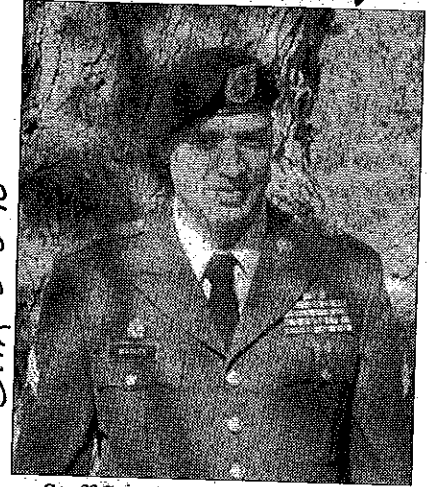


# Matthew L. Mackey



GHR 8-5-10

## Staff Sgt. Matthew L. Mackey

Staff Sgt. Matthew L. Mackey, 33, of Grinnell died Wednesday, July 28, 2010, at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines of injuries received in a motorcycle accident.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, Aug. 3, at 10:30 a.m. at Grinnell Christian Church. Burial with full military rites will follow at Hazelwood Cemetery. Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home Monday, Aug. 2, from 12 noon until 8 p.m. with family members present from 5 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Matthew L. Mackey Memorial fund to benefit his children.

GHR 8-2-10

Staff Sgt. Matthew L. Mackey, 33, of Grinnell died Wednesday, July 28, 2010, at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines of injuries received in a motorcycle accident.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, Aug. 3, at Grinnell Christian Church with the Rev. Danny Williams and Chaplain Gary Selof officiating. Burial with full military honors took place at Hazelwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Matthew L. Mackey Memorial Fund to benefit his children.

He was born Dec. 17, 1976, the son of Lyndon and Diane Williams Mackey, in Midland, Texas. He graduated with the class of 1995 from Coahoma High School, Coahoma, Texas. Eighteen days later, he began

his career in the military on June 1995, in El Paso, Texas, by joining the United States Marine Corps and later the Army National Guard.

On April 16, 1998, he was united in marriage with Kaanan Anderson in Jacksonville, N.C. He served in Operation Enduring Freedom/Noble Eagle in 2004 and Operation Iraqi Freedom from October 2008 to October 2009. He currently was taking classes in aviation at Indian Hills Community College.

He is survived by his wife of 12 years, Kaanan Mackey of Grinnell; five children, Alexis, Jonathan, Chloe, Aiden and Hana, all of Grinnell; his parents, Lyndon and Diane Mackey of Sterling, Colo.; one brother, Michael Mackey of Scotts Bluff, Neb.; two sisters, Morgan Everett of Grinnell and Sarah Berryhill of Pinerville, Mo.; his maternal grandmother, Geneva Williams of Graham, Texas, and his brothers and sisters in arms.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, his paternal grandparents and his fallen brothers and sisters.

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A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 3, at the Grinnell Christian Church in Grinnell with the Rev. Danny Williams and Chaplain Gary Selof officiating. Burial with full military rites followed at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorials may be directed to the Matthew L. Mackey Memorial Fund to benefit his children. Memories and condolences may be shared with the Mackey family at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

Matt was born on Dec. 17, 1976, to Lyndon and Diane Williams Mackey, in Midland, Texas. He graduated with the class of 1995 from Coahoma High School in Coahoma, Texas. Eighteen days later, he started his career in the military on June 6, 1995, in El Paso, Texas, by joining the United States Marine Corps and later the Army National Guard.

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On April 16, 1998, he married Kaanan Anderson in Jacksonville, N.C. Matt served in Operation Enduring Freedom/Noble Eagle in 2004, and Operation Iraqi Freedom from October 2008 to October 2009. He was currently taking classes at Indian Hills Community College for aviation. He held a passion for flying and for his motorcycles. He enjoyed playing rugby, fishing, camping and gardening. Matt's greatest love was for his family, especially his children.

He is survived by his wife of 12 years, Kaanan Mackey of Grinnell; five children, Alexis, Jonathan, Chloe, Aiden and Hana, all of Grinnell; his parents, Lyndon and Diane Mackey of Sterling, Colo.; one brother, Michael (Danielle) Mackey of Scotts Bluff, Neb.; two sisters, Morgan (Kimo) Everett of Grinnell and Sarah (Jeff) Berryhill of Pineville, Mo.; maternal grandmother, Geneva Williams of Graham, Texas; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, dear friends, and his brothers and sisters in arms.

Matt was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Leeroy Williams; his paternal grandparents, Orval and Lula Mackey; and his fallen brothers and sisters.