

**SOUTH DAKOTA  
FALLEN HERO**



*Your  
Memory  
lives on in  
our hearts.*



*In Loving Memory*

*CPL Brett Lundstrom*



*Rapid City, SD*

*US Marine Corps*

*6-12-1983 to 1-07-2006*

*Iraq*

# CPL BRETT LUNDSTROM

*Brett was the oldest of two sons. He was born on June 12, 1983 to Edward Lundstrom of Detroit, MI and Doyla Lundstrom of Rapid City, SD.*

*Brett was a Marine brat. His Dad was a career Marine, moving his family every two-three years to different Marine bases. He graduated high school from Brooke Point HS in Stafford, VA in June 2001. His Dad was stationed in New Jersey, 35 West of NYC, when the twin towers went down. Brett was taking college courses in New Jersey and was enrolled in the Platoon Leaders Class for the Marine Corps. He would have been commissioned as a Marine officer upon college graduation, but, after 9-11-01 happened, he decided he wanted to enlist in the Marines and go active duty. After he received his mom's reluctant blessing, he did so. He enlisted in January 2003. His unit deployed to Okinawa, Japan, Afghanistan, then on to Fallujah, Iraq, in Sept 2005.*

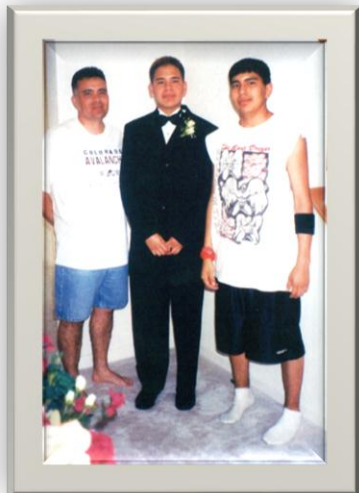
*Brett was killed in action on January 7, 2006, while walking back to his base with his company. They were ambushed by some Sunni snipers who hid in the trunk of a car.*

*Brett left behind his dad, his little brother, Eddy and his beloved mom, Doyla. He also left behind his cat, Sylvester. He always talked about his cat to his buddies while on foot patrol. Brett was going to train his cat into the first drug sniffing cat and they would be together again in law enforcement, when he made it home. That was never to be.*

*Brett was a fun loving guy, he had the biggest heart. He is missed every minute of every day.*

*Thanks,*

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PMM of Cpl Brett Lundstrom (USMC KIA IRAQ 1-7-06)  
PAM of Spc Ed Lundstrom (Former USA)*



# CPL BRETT LEE LUNDSTROM

June 12, 1983 – January 7, 2006

*Brett Lundstrom is the one who came up with the idea to carry a 230 pound sleeping comrade to the flight line at Bagram Airbase in Iraq. They left the poor sap snoring away on his cot with helicopters buzzing all around. Former Marine sergeant, Tony Rizzo, a friend of Brett's who was in on the amusing plan, said, "Brett was quite the prankster."*

*Brett was also quick at coming up with nicknames for his friends. He even had his own —"Lundy" — tattooed on his arm. He got it during a trip to Stafford, VA from Camp Lejeune one weekend. His uncle, who also served in the Army, had the same tattoo.*

*But when it came to his job as a United States Marine, Brett was focused and disciplined, and a quick learner. If someone showed him how to do something once, it would only take one try for Brett to have it down, perfectly.*

*"The younger guys looked up to him, and the older guys knew they could trust him," said Tony. The South Dakotan was serving his second tour of duty in the Middle East when he was killed during combat operations in Fallujah, Iraq. Brett's father, Ed Lundstrom, was a career Marine. Brett's younger brother, Ed Jr., refused to accept an early discharge from the Army after his brother's death.*

*His mother, Doyla Lundstrom, said he was the kind of son who never forgot a birthday or Mother's Day. "He was just an awesome kid —just sweet and fun-loving."*

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