

Fallen Heroes Bridge Dedication Program  
SFC Richard Schild Bridge – Yankton, SD  
September 12, 2020



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, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 147<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery unit based out of Yankton.

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