



Captain Keith J. Lucas
3 June 1957 - 25 October 1983

Captain Keith J. Lucas was born on 3 June 1957 in Granite City, Illinois. He served at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, prior to arriving at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. As a Founding Night Stalker, CPT Lucas served as a pilot in Charlie Company, 158th Aviation Battalion.

CPT Lucas was the unit's first combat casualty when his UH-60A Black Hawk helicopter, #002, was shot down in Grenada during Operation URGENT FURY on 25 October 1983.

CPT Lucas is survived by his wife, Paula; his daughters, Anne and Theresa; his mother, Alice; and his brother, Brian. He is laid to rest in St. Louis, Missouri, at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, Plot 259. Building #7298 on GEN Brown Compound at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, is dedicated in his honor as Lucas Hall.

These words from the Garbutt Family in Grenada:

In October 2003, the mast from this helicopter was made into a monument by the Garbutt family, who now own the Amber Bellaire peninsula. The dedication was attended by Keith's family, the Garbutt family, and a delegation from the White House, along with various ambassadors and representatives of the island communities.

The memorial service at the university was especially poignant on the 20th anniversary of the Grenada Intervention. We remember Keith every day. He would be so proud of his two lovely daughters.

Ann Lucas-Stier has these remarkable words about her dad:

My father was Captain Keith J. Lucas, who was killed in Operation Urgent Fury in Grenada. Thank you so much for this memorial. My mom and grandparents have always made sure that my father's memory was kept alive to me and my sister. It's nice to see that others are dedicated to not letting the fallen Night Stalkers be forgotten. This means a great deal to me and my family, as it will to other families of fallen Night Stalkers. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Theresa Lucas-Bradshaw has these remarkable words about her dad:

My father, CPT Keith J. Lucas, was killed in Operation URGENT FURY five months before I was born. The Night Stalkers truly honor my father and all the others killed in the Night Stalkers unit. Thank you!

