



Staff Sgt. Vincent Wayne Ashlock

May 10, 1965 – December 4, 2010

U. S. Army

September 4, 1983 – September 3, 1987

U.S. Army National Guard

January 4, 2002 – December 4, 2010

Served in:

Iraq, Afghanistan

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Age:	45	Branch of Military:	Army National Guard
Hometown:	Seaside, CA	Rank:	Staff Sgt.
Date of Death:	12/04/2010	Unit:	890th Engineer Battalion, 168th Engineer Brigade
Incident Location:	Khost province, Afghanistan	Unit's Base:	Lucedale, Mississippi

Army Staff Sergeant Vincent Wayne Ashlock, who died on December 4, 2010, while serving in Khost Province, Afghanistan. Wayne, as he was known to his family and friends, was a loving father, husband, brother, and son who devoted his life in equal measures to his family and our nation. Public service was his calling, and while his death leaves a void in the lives of his family, friends, and comrades, Staff Sergeant Ashlock's patriotism, loyalty, and love, will remain an example to all who had the privilege to know him.

Wayne was born in San Jose, California on May 10, 1965. He grew up in the small farming and military town of Merced in the heart of California's San Joaquin Valley. He enjoyed a small town childhood surrounded by brothers and sisters playing little league baseball and exploring Bear Creek. Wayne began his military career by enlisting in the Army at age eighteen. He served for ten years on active duty before leaving the Army for civilian life. Following the 9/11 attack, his sense of duty and patriotism led Wayne to enlist in the California National Guard. As a Guardsman, Wayne deployed to Iraq, where he drew on his military experience to help train Ugandan troops. He later sought deployment to Afghanistan. To accomplish this, he transferred from the California National Guard, which had no imminent Afghanistan deployments scheduled, to the Mississippi National Guard which did. Once in there, his unit was assigned to help clear homemade bombs and discover ambushes in front of other units. During his military service, Wayne earned many awards and commendations, among them the Army Commendation Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with a Bronze Service Star, and the Iraq Campaign Medal with a Bronze Service Star.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Angela and five children, Kali, Jesse, Steven, Erica and Christopher; two grandchildren, Addison and Brady; brothers, Ryan, Lonnie, and sister, Dawn; many aunts and uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins; and his best friend and mother, Margot; and beloved grandmother, Bonnie Ashlock. Wayne left us too early but he left honorably fulfilling his goals. We will not forget the sacrifices that Wayne and our troops give each day.