



## Colonel Kristian Michael Mineau

November 26, 1941 - September 5, 2022

Colonel Kristian Michael “Kris” Mineau (USAF, Retired) passed away Monday at his home in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the age of 80. Born in Berlin on November 26, 1941, Kris spent the war years with his mother, aunt, and maternal grandmother in Tutzing, Bavaria, before emigrating to the United States in 1949. He is preceded in death by his mother, Mary Louise (Scheuermann) Mineau, and stepfather, Earl Mineau.

A graduate of Worcester Academy (1960), the United States Air Force Academy (B.S. 1964), the University of Illinois (M.S. 1973), and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (M.Div. 1999), Kris served his country faithfully throughout his 28 years in the U.S. Air Force and 30 years of full-time Christian ministry. His decorated military service included 100 combat missions over North Vietnam; a faculty appointment teaching calculus at the USAF Academy; instructor pilot duty in the F-4 Phantom and F-15 Eagle; squadron command, wing deputy command, and senior leadership positions at the Numbered Air Force and Major Command levels. Perhaps the most impactful event of his Air Force career occurred in 1969 when Kris miraculously survived a low-altitude, supersonic ejection from an F-4 Phantom as a young Captain—an experience that immediately brought him to faith and eventually led to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Kris retired from the military at the rank of Colonel with awards including the

Legion of Merit and Distinguished Flying Cross. He dedicated the next 30 years to Christian ministry and public service, including 5 years as missions pastor of Trinity Evangelical Church in North Reading, Massachusetts, and 15 years as president of the Massachusetts Family Institute. He led Bible studies, taught adult Sunday School, and served as an elder at churches and Air Force chapels across the country and around the world. Additionally, he sat on the board of directors for multiple non-profit organizations and volunteered in both leadership and service capacities.

In 1965, Kris married the love of his life, Lura. Together, their Air Force and ministry adventures spanned the globe with multiple assignments in Arizona, Florida, and England; memorable stints in Saudi Arabia, Germany, and California; a remote tour in Korea; and mission opportunities in the then-Soviet Union, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Romania. They celebrated 50 years of marriage in 2015 with a final trip to Israel, which had always held a special place in their hearts and had been a favorite destination over the years. A devoted father and loving grandfather, Kris prayed for his four children, their spouses, and his ten grandchildren by name each day.

Kris is survived by his wife of 57 years, Lura (Balcomb) Mineau of Tulsa; son Kris Mineau II and wife Margot of West Simsbury, Connecticut; daughter Carrie Kittinger and husband Danny of Tulsa; son Brigadier General David Mineau (USAF) and wife Amy of Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina; daughter Karen Huggard of Arlington, Virginia; and grandchildren Luke Kittinger and wife Sarah, Emily Mineau, Kellie Kittinger, Cullen Huggard, Garrett Mineau, Christian Huggard, Teddy Mineau, Elizabeth Mineau, Andrew Mineau, and Joshua Huggard. He will be remembered for his enduring faithfulness to his family, to our nation, and above all to the Lord.

A celebration of life with full military honors will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, September 10, 2022, at Woodlake Church (Bixby campus), and the family will

receive friends from 5-7 PM on Friday, September 9, 2022, at Hayhurst Funeral Home (Broken Arrow). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Neighborhood Scholarship Program at Worcester Academy (Massachusetts) or to Galcom International, a ministry dedicated to sharing the Gospel in unreached areas throughout the world.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Celebration of Life

SEP **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Woodlake Church South Tulsa  
10444 South Mingo  
Tulsa, OK 74133

# Tribute Wall



“ *Colonel Kristian Michael Mineau*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Linda [Ganley] Bergevin lit a candle in memory of Colonel Kristian Michael Mineau*



**Linda [Ganley] Bergevin** - December 09, 2022 at 02:33 PM



“ *I was a kid in England in the late 60s when my mother worked for lurlura , Kris and two little children, little Kris and baby Carrie. Kris became my hero and a mentor and I thank the lord that I knew him. We were still in contact up to his passing and my love goes out to Laura and all the children. God bless you. I will write soon. Xxx*

**Danny bysouth** - October 23, 2022 at 05:08 PM



“ *Simply one of the greatest men i have ever ever known. A man of incredible accomplishments, yet a humble servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was an honor to call Kris Mineau my friend, and I look forward to seeing him in heaven. Alan Ringuette, Mass Family Board Member*

**Alan ringuette** - September 20, 2022 at 12:21 AM



“ *What wonderful christian examples Col Mineau and Lura have been over the years! I remember as a major back over Christmas (1991) having the opportunity to go with them on a missions trip with OCF/ACCTS to Moscow & the newly renamed St Petersburg - passing out Scriptures, helping with Operation Christmas Child, helping establish an OCF in the Russian military, and helping work with the Russian Orthodox priests toward getting chaplains back into the Russian military. What a great time of service and fellowship! I still have a poster from the painter of the famed Red Brigade in Moscow on the wall of my office - it's quite the conversation starter for the new Lts coming to pilot training as I instruct them in the T-1 simulator at Vance AFB. Praise the Lord for Col Kris' & Lura's example over the years!*

*Howard Deunk*

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**Howard Deunk** - September 11, 2022 at 04:37 PM



“ *Kris Mineau was such a wonderful man of God. He was such a support to so many around him. We were blessed by his presence at Trinity. What a friend and now he is walking with Jesus. God Bless Lura and Kris. Blessings, Don and Linda Fawcett - Trinity Evangelical Church, North Reading, MA*

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**Linda M Fawcett** - September 09, 2022 at 08:07 PM



“ *Gibraltar Capital Management purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Colonel Kristian Michael Mineau.*



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**Gibraltar Capital Management** - September 09, 2022 at 04:23 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Colonel Kristian Michael Mineau.*



September 09, 2022 at 11:28 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Colonel Kristian Michael Mineau.*



September 09, 2022 at 08:37 AM



“ *Kris Mineau was a true American patriot. A warrior and general in the Lord's Army. A humble man of God. I was privileged to have known him, to have interviewed him, and to learn from Him. He has left us a tremendous testimony—and a tremendous legacy that will endure for generations.*

*Helen Mooradkanian*

**Helen Mooradkanian** - September 09, 2022 at 07:47 AM



“ *The world feels a new void where Kris Mineau once stood. A man of honor, integrity, and servitude. A man who left a legacy of inspiration and tremendous faithfulness that cannot be denied. A man who can be characterized as a prayer warrior like no other. This is a devastating loss to all of us. There is comfort knowing he has danced across the threshold of heaven into the arms of our loving and living Savior. May he rejoice in it through all eternity. For those left behind... friends, our church family and above all, his precious wife, Lura, and children, Kris, Carrie, David and Karen, and grandchildren... our hearts are with yours and our prayers are many for each of you. May you be reminded of every beautiful memory he created with you. May you remember his great love of Christ, his sacrifice for his country, and his deep respect for his wife and children May you carry on his legacy in the days and years ahead. May you all be blessed. With deep love and admiration, Allison Worthington and the Worthington Family*

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**Allison Worthington** - September 08, 2022 at 04:41 PM

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“ *God bless you, Lura and family. Praying for you and thanking God for Kris's life.*

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**Rachel Fisher** - September 08, 2022 at 04:04 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Colonel Kristian Michael Mineau.*



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September 08, 2022 at 02:10 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Colonel Kristian Michael Mineau.*



September 08, 2022 at 02:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Colonel Kristian Michael Mineau.*



September 08, 2022 at 01:22 PM



“ *The Colonel will be greatly missed! He was so instrumental in our lives and owe him and Lura a debt of thanks. Sending our thoughts, love and prayers,  
The Richardson Family (Paul, Kelli, Kyle and Kierstin)*

**Richardson** - September 08, 2022 at 12:54 PM



“ *From HQ 15 AF BTGD Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Colonel Kristian Michael Mineau.*



**From HQ 15 AF BTGD Family** - September 08, 2022 at 12:06 PM

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“ From your HQ 15 AF Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Colonel Kristian Michael Mineau.



From your HQ 15 AF Family - September 08, 2022 at 11:38 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Colonel Kristian Michael Mineau.



September 08, 2022 at 11:33 AM

AC

“ Kris will always hold a special place in my heart, he and Lura were instrumental in my healing journey. He was and will always be a powerful example of what it looks like to love God, and our families and our country. He will be forever missed.

Anita C  
Trinity Evangelical, North Reading MA

Anita Cunha - September 08, 2022 at 10:37 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Colonel Kristian Michael Mineau.



September 08, 2022 at 09:49 AM

JE

“ Kris was a GREAT leader for ten years at Massachusetts Family Institute. A patriot and a fighter for God. We proudly remember our time together, working on the Marriage Amendment Campaign at the Massachusetts State House. Farewell Kris. You are awesome! Thank you for your service.

James B. Edgerly  
Boston Family Church

James B Edgerly - September 08, 2022 at 08:17 AM



“ Truly a happy warrior, Kris inspired many of us at the Massachusetts State House. Well done, good and faithful servant. He stood tall when many shied away from the fight for Marriage.

Larry Cirignano - September 07, 2022 at 07:49 PM

YC

“ Your 10th Sq, Class of '64 Classmates purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Colonel Kristian Michael Mineau.



Your 10th Sq, Class of '64 Classmates - September 07, 2022 at 03:25 PM

GO

“ GalcomUSA Board & Officers purchased the With Distinction for the family of Colonel Kristian Michael Mineau.



GalcomUSA Board & Officers - September 07, 2022 at 01:09 PM

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“ *The CSA Leadership Team. purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Colonel Kristian Michael Mineau.*



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**The CSA Leadership Team.** - September 07, 2022 at 12:31 PM

PK

“ *Pat and Ted Krawiec purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Colonel Kristian Michael Mineau.*



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**Pat and Ted Krawiec** - September 07, 2022 at 12:09 PM



“ *To have come in contact with Kris Mineau, even in the briefest of time or circumstances, enlightens your day and brings a smile to your face as well as indelible uplifting memories. As members of our Woodlake family group, from Kris and Lura's initial appearance, they were vital cogs for fellowship and spiritual growth and maturity. What a fabulous couple! Kris will be missed but not forgotten or even absent from us other than physically.*

*In addition to being a great American patriot, Kris was undoubtedly the only devoted New England Patriot fan in our family group!*

*Blessings and love to Lura and the Mineau family.*

*Gary and Ann McSpadden*

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**Gary McSpadden** - September 07, 2022 at 11:47 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Colonel Kristian Michael Mineau.*



September 07, 2022 at 11:44 AM



“ *Love, Frank and Darci Detorie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Colonel Kristian Michael Mineau.*



**Love, Frank and Darci Detorie** - September 06, 2022 at 07:24 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Colonel Kristian Michael Mineau.*



September 06, 2022 at 06:05 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Colonel Kristian Michael Mineau.*



September 06, 2022 at 02:13 PM

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“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Mineau family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Kris.*



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - September 06, 2022 at 12:10 AM