



David A. Johnson
1LT U.S. Army

David A. Johnson, 24, of rural Mayville-Horicon, died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012 in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, serving in the U.S. Army in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

He was born on Nov. 28, 1987, in Beloit, Wis., the son of Andrew and Laura (Hanser) Johnson of Horicon.

He attended local schools including Marsh Moppets in Horicon, St. John's Lutheran School in Mayville and was a 2006 graduate of Mayville High School. He attended Evangel University in Springfield, Mo., graduating in 2010 with a Bachelor of Science degree.

David completed his basic training in the U.S. Army at Fort Sill in Okla. in August 2006. He then completed his AIT Chaplain Assistant (USACHS) in Fort Jackson, SC, in August 2007. He was awarded an ROTC scholarship with the Bear Battalion associated with Missouri State in Springfield, Mo. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in May 2010.

In January 2011, he graduated the Infantry Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Benning, Georgia. He also completed Combatives level 1 and 2 and the Stryker Brigade Combat Team Leaders Course. He was assigned to 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Tacoma, Wash. David was promoted to 1st Lieutenant before being deployed to Afghanistan in December 2011.

David was a member of Boy Scout Troop 718 in Mayville and earned his Eagle Scout Award in 2005. In high school, he was involved in FFA and participated in the Parliamentary Procedure Team at National Competition. He was a member of the football team, Mock Trial team, musicals, and men's choir at Mayville High School. He was also very involved with the student leadership youth group program at Christian Life Fellowship.

Survivors include his parents, Andrew and Laura Johnson of Horicon; two brothers, Michael and Matthew; one sister, Emily; his paternal grandmother, Joan Johnson of Walworth, Wis.; his maternal grandmother, Yvonne Hanser of Warren, Ohio; aunts and uncles, Cindy (Rev. Dr. Ken) Comstock of Lake Mills, Wis., Randy (Kris) Johnson of Rockton, Ill., Peter Johnson of Chicago, Ill., Janice Kennedy of Warren, Ohio, Cindy (Mark) Antinori of Valrico, Fla., and Denise (Darren) Winn of Tuttle, Okla.; further survived by numerous cousins, family, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Ken Johnson and Harris Hanser; and his uncle, Jeff Yarbrough.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Koepsell Funeral Home in Mayville.

David will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

Memorials may be directed to the family. Donations will be made to various organizations including Veterans Memorial of Mayville, Fisher House in Dover, Dela., Bay Lakes Council of Boys Scouts of America, Mayville FFA, and Crosswalk Missions at Evangel University.

The details of the local funeral will be posted on the Koepsell Funeral Home and Dodge County Pionier websites and Facebook pages, as well as with other local and state media outlets.