

## **<u>75<sup>TH</sup> RANGER REGIMENT</u>** *BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH*

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## **PFC. NATHAN E. STAHL** Killed in action on Sept. 21, 2004 Operation Iraqi Freedom

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... - FIRST STANZA OF THE RANGER CREED

Pfc. Nathan E. Stahl, 20, was an infantryman assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment at Fort Lewis, Wash.

He was killed in action while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom on Sept. 21, 2004, during a combat patrol in central Iraq after an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle.

A native of Highland, Ind., Stahl enlisted in the Army in June 2003. After completing infantry, airborne and Ranger indoctrination training at Fort Benning, Ga., he was assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn., 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regt., in January 2004.

Stahl deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom earlier this year.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple

Heart, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge and the Parachutist Badge.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Towina G. Nightingale and Rodney Nightingale, of Highland, IN, and by his father and stepmother, Max E. Stahl and Virginia S. Stahl, of Clayton, NC.

As a Ranger, Pfc. Nathan Stahl distinguished himself as a member of the Army's premier light infantry unit, traveled to all corners of the world in support of the Global War on Terrorism and fought valiantly to *"uphold the prestige, honor, and high 'esprit de corps'"* of the Ranger Regiment.

- RANGERS LEAD THE WAY! -

