



**Staff Sergeant Travis W. Nixon, US Army  
82nd Airborne Division  
Operation Enduring Freedom**

Travis Nixon was from Saint John, Washington. He was a 1999 graduate of St. John-Endicott High School where he enjoyed playing the saxophone in the concert and jazz bands and was an avid sportsman. Travis enjoyed being part of the swim team and loved track, football, baseball, and basketball. He was a member of the Future Farmers of America for four years. Travis enlisted in the Army Delayed Entry program the summer before his senior year of high school and left for boot camp after graduation.

Staff Sergeant Nixon was a squad leader in B Company, 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne. He died on October 29, 2005 from injuries sustained north of Lwara, Afghanistan on a joint Afghan-U.S. patrol when they were attacked by enemy forces using small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades. He was on his third combat deployment and was killed while making sure his squad got to safety during the ambush.

He is survived by his wife, Wendy Taylor Nixon, his parents, Nicky and Mary Margaret Nixon, brothers, Kurt and his wife, Caroline, James Nixon, sister, Kristy Fridge and husband, Brandon, nephew, Caleb Nixon grandparents, Richard and Thelma Louise Nixon, aunts and uncles, Kim and Bob Wade, Teri and Terry Nixon, Ed Haymaker, godparents, Joan and Walter Siedlecki.

