Sgt. Yager

April 6, 1976 - May 21, 2006

Services for Sgt. Eric Lee Yager, 30 of Tyler, will be held on Saturday, May 27, 2006 at 2:00 P.M. at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Pastor Chuck Bratz officiating. Burial will follow in Cedar Creek Memorial Park under direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Sgt. Yager passed away, Sunday, May 21, 2006 near Bishop, Texas. He was born April 6, 1976 in Corpus Christi, Texas to Eddy Lee Frost and Carol Lee Wolfe. He lived in Gun Barrell City before moving to Tyler. Sgt. Yager graduated from Mabank High School in 1995 and then joined the U.S. Army at age 23. He was an Airborne Trooper with the 4th Quarter Master Unit in Pusan, S. Korea and the 82nd Airborne Unit in Fort Bragg, N. Carolina. After completing two Tours of Duty in Korea and one tour in Germany (to support operation Iraqi Freedom) Eric was honorably discharged from active duty. Earlier last year he joined the Army Reserve and was assigned to the 141 Quartermaster Reserve Unit in Tyler, Texas. Eric loved to sky dive and spend time with his wife and family. Eric was survived by his wife of seven years Nancy Lee Yager of Tyler; son, Ethan Lee Yager of Kileen; mother, Carol Lee and Doug Yager of Gun Barrell City; father, Eddy Lee and Karen Frost of Bishop; one sister and six brothers. Pallbearers will be Sergeants; William Orendorff, Jeffrey May, Adrian Serrano, Sean Gagliano, Ben Bozeman, Joel Hardy. Honorary Pallbearers will be Sergeants; Lakendra Johnson and Joshua Works. The family will receive friends from 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. Friday, May 26, 2006 at Stewart Family Funeral Home 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, Texas 75703. For more information or to express

condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

KS

To a fellow comrade RIP

Kathryn Sweet - May 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AS

Sgt. Yager was one of a kind. He was generous to everyone he met, especially his fellow soldiers, and its heartbreaking to lose such a good friend. He served his country well and we will miss him until we meet him again.

Allyson and Chad Simmons - May 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KD

I would like to say Eric was a great joy in my life and will be missed dearly. He was a loving, caring and compassionate man. It was truly an honor to have him in my life as a step-son and friend.
I pray that his whole family can find some peace. I pray that God be be all of us during these very trying and hard times.

Karrian Dear - May 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DH

I am sooooo very sorry. Eric was a huge part of my life once. I know how wonderful a person he was and I can only imagine how great of a man he turned out to be. Carol I wish that I had the words to express how very sorry I am. Your family helped me during those crazy teenage years and i will always be greatful. All I can possibaly say was you were a good mother and you raised a great man. I will pray for your family and my heart will always hold a place for Eric.

Sincerly, Danielle Haywood

Danielle Haywood/Lusk - May 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GS

As a veteran of both Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom and high school classmate of Eric, I would like to express my condolences to you and your family and thank you for Eric's service. When I knew Eric, he was always a gentleman.

Capt P. Gauntt Smith, USAFR

Gauntt Smith - May 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BW

SGT Yager was my finest soldier in the Pipeline Platoon at the 141st Quartermaster. He was responsiblea and committed... earning him the Asst Platoon Sergeant position and filling that actively for about the past year while the actual platoon sergeant was on maternity leave. I think I was learning more from him than he from I. We just had lunch together early this month (May) at drill and talked about our lives and jobs, etc. I'm going to miss him badly... my prayers are with you, his family and friends. Call on me for anything.
...in His name,
Lieutenant Billy Watkins

Billy Watkins - May 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM