



## **Hatch, Shawn 'Cody'**

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Cody Hatch, 45, passed away on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at a hospital in Oklahoma. He had been fighting stage four colon cancer. He fought hard, hoped to beat it, and always maintained his sense of humor. He kept a positive attitude and even until the day he died if you asked how he was doing his standard reply was "I've never been better."

Cody was born in 1979, in Canada, where his dad was serving as an exchange officer with the Canadian Forces. Cody graduated from Decatur High School in

1998. He was a member of local Boy Scout Troup 121 and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. His Eagle project was to install flag poles at the Wise County Heritage Museum.

Cody graduated from the Air Force Academy in 2002, he also earned a master's degree from TUI University in 2010, and served in the Air Force until the spring of 2011.

While in the military, he served as a deputy missile combat crew commander in missiles at Malmstrom AFB, MT, and did a tour in Colorado in Space Command. He volunteered to deploy as an air liaison officer and electronic warfare officer with the Army. He was deployed to Ghazni, Afghanistan, where he worked with the U.S. and Polish Army.

In spring of 2011, he left the Air Force and soon began work for Choctaw Defense Co in McAlester, OK. At Choctaw, he at different times was a project manager, programs manager, logistics and finally contract specialist. He loved the company and the people he worked with in Oklahoma.

Cody is survived by his daughter, Brooke Hatch who lives in Montana; his parents, Lew and Kathy Hatch of Decatur; his cousin, Kassi Ferrell of Dallas; his uncle, Michael Johnson; cousins, Tony, Stormy, Heath, Blake, Michelle, Sarah, Faith, Kristin, Jeff; and many close friends.

Cody did not want a service but instead a "party" for his friends. So this party or "celebration of life" will be held in McAlester, OK, in the next few weeks.