



## Nelson David Trent

April 5, 1975 - December 13, 2012

A memorial service for Nelson David Trent, 37, will be held on Sunday, December 23, 2012 at 2:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from 1:00-2:00 PM, one hour prior to the service. Interment will be at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery.

Nelson was born April 5, 1975 in Tyler, Texas. He was raised in Whitehouse, Texas and graduated from Whitehouse High School in 1993.

Nelson's distinguished military career began when he enlisted in the United States Army on March 23, 1999 as a Signal Support Systems Specialist. His first duty assignment was in Ft. Hood, Texas. During his time there, he deployed twice to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 and 2005 serving as the Communication Sergeant and Information Management Officer. On June 1, 2006, Nelson moved to Tyler and enlisted into the Texas Army National Guard to continue his service with 3-144 Infantry. Shortly thereafter, Nelson transferred to the 136th Military Police Battalion to serve as an observation patrol in support of the Texas Border Security Mission through 2008. Following this homeland security mission, Nelson was promoted to Staff Sergeant and transferred to the 2-136th Regiment as the Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course Senior Group leader as a result of his outstanding leadership skills.

In 2010, Nelson continued his faithful service after being accepted in the Active Guard and Reserve program as the Communications NCO with the 6th Civil Support Team for six months before being transferred once again to a

position of greater responsibility as the Senior Communications NCO with Joint Task Force 71 in Austin, Texas. While with the Joint Task Force 71, Nelson was recognized as the brigade NCO of the Year competing at the state level in the 2011 competition. On May 31, 2012, Nelson accepted a position with the 56th IBCT to deploy to Afghanistan in support of the Security Force Assistance Team Mission.

Nelson's awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, 6 Army commendation Medals, 3 Army Achievement Medals, 2 Army Good conduct Medals, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, 4 Iraq Campaign Medals with Bronze Service Star, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, the Army Service Ribbon, 2 Overseas Service Ribbons, the NATO Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Driver and Mechanic Badge with Wheeled Vehicle Clasp, the Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge, the Texas Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal, The Texas Purple Heart, the Adjutant General's Individual Award, and the Texas Humanitarian Service Ribbon.

Nelson is survived by his wife April; son David; daughter Camryn; parents, Nelson and Fritz; sister Tracey Trent and brother Brian Trent.

Nelson will always be remembered as a loving husband, a devoted father and exemplary American Soldier.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in honor of Nelson D. Trent may be made by visiting [www.gofundme.com/nelsondtrent](http://www.gofundme.com/nelsondtrent) or you may give to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas, 66675.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Mem. Service

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# Tribute Wall

SC

“ SFC Trent was a very professional soldier who served with pride. What I will miss about him is his ability to laugh during any situation. This made our tasks and field excercises much easier. I am honored to have served with him.

SFC Veronica Cutts

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SFC Veronica Cutts - April 07, 2013 at 09:24 AM

ES

“ I never knew him; however, am cousin of his grandfather we called Palmer ... my mother was Willie Wallace from Martin's Mill and sister to his great-grandfather Herbert. I do remember Wanza and Percy from many years back. I just heard about his death and know it was a tragic blow to his wife and children. Will be praying for you especially during the holidays. We will never forget heroes like him who give their life for our feedom!

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Emma Carlene (Wallace) Smith - December 29, 2012 at 03:19 PM

RR

“ Robin Rider lit a candle in memory of Nelson David Trent



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Robin Rider - December 23, 2012 at 10:26 PM

JM

“ *Jan Molgaard sent a virtual gift in memory of Nelson David Trent*



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**Jan Molgaard** - December 23, 2012 at 10:09 PM

JM

*Nelson grew up with my daughter Pamela. He is was such a nice boy and grew into a wonderful man. My prayers are with his wife, children, parents and his family in their loss. He will be dearly missed.*

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**Jan Molgaard** - December 23, 2012 at 10:14 PM



“ *SSG Nelson, we shared many days in the sand may God comfort your family during this time. Soldiers that knew you will miss you but will not forget you God Speed Warrior.*



*SSG Charles Johnston  
HHB 636 BSB  
Marshall Tx.*

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**Charles Johnston** - December 22, 2012 at 11:18 PM



“ *Many memories under the big tree outside of our building at Bee Caves Armory just chatting and laughing. Nelson always made it a point to say, "Mornin'" everyday. He is deeply missed.*

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**Joseph Meller** - December 22, 2012 at 10:53 PM

MC

“ Prayers are with your family. Nelson was a fine soldier and good friend to our son, Michael (Sgt. Capak). May Team Mayhem always know that he is with them and looking down upon them.



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**Monica Capak** - December 22, 2012 at 10:07 PM

CU

“ We wish to extend our deepest condolences on the loss of Nelson. His sacrifice will not be forgotten and will inspire us to continue our work against Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) so other families do not ensure this hardship.

*I also hope you will take a few minutes to review these actions on our website, as I believe you will find the video provided by Mr. Ian Anderson particularly moving and a tribute to all those who lost their lives to IEDs. Our desire to eventually expand this effort with video messages from IED victims and their families to increase awareness of the true suffering these devices create around the world.*

[www.campaignagainstieds.org](http://www.campaignagainstieds.org)

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you*

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**COL (Ret) Bob Morris, USA** - December 22, 2012 at 04:36 PM

JD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jahsen Dilger - December 22, 2012 at 10:54 AM

PM

God Bless your Beautiful family!! Thank you and all service men and woman for our freedom!!!

Patty McGillis - December 23, 2012 at 11:53 AM

TP

“ Thank you Sooo much for your service and for being a wonderful friend.



Tina Parker - December 22, 2012 at 07:29 AM



“ A wonderful friend he will be missed.



Pamela Kerr - December 21, 2012 at 11:41 PM

NB

“ *Norma Baumgarner lit a candle in memory of Nelson David Trent*



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**Norma Baumgarner** - December 21, 2012 at 08:44 PM

BS

“ *Bill And Reba Butts Westminster, S.C. lit a candle in memory of Nelson David Trent*



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**Bill and Reba Butts Westminster, S.C.** - December 21, 2012 at 06:46 PM