

Sergeant John "Kyle" Daggett

Army Airborne Ranger, 21



1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. In his first platoon he served as a rifleman and the platoon RTO. He was assigned to a Stryker combat team where he was the Fire Team Leader.

"Kyle" born September 30, 1986 in Scottsdale, AZ died May 15, 2008 from injuries sustained after being hit by an explosive device in Sadr City, Baghdad, Iraq on May 1st 2008. Kyle fought bravely for fifteen days in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. He was on his way to Walter Reed Hospital but had to emergency land in Halifax for medical reasons. Kyle's father Jack Daggett, mother Colleen Czaplicki, sister Kendall Daggett, step-father Paul Czaplicki and girlfriend Megan Jacobson were with Kyle when he passed away on the 15th. Kyle lived in Cave Creek, AZ until the age of 18 when he graduated from Pinnacle High School in 2005 and enlisted in the Army to become an Airborne Ranger with his close family friend RJ Mann. Kyle's hobbies in life were paintball, baseball, football and other sports. A very adventurous hunter and fisherman, Kyle participated in both in several states including, Arizona, California, Colorado, Oregon, Montana and Hawaii. Kyle loved being outside and was a superior outdoorsman. His excellent skills in the outdoors provided great resource that he used while in the Army.

Kyle's awards and decorations while serving in the Army include the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, the Ranger Tab, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Expert Infantryman's Badge and the Parachutist Badge.

Kyle had strong faith in Jesus Christ and knew the true meaning of family that he extended to all his friends. Kyle's heart was filled with compassion and love for others and that was evident in his actions and his character. He valued his friendships and always put others first. Kyle had a smile that would light up a dark room and always knew how to make someone laugh whether it was his goofy faces or silly voices or jokes. Kyle could cheer up anyone. He was lighthearted and full of energy. Kyle was a remarkable student, athlete and friend who never gave up.

He survived by his father Jack Daggett, his mother Colleen Czaplicki and step-father Paul Czaplicki, sister Kendall Daggett and step-sisters Tonya and Kia Czaplicki and love of his life, Megan Jacobson. SGT Daggett's family would like to extend their appreciation to those who prayed and supported him and his family during his fight for life and also would like to thank the staff of the Halifax Infirmary for their valiant efforts. A beautiful son, a loving brother, a cherished friend, a devoted boyfriend and a fearless soldier. Kyle you will be deeply missed by all.

A Celebration Memorial Service will be held on Friday May 30th, 2008 at 1:00pm at Highlands Church in Scottsdale at 9050 E. Pinnacle Peak Rd., Scottsdale, Arizona 85255, 480-348-9191. There will be a reception to follow at West World Equestrian Center of Scottsdale, 16601 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85260, 480-312-6802. He will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia on June 2nd, 2008 at 10:00am.