

## Grandma's Gardens Honors Military Members and Families

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Doug and Paulette Rhinehart, owners of Grandma's Gardens in Waynesville, Ohio, became involved with Trees for Troops in 2008 to honor military members and families that included some of their very own employees. Landscape Forewoman, Betty Holzhauser's son, Kyle, survived injury during two Army tours as a Scout in Iraq, and Loader and Equipment Operator, Cameron Cross, graduated from Lackland Air Force Base as an Airman First Class in the Air National Guard Specialty Defense Force.

"The community has been great," says Grandma's Gardens Advertising, Public Relations and Social Media Manager, Marybeth. "Customers become excited to find that the particular base that our trees will go to that year happens to be one where a loved one is or was stationed."

Marybeth explains that a sense of gratitude for the service and sacrifice that service members and their families have made to protect and allow the freedom to run a family business for years is really what inspired the Rhineharts to hire veterans and their families.

"I called to order some of the T4T Bears this year and was able to get the last five of the 500 made in 2021, which we'll be raffling off in Cameron's name to each customer donating to T4T this year," says Marybeth. Grandma's Gardens plans to do the same in future years to continue honoring the military.

Marybeth, who is from a military family herself, with a Coast Guard veteran father, and a sister and brother-in-law in the Marine Corps, says "We really appreciate the support of the community families and organizations, including one customer who previously purchased all unsold trees to fill the T4T trailer at the season's end".



Cameron Cross



Kyle Holzhauser with Dad, Mom, Bill and Betty



Vietnam memorial tree tag.



Gardner family who purchased 8 trees heading to Ft. Sill where they'd been previously stationed.



Snowy trees for sale on the Grandma's Gardens lot in Waynesville, Ohio.



Trees for Troops Selections All Tagged at Grandma's Gardens.