

CW3 JAMES E. III

James was born here in Columbus on 11/7/75

Entered U.S. Army upon graduation from High School 1994 in Military Intelligence. Served in Korea, Fort Drum N.Y., Fort Carson Col. And Fort Campbell Ky. Where he became Air Assault and earned the rank of Sergeant. He went on to OCS at Fort Rucker Al. and became a Warrant Officer then on to flight school of an OH58D Kiowa Warrior Helicopter.

He was deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan serving two tours in each country. He was killed on 3/16/2013 in Kandahar Afghanistan.

He totaled 4,390 flight hours, 3,068 hours in combat and the remainder of hours in pilot instructor.

His decorations are as follows: Bronze Star, Air Medal Numeral Three, Army Commendation Medal with one Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Army

Achievement Medal with Silver Oak Leaf and two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal with one loop, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two stars, Iraq Campaign Medal with two stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal with Bronze Star, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon Numeral 4, NATO Medal, Air Assault Badge, Combat Action Badge, Senior Aviator Badge, and the Ohio Military Medal of Distinction.

A great man once said that “A Nation does achieve greatness by the Men and Women that it produces, but by the Men and Women that it remembers and Honors” J.F. K.