

Obituary

Born: Thursday, February 25, 1915

Died: Sunday, June 10, 2012

A funeral service for Specialist Tyler Dale Sanderson, 21, will be held at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, June 23, 2012 at Douglas High School Gymnasium in Douglas, Wyoming with Pastor Steve Vetter of the First Baptist Church officiating. Interment will be in the Douglas Park Cemetery with full military honors accorded..

Tyler Sanderson died Sunday, June 17, 2012 in Fort Benning, Georgia due to injuries received in an automobile accident.

Tyler was born to Dave and Christine Sanderson on Veteran's Day, November 1990 in Goldsboro, North Carolina. That I think destined him to his love of the Army.

As a little boy one of Tyler's favorite things to do in life was to play Army with his friends. He also loved his bicycle. He rode all over town knowing he had to be back when it was dark outside. The paint ball guns morphed to air soft guns, then into rifles and eventually on to tanks. His love of bicycles included BMX, following in the footsteps of his god brother Chad. He followed Chad to National BMX races and Tyler's most proud moment was when he won a trophy bigger than he was! His goal when he was little was to be a fire fighter. His cousin Troy gave him a badge from Antarctica. He was allowed to wear an official firefighter suit. No one was safe when he was little as he ran around the yard putting out fires with the vacuum hose while wearing snow pants, a plastic hat, and plastic firefighter coat in 100 degree weather.

Once in school, he wanted to be an artist. He drew constantly with a trail of papers following him everywhere. All these papers were special and not to be thrown away!! All of the little drawings eventually turned into tattoos. He designed all of the tattoos on his body and we know how proud of these he was. These tattoos one day lead him into the next phase of his life. They affected which branch of the military he could join—The ARMY!

He loved sports of any kind – beginning with t-ball, swimming lessons, USA wrestling and progressing to varsity wrestling and football. He was a member of the 2008 Wyoming state champion football team. This was the first state championship for football in Douglas in 30 years! He qualified for state wrestling two years and was injured and unable to complete his senior year. He was affectionately called Sandy by his Coaches and teammates. Ty's love of sports continued with him in Georgia as he continued lifting weights and fishing. His love of guns led him to a love of hunting. His first rabbit hunt with Papa Ross bagged three rabbits which were cooked by Grandma Judy for supper that very night. His first big game hunt – a deer hunt with his cousin Tim was another milestone.

He loved spending summers with his Grandma Arliss in Chambers, Nebraska. The highlights of these summer trips were candy, pop, fishing and unlimited love.

Ty attended Casper College for one semester and decided the books were not for him. Against all advice he enlisted in the Army for five years instead of three. His family encouraged him to see the world with his Army time. His first station was in Korea. He saw so many things that he wouldn't have seen had he just stayed in town.

Because of his Uncle Daleray, In 2000 Ty met the love of his life Tammy– note he was only 9. He walked down the aisle with a little girl that though he was “yucky” so she wouldn't hold his hand. They reconnected via texting all these years later and a budding romance began while he was in Korea. He really enjoyed coming home and spending time with Tammy and her family in Nebraska when he was on leave. They became engaged in September 2011, and were planning their wedding for December 2012.

Tyler is survived by his parents, Christine and Dave Sanderson, brother, Blake Sanderson, a cousin who just came to live with the family, Braedon Madewell, maternal grandparents, Judy and Ross Kent all of Douglas, paternal grandmother, Arliss Sanderson of Chambers, Nebraska, fiancé, Tamera Moorhead of Ogallala, Nebraska, aunts and uncles, Beckie and Eric Oliver of Douglas, Jeanne and Dustin Breiner of O'Neill, Nebraska, Bill Logemann of Douglas, Kathy and Shane Ross of Valentine, Nebraska, Bud and Linda Sanderson of O'Neill, Tony and Susan Sanderson of Chambers, and Lenny Sanderson of Colorado, and God parents, Bev and Steve Garls of Douglas.

Tyler was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Gene Sanderson, on April 27, 2012, uncle, Daleray Madewell, on February 9, 2012, God brother, Chad Garls, on June 6, 2000, great grandparents, Lyle and Mary Wright, Lucy Johnson, and Pete Smith.

Serving as pallbearers will be Shane Richendifer, Cody Bohlander, Taylor McIntire, Tanner Burgener, Micky Burbach, and Seth Adams. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Mark Soldat, Jake Vogel, Jill DeGough, Mandi Pollard, and Scott Boner. A memorial to the Tyler Dale Sanderson Memorial Fund in care of the Converse County Bank, P.O. Box 689, Douglas, Wyoming 82633 would be appreciated by the family.

The Gorman Funeral Homes – Converse Chapel of Douglas is in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at gormanfh.com

Service Summary

Funeral Service

2:00 PM Sat Jun 16, 2012

Location: - *Not available* -