

**SOUTH DAKOTA
FALLEN HERO**



*Your
Memory
lives on in
our hearts.*



*In Loving Memory
SPC Patrick W. Herried*



Stouxx Falls, SD

US Army

3-21-1976 to 2-06-2006

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Our Hero Patrick Herried

Our son was a typical little boy with pockets that held creepy things and Tonka trucks that were screamin' rides for his He Man and Credibee Huk (Incredible Hulk). Patrick was quite the horse-trader as well. In the 3rd grade he swapped his Hot Wheels cars, cities and all for a fist full of dollars. He started playing football in the 4th grade. He played all through Jr. and Sr. high school and his hard work paid off with offers of college football scholarships. Patrick enjoyed riding his bicycle. His most recent purchase was a \$3K Cannondale in December of 2005. He also had quite an extensive CD collection that he enjoyed listening to with friends while playing 'Madden' football video games.

He was quite the character but he was our character.

Pat was a great son, an excellent little brother (with all the pestering that little brothers come with) and most of all...an awesome friend. Pat was always there for a friend in need. After 9/11, Pat found himself wanting to make a difference in his community and in his country. He wanted to help make the world a better place. One way he was able to do this was by joining the army. He was proud to be able to serve his country and be there for his fellow brothers. He was able to go and see more places than his family or friends could even imagine. He was so proud of what he was doing and where he was going - both in his military career and as a man. He was becoming a man of honor. While stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska, Pat fell in love with all the beauty that Alaska had to offer. He would call home and say "Mom, you should see what I saw today" or "Do you know what I did?" He was so proud. He was even considering relocating there once he finished his military duties. He had dreams of becoming a fireman in Anchorage or going to college if not a career in the military.

We are truly blessed to have had him in our lives for the short time he was here.

He will forever be missed by all!

Rita and Stacey Herried