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SGT. JOSHUA J. STRICKLAND Sept. 21, 2013 Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan

Sgt. Joshua J. Strickland, 23, of Woodstock, Ga., died Sept. 21, 2013, from small arms fire, in Paktia Province, Afghanistan.

Strickland was assigned to Group Service Support Company, Group Support Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., as a wheeled vehicle mechanic and was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan. This was Strickland's first deployment to an Overseas Contingency Operation.

Strickland enlisted in the Army in June, 2008, as a wheeled vehicle mechanic.

Upon completion of basic training and advanced individual training, Strickland was assigned to Group Service Support Company, Group Support Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne).

Strickland's military education includes the Basic Airborne Course.

His awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, the

Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, and the Parachutist Badge.

He is survived by his wife, his son and two daughters.

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