liz Meekins lit a candle in memory of Dakota
Brown Collison*



Liz Meekins - May 07, 2025 at 04:09 PM

PT

“ *Pamela Teat lit a candle in memory of Dakota
Brown Collison*



Pamela Teat - May 07, 2025 at 12:33 PM

AM

“ *Alexis Mitchell lit a candle in memory of
Dakota Brown Collison*



Alexis Mitchell - May 07, 2025 at 10:36 AM

MU

“ Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Dakota Brown Collison



Marie Usilton - May 06, 2025 at 10:30 PM

JW

“ My deepest condolences to Dakota’s family and friends. He was such a wonderful, kind young man. It was a honor to have known him.



Jackie Wilhelm - May 06, 2025 at 08:54 PM

CE

“ Charles & Donna Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Dakota Brown Collison



Charles & Donna Edwards - May 06, 2025 at 06:23 PM

LW

“ Linda Wachowiz sent a virtual gift in memory of Dakota Brown Collison



Linda Wachowiz - May 06, 2025 at 04:54 PM

CJ

“ *Carla Fletcher Johnson lit a candle in memory of Dakota Brown Collison*



Carla Fletcher Johnson - May 06, 2025 at 04:07 PM

EL

“ *Ellen lit a candle in memory of Dakota Brown Collison*



Ellen - May 06, 2025 at 03:46 PM

SK

“ *I have never known 1st Class Petty Officer Dakota Collision but as a local Navy Veteran attached to the American Legion Post 228 here in Rock Hall I want to send my heartfelt condolences for his loss. Good Men are hard to find! "Non sibi sed patriae" my brother and "Semper Fortis" forever.
With sincere sympathy
United States Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class
GMG2 Steve Kochenash*

Stephen Kochenash - May 05, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dakota Brown Collison.*

May 03, 2025 at 07:28 PM



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Dakota Brown Collison.*



May 03, 2025 at 07:28 PM



“ *Such a wonderful young man that we were very proud to call nephew. So many wonderful stories i will cherish! Thank you for your service to your community through the fire company and our country thru your navy service!! We love you Dakota!*🇺🇸



Andrea and Timmy Edwards - May 03, 2025 at 02:29 AM



“ *Sara,Michael and family,
I am so deeply sorry for your loss of Dakota.what a fine young man he was !
Serving his country as young as he was.hold on to the beautiful memories you have of him as they will never go away ! I must say .what a beautifully written obituary telling of his life story....I ask God to bring you a sense of peace and comfort during this difficult time..
with love, Betty Ann glenn*



Betty Ann Glenn - May 01, 2025 at 07:48 PM

CO

“ COMSUBPAC N6 Ohana purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Dakota Brown Collison.



COMSUBPAC N6 Ohana - May 01, 2025 at 05:38 PM

FC

“ Friends of Lee Collison purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dakota Brown Collison.



Friends of Lee Collison - May 01, 2025 at 12:35 PM

EF

“ Elaine Fithian lit a candle in memory of Dakota Brown Collison



Elaine Fithian - April 30, 2025 at 04:20 PM

FF

“ From Barbara Kilby & Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dakota Brown Collison.



From Barbara Kilby & Family - April 29, 2025 at 09:23 AM

JK

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Dakota was such a a bright and wonderful person.*



Jenn Kulley - April 29, 2025 at 08:09 AM

-F

“ *-Kota's Forever purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Dakota Brown Collison.*



-Kota's Forever - April 29, 2025 at 07:34 AM

DK

“ *Deborah Kiel lit a candle in memory of Dakota Brown Collison*



Deborah Kiel - April 29, 2025 at 05:47 AM

MT

“ *my deepest sympathy to each and every one of Dakota's family, friends and loved ones . The Rock Hall community has lost a favorite son . May he rest in the arms of the angels.*

Melissa L Thomas - April 28, 2025 at 11:08 PM

ST

“ Sharon Truitt lit a candle in memory of Dakota Brown Collison



Sharon Truitt - April 28, 2025 at 10:56 PM

BR

“ Bill And Cheryl Reihl lit a candle in memory of Dakota Brown Collison



Bill and Cheryl Reihl - April 28, 2025 at 09:59 PM

WK

“ Will & Glenda Kelly lit a candle in memory of Dakota Brown Collison



Will & Glenda Kelly - April 28, 2025 at 07:57 PM

DD

“ Debbie Dalymple lit a candle in memory of Dakota Brown Collison



Debbie Dalymple - April 28, 2025 at 07:47 PM

KB

“ *Kaye Barnes lit a candle in memory of Dakota Brown Collison*



Kaye Barnes - April 28, 2025 at 06:32 PM

RS

“ *Regina Sudler lit a candle in memory of Dakota Brown Collison*



Regina Sudler - April 28, 2025 at 06:22 PM

LP

“ *Leah Plato lit a candle in memory of Dakota Brown Collison*



Leah Plato - April 28, 2025 at 04:40 PM

SF

“ *Shirley Foster lit a candle in memory of Dakota Brown Collison*



shirley Foster - April 28, 2025 at 03:52 PM

TK

“ *Tom Knox lit a candle in memory of Dakota Brown Collison*



Tom Knox - April 28, 2025 at 02:45 PM

ML

“ *Dakota's family and friends continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.*



Melissa Lenzi - April 28, 2025 at 02:22 PM

RT

“ *Roni Thomas lit a candle in memory of Dakota Brown Collison*



Roni Thomas - April 28, 2025 at 11:54 AM