



Lance Mabee

July 12, 1985 - May 11, 2026

Psalm 13

Lance Michael Paul Mabee, 40, ran into the arms of the most merciful and most gracious God on Monday, May 11, 2026.

Born on July 12, 1985, in Wyandotte, Michigan, Lance is the cherished son of Dennis and Rana Mabee. He was raised in the City of Detroit, Michigan, where he grew into a man defined by loyalty, humility, and an unwavering commitment to the people he loved.

A proud Marine veteran, Lance dedicated five years of honorable service to his country. His military journey took him to North Carolina, where he famously danced his way into the life of his soulmate, Sara. Together in marriage, Lance and Sara built a beautiful life and made a home for their daughter, Adalay Mabee, whom is the absolute greatest joy of their life. The family later relocated to O'Fallon, Illinois, where Lance became a well-known, deeply loved, and cherished member of his neighborhood, workplace, church community, and circle of friends. Lance's love for God and spoken out loud prayers taught those around him about peace, grace, love, and forgiveness.

Lance's family was his world, always and in all ways. A devoted husband to Sara and an exceptional father to Adalay. He was a deeply loving, fun, and

supportive uncle who adored his nieces and nephews, bringing immense joy and constant encouragement into their lives. He truly lived every day putting others before himself, offering his heart, strength, and presence without hesitation.

Beyond his dedication to his loved ones and country, Lance lived life with a vibrant curiosity and an open mind. He was passionate about dancing, Pokémon, thrift shopping (treasuring), practicing Korean Sword Martial Arts, fishing, and enjoying poker nights with his friends. He loved volunteering at local events, helping neighbors, and experiencing new things whenever he could. Lance always listened with his heart, his generous spirit, warm laughter, and caring soul naturally turned friends into family.

Lance was well accomplished with his dedication to supporting his family while working and completing his master's program through American Military University with the Masters of Arts: Military Studies. Another achievement of Lance's was being recognized by Army General Stephen R Lyons of U.S. Transportation Command commander for his contributions to SDDC's Mission to deploy and sustain the Armed Forces to deliver lethality for our country with the programs development.

Lance's legacy is one of love, sacrifice, and quiet heroism. Both as a Marine—husband, father, son, brother, and uncle. His memory will live on eternally in every life he touched.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Sara Mabee; his beautiful daughter, Adalay Mabee; his parents, Dennis and Rana Mabee; his siblings, Reynold Mabee and Al Mabee (Sarah); his adopted brother, Adel Eddie Mabee Alasad (Tunis); and his many dearly loved nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Service Information

Family and friends are invited to honor and celebrate Lance's extraordinary life:

- Funeral Service & Visitation: Saturday, May 16, 2026
- Time: 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- Location: Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors 22642 Ryan Road Warren, MI 48091

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Warren
22642 Ryan Road
Warren, MI 48091
(586) 757-3563

Military Honors

MAY 16. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JA

“ My deepest condolences to the Mabee family for your loss. I am completely heartbroken. Lance possessed a youthful spirit and an admirable soul; he was someone I always looked up to, embodying the very values I strive to emulate.

As a professional, his dedication and endless contributions to the Marine Corps and the Embarkation community leave an enduring legacy. He will never be forgotten.

Semper Fidelis, Lance. Until we meet again.

-Jose “Joe” Alvarez CWO5, USMC

Jose “Joe” Alvarez - May 22 at 07:32 AM

AB

“ The first conversation I had wit Lance was debating over which Biggie Smalls album was the best. He was compassionate, funny, clever and had some nice dance moves. I'm proud to call him a mentor, a leader, a teammate and mi amigo. Que dios te bendiga siempre Hermano mio

Angie Busbea - May 19 at 02:45 PM

AB

**with*

Angie Busbea - May 19 at 02:46 PM

AJ

“ 2 files added to the album Memories



Alex Johnson - May 18 at 12:12 PM

MA

“ Matthew A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lance Mabee.

Matthew A. - May 18 at 10:56 AM

TF

“ The Roberts Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lance Mabee.



The Roberts Family - May 16 at 10:59 AM

AH

“ Alex Hansen purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Lance Mabee.



Alex Hansen - May 16 at 08:53 AM

AH

“ Alex Hansen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lance Mabee.

Alex Hansen - May 16 at 08:53 AM

SV

“ Spencer V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lance Mabee.

Spencer V. - May 16 at 06:37 AM

CH

“ Lance was a patriot, who devoted his life to his family, country, and God. He left this world better than he found it.

Eternal rest grant unto Lance, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.



Christopher Heiby - May 16 at 12:20 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Lance Mabee.



May 15 at 11:31 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Lance Mabee.



May 15 at 11:19 PM



“ Reflections of Glory Wreath was purchased for the family of Lance Mabee.



May 15 at 10:51 PM



“ Colleen Robertson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lance Mabee.

Colleen Robertson - May 15 at 08:48 PM



“ Colleen Robertson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lance Mabee.



Colleen Robertson - May 15 at 08:48 PM



“ Brad K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lance Mabee.

Brad K. - May 15 at 07:13 PM

JL

“ Jonathan L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lance Mabee.

Jonathan L. - May 15 at 04:44 PM

KH

“ Thank you for the endless laughs and memories. The world just isn't the same without you, my friend.



Ken Hurst - May 15 at 04:16 PM

KW

“ Kenneth W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lance Mabee.

Kenneth W. - May 15 at 02:44 PM

GG

“ Gean Giraud purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lance Mabee.



Gean Giraud - May 15 at 02:22 PM

“ I was given the opportunity to develop a new unit move system for the Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard and was graciously welcomed by the ICODES program office to prosecute the initiative. Shortly after I joined the program office, a valued member of the ICODES team moved on to another assignment. To all our benefit, Lance successfully navigated the hiring process and joined our team. To my personal benefit, Marty directed Lance’s primary responsibility to support my effort at the time.

Our project had limited time and resources, many people we worked with in governmental circles expressed deep concern that we could achieve any level of success. However, Lance and I always dismissed this skepticism. We were both Marines (Lance a former Marine at this point), we had been given a mission, we were resolved to carry it out to the best of our ability, and failure was not an option. This attitude was a part of his DNA. Lance’s magnanimity sustained our optimism and was the engine that drove us through all the obstacles.

Lance I were both in the Marine Corps with the common experience of having to navigate the very complex processes associated with moving Marines and their equipment to almost everywhere in the world. The best logistics is silent, and it appears to happen like magic to those that it serves but that does not mean that it happens easily or without significant effort or without many personal sacrifices of the people who enable it. Lance understood that this project was an opportunity to ease some of those pains for those who enable them. We set our expectations of what we could accomplish as high as we could imagine.

We were blessed with having a brilliant software developer that was up to our challenge. However, a byproduct of having them work on our project was that they constantly asked very difficult questions that Lance and I had to answer. There were many days that we sat next to each other in the office and received a very long email filled with questions that made both of us suck our teeth with concern. As it turned out, the governmental business of moving our military was riddled with paradoxes, contradictions, and deviations from established policies, business practices, and procedures. All these

matters required Lance and I to provide solid guidance and decision making that could be translated into software. It required the deepest level of research and to stretch ourselves farther than we could imagine. Lance delved into this work tenaciously and with unbridled optimism that we could figure it out, even when I was in doubt. He was an exceptional compatriot and comrade. He was an unwavering positive influence for me and the people we worked around, ready with a joke, a smile, or a perspective that made things not so gloomy. He was an exceptional wingman, battle buddy, and co-worker.

Only through a perfect combination of talents from a lot of people did Lance and I manage to produce a product on time and at cost. My time at the ICODES program office ended but Lance remained, excelled, and continued to work on the problems, advancing the technology, and progressed to resolve some of the most complex challenges within the industry.

All this being said, I am sure his greatest achievements were not through his professional work. I knew as much as I could through our professional relationship and friendship of his great love for his role as a father and husband. I cannot express how deeply I feel his loss nor possibly enumerate all the ways. I weep for his family and pray for God to give them strength to endure his loss.

*Very Respectfully,
Chris Parker*

Chris Parker - May 15 at 12:49 PM

HC

“*Holy Cross eighth grade class purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Lance Mabee.*



Holy Cross eighth grade class - May 15 at 11:07 AM

HC

“ Holy Cross eighth grade class planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lance Mabee.

Holy Cross eighth grade class - May 15 at 11:07 AM

CP

“ Carlos P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lance Mabee.

Carlos P. - May 15 at 10:26 AM

CM

“ Chris & Heather Mabee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lance Mabee.

Chris & Heather Mabee - May 15 at 10:22 AM

CM

“ Chris & Heather Mabee purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lance Mabee.



Chris & Heather Mabee - May 15 at 10:22 AM

~H

“ ~Ken and Tracy Hurst purchased the Infinite Love for the family of Lance Mabee.



~Ken and Tracy Hurst - May 15 at 10:16 AM



“ ~Ken and Tracy Hurst planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lance Mabee.

~Ken and Tracy Hurst - May 15 at 10:16 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lance Mabee.

May 14 at 11:12 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Lance Mabee.



May 14 at 11:12 PM



“ Chasity and Kevin Glaze purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Lance Mabee.



Chasity and Kevin Glaze - May 14 at 10:27 PM



“ Jim & Jess Strop and Jim & Raval Conn purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Lance Mabee.



Jim & Jess Strop and Jim & Raval Conn - May 14 at 08:30 PM

JC

“ Jim & Jess Strop and Jim & Raval Conn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lance Mabee.

Jim & Jess Strop and Jim & Raval Conn - May 14 at 08:30 PM



“ Lance and I met in grade school, survived OLHC together. In 3rd or 4th graded I went to the office ill and asked the office to call my dad to come and get me, they thought I was Lance. When Mr. Mabee showed up, he asked where Lance was, they pointed to me, him and I were confused, told them I was not Lance, they were confused lol. Over the years after high school, him Marines, I Army, we kept in touch every so often, not as much as I'm sure we would be liked. Hearing of his passing broke my heart. I pray that Sara and Adalay and his family find peace after this tragic loss. Lance, Til' Valhalla My Brother!! Oorah!



Eddie Betlej - May 14 at 08:29 PM

KF

“ Met him and Sara on the dance for at Hulas in Surf City, NC. We danced all night. Such wonderful memories. We would always try to see each other when would visit. He will be truly missed. Keeping Sara and Ada in my thoughts and prayers 🙏❤️

Kelly Futrell - May 14 at 08:14 PM



“ *Silver Victorian Tear Bottle with FREE Matching Tray was purchased for the family of Lance Mabee.*



May 14 at 05:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lance Mabee.

May 14 at 05:44 PM



“ James L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lance Mabee.

James L. - May 14 at 05:01 PM

“When I think of Lance, I don’t just remember a boss or a colleague—I remember a friend, a mentor, and a leader who made every day at work feel a little lighter and a lot more meaningful. Lance had a way of filling the office with laughter, warmth, and a sense of belonging that’s hard to put into words, but I’ll try.

From the moment you walked in, you could count on Lance to greet you with a genuine smile and a “How are you doing?”—and he meant it. He didn’t just ask out of habit; he listened, he cared, and he remembered the little things. If you had a big day coming up, he’d check in, ask if you needed anything from him or could help. If you’d accomplished something, no matter how small, he’d make sure you knew he noticed. Praise from Lance was never generic; it was always specific, heartfelt, and often delivered with appreciation that made you feel ten feet tall.

Lance had a gift for caring and making a person feel seen. He put his team and his loved ones before himself, always. If someone needed help, he was the first to offer. His greatest skill – listening, always hearing or seeing you in conversation. Lance never left a stone unturned when it came to finding the right answer or the best way forward. He was relentless in his pursuit of what was right, but always with a sense of humility and humor that made even the toughest days manageable. Then after a serious moment, surprise you with a comment, joke, or quote that would cause a burst of laughter.

And then there were the jokes. Oh, the jokes. Lance had a repertoire that ranged from clean and clever to, well, let’s just say “tastefully tasteless.” He had a knack for telling the kind of stories and one-liners that would make you groan and laugh at the same time. Even on the busiest, most stressful days, he could break the tension with a perfectly timed quip or a story that had everyone in stitches. It wasn’t just the jokes themselves, it was the way he told them, with a twinkle and even mist in his eye and a grin that was impossible not to catch. For example: He would point to an imaginary sign and ask, “Do you know what that sign is for? A member replies, “No, what’s it for”. Lance would reply “To keep the elephants away” ...a joke his grandfather gifted him.

Of course, no memory of Lance would be complete without mentioning those infamous green Converse high-tops. They were the most horrible shade of green you could imagine, and he wore them with pride—no matter what the rest of his outfit looked like. The shoes never matched an outfit, but that was the point. They were a conversation starter, a source of endless teasing, and a symbol of Lance being Lance. Lance often wore a sportscoat he bought second hand (IYKYK) and the length of the sleeves were on the short side. I made the comment one day after noticing they could be longer and asked if he did the wash on high heat when he cleaned the coat, his response almost made me wet myself when he responded with “I’m glad you noticed, I’m tired of holding my arms out so far to keep my wrists warm.”

The atmosphere in our office was always pleasant, full of laughter, and always a place where you felt you belonged—and that was because of Lance. He set the tone, not just with his words, but with his actions. He showed us what it meant to lead with kindness, to work with integrity, and to live with joy. He taught us to celebrate our successes, to support each other through challenges, and to never underestimate the power of a well-timed joke or a pair of ridiculous shoes.

Lance was young, but he was wise beyond his years. He earned respect not by demanding it, but by giving it freely to others. He made us better—better workers, better teammates, and better people. His legacy isn’t just in the work we did together, but in the way he made us feel and the memories we’ll carry with us always. We miss you, Lance. Thank you for the laughter, the lessons, and the love you gave so freely. Our lives are brighter because of you.
Ted

Robert "Ted" Tedford - May 14 at 04:22 PM

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Okcuse Norton - May 14 at 10:47 PM

L&

“ Love: Isabella, Sedra, Megan, &Mackenzie purchased the Dawn of Remembrance Basket for the family of Lance Mabee.



Love: Isabella, Sedra, Megan, &Mackenzie - May 14 at 03:58 PM

L&

“ Love: Isabella, Sedra, Megan, &Mackenzie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lance Mabee.

Love: Isabella, Sedra, Megan, &Mackenzie - May 14 at 03:58 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lance Mabee.



May 14 at 03:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lance Mabee.

May 14 at 03:27 PM

RF

“ *Rebecca & Bruce Frost purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Lance Mabee.*



Rebecca & Bruce Frost - May 14 at 03:21 PM

VM

“ *Vicki Mabee purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lance Mabee.*

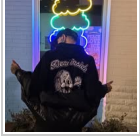


Vicki Mabee - May 14 at 02:24 PM

VM

“ *Vicki Mabee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lance Mabee.*

Vicki Mabee - May 14 at 02:24 PM



“ Forever remember and cherish was the wedding night. He taught me SO MUCH about loyalty and love and dedication to which I still hold those standards to this very day. He taught me a lot about what it means to be a man. He undid a lot of stuff my dad made me believe about men and them showing emotions. I still remember the nights you two would babysit me and Baizia. I LOVED playing halo 3 with him and to this day it remains my top favorite game of all time, seconded only by legend of Zelda: ocarina of time. I'll never forget one of the last thing's I ever said to him: "I'll win next time Lance!"...he still owes me a rematch, and I may have to wait until it's my time to come home to the Father's kingdom, but it's WELL worth the wait. He'd be happy to know I came back to the Lord. I'm mixed and can get jiggy BUT THIS WHITE BOY....he could DANCE. I'd like to think he could be able to out dance Michael Jackson!! And I am certain that the angels above are taking bet's right this instant on their dance off up there as we speak. My whole heart and prayers not only to his family and friends; but also each and every heart he reached with everything he did, especially his smile and laugh. Rest easy Uncle Lance...we may not be blood, but I still think of you as an uncle. I love you.

Signed, with deep sorrow,
Luke Millsaps.



Acid Millsaps - May 14 at 02:03 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lance Mabee.

May 14 at 01:58 PM



“ It was our great fortune to get to meet and know this man. We got to share time together and it was a joy to witness Lance as a loving husband and father. We will celebrate and honor him and his legacy of family and service to others.
Our deepest condolences and love and support to Sara and Adalay and Lance's family and all who knew and loved Lance.
John and Laura

John Brummer - May 14 at 01:39 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Lance Mabee.



May 14 at 12:43 PM



“ Love and hugs, The Brian Mabee Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Lance Mabee.



Love and hugs, The Brian Mabee Family - May 14 at 12:32 PM

LF

“ Love and hugs, The Brian Mabee Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lance Mabee.

Love and hugs, The Brian Mabee Family - May 14 at 12:32 PM

TS

“ Teddy, Lori, Dakota and Emily Schmit purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Lance Mabee.



Teddy, Lori, Dakota and Emily Schmit - May 14 at 11:12 AM

SM

“ Sarah Spiekerman and Scott Martens purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Lance Mabee.



Sarah Spiekerman and Scott Martens - May 14 at 10:32 AM