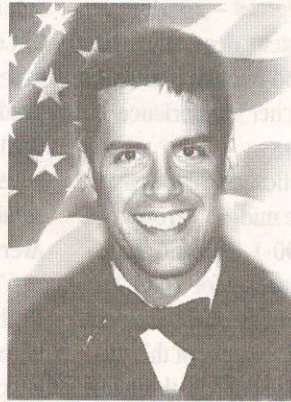


TYLER BROWN'S LEGACY

Elizabeth Ward follows his Woodward-Tech path



By *Melissa Lynn*

People may aim for a level of greatness in life, but only some continue to touch lives – even strangers – after they're gone.

Tyler Brown's quotation in the Woodward Academy yearbook were these words of Albert Einstein: "The life worth living is one in the service of others."

He built his life around helping others.

At Woodward Academy, Brown was the senior class president and was involved in church and community activities. At Georgia Tech, he received dual degrees in Management and History and Technology and Society in June 2001.

Brown was elected student body president his senior year, and developed his leadership skills as platoon leader for the U.S. Army for 13 months. He reported back to Washington, D.C., under orders from the military to serve in The Old Guard, the Army's most prestigious 3rd Infantry Regiment.

Brown – the son of Carey and Sally, brother to Brent and Natalie of Brookhaven – was re-deployed in May 2004 to Iraq, where he died in combat at the age of 26. He was laid to rest with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on Sept. 28, 2004. He was a recipient of the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman Badge.

After Brown's death, more than 600 checks and cash contributions came in, and a Georgia Tech scholarship of more than \$175,000 has been established to honor him.

The Lt. Tyler Hall Brown Scholarship will be awarded each May to a Woodward Academy graduate pursuing an academic career at Georgia Tech.

Elizabeth Ward, 18, now in her first year of studying architecture at Georgia Tech, was chosen for her commitment to service and community.

"Before [receiving this scholarship,] I lived my life through my faith and God," says Ward, "but now I compare myself to Tyler and feel like it is going to be hard following in his footsteps." **IN**

For more information about Tyler Brown, visit www.tylerbrown.def6.com.