

Kendell K. Frederick

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Army Specialist Kendell K. Frederick was born on August 17, 1984 on the island of Trinidad. There he lived with his grandfather and great grandparents, while his mother Michelle Frederick Murphy migrated to the United States to make a better life for her and her son.

In January 1999, at the age of fifteen, Kendell immigrated to the U.S. to join his mother and family in Randallstown, Maryland. There he was welcomed by his mother, his stepfather Kenmore Murphy, and his two sisters, Kennisha and Kendra. The entire family had looked forward to that day for a very long time.

Kendell attended Old Court Middle School, and upon graduating, attended Randallstown senior High School. There he was introduced to the R.O.T.C. program and decided to give it a try. He loved being in a leadership role, and stayed committed to the R.O.T.C. program for the entire four years.

In 2001, while in his last year of high school, Kendell decided to enlist in the army reserve, and that summer entered basic training at Fort Sill Oklahoma, where he graduated on July 17, 2002.

Upon returning home, Kendell entered Aberdeen and obtained his degree in generator engineering. In February of 2004, he was assigned to the Army reserve's 983rd Engineer Battalion, based in Monclova, Ohio. From there he was deployed to Iraq in December 2004 to work on power generators. His unit, which specializes in construction of roads and infrastructure, depended on him to operate and maintain the portable electrical sources needed to perform their work.

In September 2005, Kendell returned home on fifteen days leave, which excited his entire family. He bonded with his baby brother Kwesi, and had a wonderful time being a big brother to his sisters. He visited all his friends, his high school, and took time to talk to Junior R.O.T.C. cadets, answering their questions about the military.

Kendell returned to Iraq on October 1, 2005 and was killed by an improvised explosive device on October 19, 2005 while returning from being fingerprinted for his U.S. citizenship packet.

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Kendell was a joy to be around. He always had a smile on his face, no matter how his day was going. He gave a lot of love and received a lot in return. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew and loved him.

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