

**SOUTH DAKOTA
FALLEN HERO**



*Your
Memory
lives on in
our hearts.*



In Loving Memory

SSG Cory W. Brooks



Philip, SD

SD Army National Guard

3-26-1972 to 4-24-2004

Iraq

Cory W. Brooks was born on March 26, 1972 and spent his youth in Philip, SD, graduating from Philip High School in 1990. He was active in all sports throughout his high school career. Athletics and sports was his passion; he learned everything he could about all sports and was proud of his sports trivia knowledge. Cory was also an avid outdoorsman. He spent unending hours at the family ranch north of Philip-that's where he truly felt at home.

He attended U.S.D. in Vermillion where he used his knowledge in carpentry to help pay his way through college, along with the help of the National Guard. He received his BS degree in Psychology, his MS degree in Administrative studies and a Juris Doctorate by 2000. Cory joined the South Dakota National Guard his junior year in high school and was truly dedicated to the military. He was working for Kemnitz Law Firm when he was deployed the fall of 2003. Cory died in Baghdad Iraq on 04-24-2004. He was survived by his parents, Darral and Marilyn Brooks; his sister, Angi Kiewel and her husband Mike Kiewel; his step-niece, Ashley; and his adored niece and nephew, Hannah and Hunter Kiewel. He is dearly missed.



Corey's Best Friend



Taken three days before deployment.