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CHRISTOPHER GLENN STARK

UNITED STATES ARMY

SPECIALIST

AUGUST 2008 – FEBRUARY 2011

KILLED IN ACTION FEBRUARY 28, 2011

as

PURPLE HEART PATRIOT

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Teresa Stark, Honoring Her Son's Service and Sacrifice

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Specialist Christopher Glenn Stark enlisted in the United States Army right out of high school and was assigned to the 705th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company while deployed in Afghanistan. Chris was born in Joplin, Missouri on August 18, 1988. He graduated from Monett High School with the Class of 2007. While in school at Monett he participated in football, basketball, baseball, and soccer. He was also among the first group of cadets to launch the Junior Reserve Officers' Corps (JROTC) program at Southwest Area Career Center in Monett and had served in the JROTC color guard. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Cassville, Missouri.

Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army in August of 2008. Christopher served with the 63rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion 20th Support Command. He was stationed at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

On February 28, 2011, Specialist Stark died as a result of an enemy attack in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, while on a dismounted patrol. The 705th Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Company was working out of Combat Outpost Tangi in support of the 2nd Battalion, 4th Infantry Division. His death resulted from an enemy improvised explosive device. Staff Sergeant Joseph Czikalla of Clive, Iowa, said that Stark served as his EOD team member. Chris' input and enthusiasm were crucial to the team's success.



SSG Czikalla said that SPC Stark loved being an EOD technician and there was never a day that Chris did not live life to the fullest. Other unit members remembered Stark as always being willing to help others and making everything he did fun for himself and those around him.

Officers in his unit said that Chris Stark was great at everything he did; you could always count on him to do his best and give his fullest effort. 1st Lieutenant Alex Dial of

Decatur, Illinois, said that Chris was an absolute pleasure and blessing to be around.



Chris is survived by his mother Teresa Stark, his brother Trenton Stark, and many many friends and fellow soldiers. Chris's mother, Teresa Stark, said her son left for Afghanistan on December first. She spoke to her son a week earlier about the kind of work he was doing. She remembered him chuckling, saying, "Mom, this is what I do. It's just another day at the office. I'm doing what I'm supposed to be doing. I love what I'm doing."

SPC Christopher Stark's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghan Campaign Medal with star device, Global War on Terror Service Medal, NATO Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Combat Action Badge, and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Basic Badge.



For the last four years, the Alexander McNair Chapter, NSDAR, has ensured that a wreath decorated SPC Stark's final resting place as part of Wreaths Across America.