



BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH **75th RANGER REGIMENT**

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Specialist Marc A. Anderson **Operation Anaconda** **March 4, 2002**

Recognizing that I volunteered as a Ranger, fully knowing the hazards of my chosen profession, I will always endeavor to uphold the prestige, honor, and high "esprit de corps" of my Ranger Regiment.

Marc A. Anderson, 30, was from Brandon, Florida, and volunteered for military service with the United States Army, July 15, 1998.

He completed basic training and advanced individual training in the military operational specialty of infantryman at Fort Benning, Georgia. Specialist Anderson volunteered for the second time to attend Airborne School and completed his airborne training at Fort Benning, Georgia. On March 18, 1999, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. He earned his Ranger Tab at Fort Benning.

Specialist Anderson was a Machine Gunner while assigned to 1st Battalion. He was killed while fighting the Taliban and Al-Qaeda during Operation Anaconda, the most intense fighting thus far in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. He died March 3 in combat after enemy gunfire forced down a MH-47 Chinook helicopter, in which he and his fellow Rangers were aboard.

As a Ranger, Specialist Anderson distinguished himself as a member of the Army's premier light-infantry unit and was a highly trained and motivated soldier. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Anderson, of Jacksonville, Florida, survive him.



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