

# Lt. Col. Charles E. 'Chuck' Munier

May 26, 1956 – June 12, 2006

Funeral services for Lt. Col. Charles E. "Chuck" Munier, 50, were conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 17 at the United Methodist Church in Wheatland, with Pastor Skip Perry, the Reverend Lori Modesitt, and Pastor Larry Benjamin officiating. Interment with military honors accorded will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Lt. Col. Charles E. "Chuck" Munier: husband, father and soldier; died June 12, 2006, after a short illness while serving his country in the Republic of Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom. He was born May 26, 1956, in Cleveland, Ohio to Fredric E. and Jeanne K. (Meider) Munier.

Chuck was a member of Boy Scouts of America since 1965. He earned numerous Scouting recognitions, with the most notable being the Eagle Award with Silver Palm, Arrow of Light, District Award of Merit, Hornaday Conservation Award, OA's Vigil Honor and numerous training awards. Chuck served in a variety of Scouting positions, with the most prominent being Scoutmaster, OA Chapter Advisor, and Post Committee Chairman. He was also a District Executive for the Rocky Mountain Council, and was currently a member of the Board of Directors for Scouts on Stamps Society International.

He was commissioned into the Wyoming Army National Guard Dec. 22, 1978, serving with the 141st Military Police in Casper until transferring to active duty in December 1980. He served with the 980th MP Co. at Sierra Army Depot. He served as an instructor and later, company commander, at Ft. McClellan, Ala. He was able to serve in Heidelberg, Germany as the Deputy Provost Marshal. After leaving active duty status in August 1992 he transferred to reserve status and continued to serve as an Assistant Professor of Military Science at the University of Wyoming from 1994 to 1998 and as an Admissions Field Representative in Wyoming for the United States Military Academy at West Point. He transferred to the Nebraska Army National Guard in September 1998, serving in several military police-related capacities until returning to the Wyoming Army National Guard in November 2002, where he served as the Chief for the Engineer Division of the Training Site Command at Camp Guernsey. He was also the Facilities Manager for Camp Guernsey. Chuck had the opportunity to serve his country, deploying to Honduras as part of a disaster relief effort. Finally he was deployed to the Republic of Afghanistan to

train and mentor members of the Afghan National Army during Operation Enduring Freedom.

During his time in the military, Chuck received numerous awards, including: Meritorious Service Medal (twice), Army Commendation Medal (three times), Army Achievement Medal (twice), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (three times), National Defense Service Medal (twice), Armed Forces Reserve Medal (twice) with Mobilization device, Army Service Ribbon, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, Ranger Tab, Parachutist Badge, the German Armed Forces Efficiency Badge - Gold, Individual Achievement Medal (four times), Homeland Defense Service Ribbon, and the Combat Action Badge. He will also be awarded posthumously the Bronze Star.

Outside of his military career, which spanned just short of 28 years, Chuck was active in Wyoming law enforcement. He served with the Albany County Sheriff's Department in positions including the Resident Deputy for Rock River, and as the Assistant Detention Administrator. He was the Detention Administrator for Platte County, and also served as a Wyoming State Park Ranger at Guernsey State Park.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Nancy Munier of Wheatland; his daughter, Victoria "Torrie" and her husband, Jef Rice of Wheatland; father, Fredric E. Munier; a half brother, Joseph, and half sister, Suzan, all of Las Vegas, Nev.; his mother, Jeanne Munier of Tulsa, Ok.; his brother Fredric M. Munier and his wife, Barbara, of Weatherford, Texas; and his grandmother, Alwilda "Gram" Meider of New Smyrna Beach, Fla.. He was preceded in death by a brother, Dean F. Munier; grandfather, Charles R. Meider; and grandson, Rustle R. Rice.

He was a great, accomplished man, and a great American. He will be truly missed by all whose lives he touched.

Serving as pallbearers will be Rich Knowlton, Rick Anderson, Jack Armor, Ken Hazlet, John "Brady" Rice, and Jim Pond. Honorary pallbearers will be Members of the Wyoming Military and Law Enforcement Communities.

The family would appreciate memorials to the Chuck Munier Memorial Fund, in care of Bank of the West, P.O. Box 908, Wheatland, WY 82201.

Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.