

JOINT FORCES HEADQUARTERS OF INDIANA
HEADQUARTERS, 1ST BATTALION, 152ND CAVALRY (RSTA)
2909 Grant Line Road
New Albany, Indiana 47150

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To All Our Ghost Rider Family,

On 10 May 2008, 1st Squadron, 152nd Cavalry suffered a tragic loss. SPC Joseph Ford was killed in a vehicle accident near Al-Assad, Iraq. Two other soldiers were also in the vehicle. They suffered minor injuries and have since returned to duty.

SPC Ford is survived by his wife Karen, parents Samuel and Dalarie Ford, and sister Abbey. Joseph mentioned everyday to us how much he loved Karen and often told us how lucky he was to find his soul mate in this huge world.

SPC Ford served as an 11B, Infantryman. He was very proud of his title "Infantryman" and fought not to be converted to 19D, Cavalry Scout, though he knew eventually he would probably have to make the conversion. He worked at Squadron Headquarters in New Albany for several months before he deployed to Iraq often assisting with assignments that are usually reserved for Non Commissioned Officers and Senior Non Commissioned Officers. He was willing to learn and had a desire to better himself through education and physical training. He was always full of energy and was a lot of fun to work with as his sense of humor was contagious and he always had an eye and ear for what was funny.

SPC Ford has been posthumously promoted to Sergeant. His service awards included the Bronze Star (posthumous award), Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with "M" device), Army Service Ribbon, and Indiana Commendation Medal.

SGT Ford was a great soldier, a solid man, a devoted husband, and kind soul. SGT Ford will be missed but never forgotten by those who knew him.

Aaron A. Rogers
CPT, MP, INARNG
Commanding

There will be a public viewing, the location, date, and time has not been decided yet but may be as early as Sat or Sun (17-18 May).

Ziemer Funeral Home is handling the arrangements (address below) and we will forward any changes to the units as soon as we get any info. Please send any gifts or cards to either HHT or the funeral home and they will be given to Karen.

Ziemer Funeral Home
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