

**SOUTH DAKOTA  
FALLEN HERO**



*Your  
Memory  
lives on in  
our hearts.*



*In Loving Memory*

*SSG Lex L. Lewis*



*Rapid City, SD*

*US Army*

*9-30-1970 to 7-15-2011*

*Afghanistan*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
SSG Lex L. Lewis  
**Born**  
September 30, 1970 – Rapid City, SD  
**Passed Away**  
July 15, 2011 – Farah Province, Afghanistan  
**Funeral Service**  
10:00 am – Wednesday – July 27, 2011  
Calvary Lutheran Church – Rapid City, SD  
**Officiating**  
Pastor Bill Paepke  
**Bagpipes**  
Darrin Williams  
**Pallbearers**  
Ft. Carson Honor Guard  
**Honorary Pallbearers**  
Frank McCormick – Dan Hankins – Richard Adams  
Eric Hansen – Leroy Bays – Will Foster  
**Military Honors**  
Ft. Carson Honor Guard  
South Dakota Army National Guard Honor Guard  
**Inurnment**  
10:00 am – Thursday – July 28, 2011  
Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, SD



A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

God our Father,  
Help me to remain true to my ideals during my service  
to my country.  
Help me be what is in America, the land of the free.  
May I realize that I represent what our country stands  
for.  
My uniform is a symbol of duty and valor, both in peace  
and in war.  
I take up arms to defend what all Americans hold dear:  
life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.  
Grant me the strength to live according to these ideals,  
the courage of my convictions, and the resolve to  
endure whatever dangers threaten.  
With you at our side, I fear no evil and resist every  
enemy, secure in the knowledge that you hold me  
in the palm of your hand.  
Amen

SSG Lex Lewis 40, Fort Carson and formerly of Rapid City, SD died Friday, July 15, 2011 in Shewan Garrison Afghanistan from injuries he received while serving with his platoon in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his Wife, Molly Lewis, Colorado Springs, CO; Step-Daughter, Ariel Zubia, Colorado Springs, CO, his Mother, Betty Lewis, Rapid City; a Brother, Frank McCormick, Kaysville, UT, Half Sister, Lacy, Florida and a Cousin Dan Hankins.

Lex's Decorations include: The Army Commendation Medal, The Army Achievement Medal, Nato Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, South West Asia Service Medal and National Defense Service Medal.

Posthumously, he was awarded The Purple Heart, The Bronze Star, Combat Action Badge, and the promotion to Staff Sergeant. After high school, Lex served in the US Navy for four years. He later enlisted in the US Army and served two tours in Iraq from 2003-2004 and again in 2008-2009.

In Lex's spare time he enjoyed being an artist and especially liked charcoal drawing and painting abstract art. He also liked watching movies especially The Star Wars series and collecting Star War memorabilia.

He was preceded in death by his Father, Stan Lewis and his Maternal Grandparents Patrick & Esther Mudlin.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, July 26, 2011 from 5 to 7 pm at Kirk Funeral Home. Funeral services will be on Wednesday, July 27, 2011 at 10:00 am at Calvary Lutheran Church with Pastor Bill Paepke officiating. Inurnment will follow on Thursday July 28, 2011 at 10:00 at Black Hills National Cemetery with full military honors by the Ft. Carson Honor Guard and South Dakota Army National Guard Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established.

## **Before he was a Hero, he was my Son”**

Dear Lex,

I was blessed to be your mom for almost 41 years. You were the best son, big brother, cousin, nephew, friend, husband, stepfather and soldier!

Your life was full of passions. One of your first passions was art. Drawing and painting. Your natural artistic talent was very obvious at an early age. Everyone was always amazed at your talent. From cartoons, charcoal drawings, chalk and acrylics. And you loved to draw or paint the female body in various aspects.

Another passion was “Star Wars.” You were hooked with the very first movie. Your bedroom was filled with nothing but “Star Wars.” You even made your own “Star War” movie with an old movie camera you bought at a garage sale.

The next passion was being a U.S. Army Soldier, which took you to Iraq twice and then Afghanistan. You were an awesome soldier, loved by many who got to know you.

Thank you for your ultimate sacrifice fighting for our freedom! You will be missed!

Love

Mom (Betty Lewis – Rapid City, SD)

P.S. Almost forgot your love for our dog, Obi Wan Knobi!

