CPT Lucas was born in Granite City, Illinois on 3 June 1957. He served at Fort Huachuca, Arizona prior to arriving at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he served as a pilot in Charlie Company, 158th Aviation Battalion.

CPT Lucas was the unit's first combat casualty, as his UH-60A, #002, was shot down in Grenada during Operation Urgent Fury on 25 October 1983.

He is survived by his wife, Paula; his daughters, Anne and Theresa; and his mother, Alice and his brother, Brian.

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.

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.
Anne Lucas-Stier
My father, CPT Keith J. Lucas was killed in Operation Urgent Fury 5 months before I was born. This site truly honors my father and all the others killed in the Night Stalkers unit. Thank you!
Theresa Lucas-Bradshaw