

Major Mark L. Hayry

Major Mark L. Hayry, age 38, died unexpectedly Thursday, Sept. 12, 2013 following a motor cycle accident. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 20 at the United Methodist Church in Spencer. The Rev. Daniel Kim will officiate. Visitation will be held 4 until 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19 at the Hansen-Schilling Funeral Home (201 S. LaSalle Street) in Spencer and again from 10 a.m. until the time of service on Friday at the church.

Mark was born Sept. 17, 1974 in LaGrange, Ill., the son of Bruce and Pamela (Engle) Hayry. He graduated from Spencer High School in 1993 and went on to earn his BS in Electrical Engineering and completed his ROTC training from Marquette University. Mark went on to earn his Masters in Military Science and MBA from Fort Leavenworth, KS. On July 5, 2002 Mark was united in marriage to Acie Johnson. Hayry was an officer in the U.S. Army and was most recently stationed at Fort Sill, Okla. with the 3-13th Field Artillery. He served two combat tours in Iraq and returned home from his most recent deployment on Sept. 3, 2013.

He was an avid outdoors-man who enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating and riding his motor cycle. He took special pride in his children and loved coaching their soccer team and leading them in scouting. Those that knew him best will miss his warm spirit coupled with his sharp sense of humor and his love of family. He was an outstanding person. He loved life. He was an honest, genuine, and loyal friend and father.

Mark is survived by his wife: Acie and his children: Alexis and Madox Hayry all of Elgin, Okla.; also his parents: Bruce and Pamela (Engle) Hayry of Spencer. He is further survived by his siblings: Jeffery Hayry of Raeford, N.C.; Julie (Grant) Argall of Appleton, Wis.; and Gregory (Lisa) Hayry of White Fish Bay, Wis.; as well as his paternal grandmother: Viola Laine of Sun City, Az. Some called him father. Some called him son. Some called him brother. Some called him friend. He was a superhero to so many. He will truly be missed.

His maternal grandparents: Harry and Pearl Engle; and paternal grandfather Leslie Hayry all preceded Mark in death.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make an expression of sympathy are encouraged to do so to Mark's family to establish a memorial for the Wounded Warrior Project.