

# Pfc. Mykel F. Miller



Pfc. Mykel F. Miller, 19, was killed in action on September 6, 2007 in the Zabul Province of Afghanistan while serving his first tour of duty in Operation Enduring Freedom. Pfc. Miller was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 158th Infantry Regiment, Arizona Army National Guard Phoenix. Myke graduated from Desert Vista High School in 2006 and shipped out for basic training shortly afterward. He was then deployed for active duty in January of 2007. He loved his family dearly and although he leaves

behind two much younger brothers, they will always remember their older brother as his spirit will live on through the many lives he touched and as they grow up they will hear the stories of the incredible man their big brother turned out to be. He will be fondly remembered by many people as he was a very outgoing young man with a big heart and an even bigger personality. Like many young men, he really enjoyed hanging out with his friends but his number one love was motorcycles. As an active member of the "Devil Riders" club, he had recently purchased his first motorcycle, and although Myke will never get to take a ride on that new bike, we are sure he is burning up the highway in heaven. A passion for two wheels and speed is one of the things that helped him stay focused while he fought a hard battle that ultimately took his life. While in the military, he had the opportunity to assist in some surgical procedures in the battlefield and had realized that he would like to pursue a medical career once he returned home. We are so proud of Mykel as he "lived" more in nineteen years than many people do in a lifetime. He approached every situation with iron will determination and a great sense of humor. Mykel will be greatly missed by all his family and friends but remembered as a patriot and hero. Mykel is survived by his parents David & Maria Miller; brothers Christopher John ("CJ") and Jacob Miller.

*Visitation will be at 6-8:30 pm, Monday, September 17, with a Funeral Mass at 9:30 am on Tuesday, September 18 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 3550 East Knox Road, Phoenix. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations in memory of Pfc. Mykel F. Miller to Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 3550 East Knox Road, Phoenix, AZ 85044.*