



Stillwater Pioneer Athlete Memorial



SCOTT A. HAGERTY

September 1, 1966 - June 3, 2008

Stillwater High School Class of 1984

15th Annual Memorial Induction Ceremony

October 2, 2010

Maj. Scott A. Hagerty was born on September 1, 1966, in Muskogee, Oklahoma to Don Hagerty and Shirley (Beyreis). Hagerty graduated from Stillwater High School in 1984.

While in high school, Scott played football, starting his football career as the team manager. He was a mere 5'7" tall and relegated to making drinks, doing laundry, and fixing equipment that year. However, going into his Junior year, he shot up in height and worked like a madman in the weight room and was on his way to being part of the team! He gained so much respect from his teammates because of the work he put into becoming a player, but he still had the attitude of a hungry, smaller guy. He worked as hard as anyone to learn the game and was able to get on the field as a regular contributor. From the team manager to a player with heart -- he definitely inspired his teammates. Scott was described, by those who knew him, as very humble, polite and quiet until he stepped on the field, then he transformed and it was time to execute.

During the fall of his senior year, Scott entered the United States Army at the rank of specialist in Oklahoma City.

During two active-duty enlistments, Scott became qualified as an Army infantryman and an air defense artilleryman, serving a 12-month tour in Korea. After these two enlistments, Scott returned to Stillwater, OK to enter the Army ROTC program at Oklahoma State University. In 1993, after almost 3 1/2 years as an ROTC cadet, he received a bachelor's degree in political science, pre-law and international relations. Scott also received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Reserve.

During his Army Reserve career, Scott was commissioned a field artillery officer and served in the branch for 11 years within the 291st Regiment in Oklahoma, until he transferred to the U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command in 2004.

Scott's first deployment was to Iraq from October 2004 to August 2005. He also spent 2006 and 2007 stationed in Africa, where he helped repair water wells in northern Uganda.

Scott served in three civil affairs battalions, the 468th stationed in Tulsa; the 411th in Danbury, Conn., and the 413th in Lubbock, Texas, before being reassigned to the 451st Civil Affairs Battalion in Pasadena, Texas, from which he was deployed with his unit to Afghanistan. Hagerty, 41, was one of two U.S. soldiers who died when a roadside bomb exploded next to their military vehicle while they were on patrol in Zormat, Afghanistan.

He married Daphne Drake on December 24, 1995 in Perkins, OK and had two sons, Jonathan Barrett and Samuel Aren. Scott loved to serve the needs of others. He is a true American hero who paid the ultimate sacrifice so we all can enjoy the freedoms we have. In our hearts, we know Scott had no regrets and we are all blessed to know him.

Presenter
Dr. Todd Green
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