



**SFC
RICHARD SCHILD**

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YANKTON, SD

On November 26, 2019, South Dakota launched the Fallen Heroes Bridge Dedication Program. The program dedicates state bridges to South Dakota heroes who died while in active service, were a prisoner of war or were missing in action.

The west bound James River Bridge on HWY 50, near Yankton, is dedicated to SFC Richard Schild, of Yankton, who died in combat on December 4, 2005, following the detonation of a roadside bomb in Baghdad. Schild was serving with Battery C, 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery unit based out of Yankton.

From his obituary:

SFC Richard Lee Schild, 40, of Tabor, beloved husband, father, son, brother and uncle was killed on Sunday, December 4, 2005, while serving his country in Baghdad, Iraq.

Funeral services were held December 16, 2005, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton. Entombment was in the Garden of Memories in Yankton.

Richard Lee was born to Ewald (Wally) and Colleen (Frick) Schild on November 29, 1965, in Yankton, SD. Richard grew up in Yankton attending Beadle Elementary and graduating from Yankton High School in 1984. Richard went to Yankton College and then Mount Marty College graduating with a BS degree in business administration in 1988. Richard obtained the position of office manager and head bookkeeper at Chuck's Our Family Foods in 1989. While working there, he went back to Mount Marty majoring in accounting and graduated in 1993.

Richard married Kayleen Krejci in 1991 and they brought Keely and Koby into the world.

Richard remained at Chuck's until 1994 when he became office manager at BY Electric in Tabor, SD. He was still employed in this position at the time of his death.

Richard joined the National Guard on January 31, 1992, and was a member of Charlie Battery 1st Battalion 147th Field Artillery Brigade based out of Yankton, SD.

Richard loved watching the Minnesota Vikings and the Nebraska Cornhuskers play. He loved Christmas and he loved family and friends.

Awards/Ribbons Schild Received:

Bronze Star
Purple Heart
Iraq Campaign Medal
Combat Action Badge
Army Service Ribbon
Overseas Service Ribbon
Army Good Conduct Medal
Army Commendation Medal
Army Achievement Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Medal
Armed Forces Reserved Medal with two mobilization devices
Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon
Mechanics Badge
Driver Mechanics Badge
SD Service Ribbon
SD Recruiting Ribbon
Army Service Ribbon

