

**Brian John Backus**  
**(February 14, 1990 – June 18, 2011)**

PFC BRIAN JOHN BACKUS, age 21 of Harbor Beach, passed away Saturday, June 18, 2011 in Afghanistan. He was born on February 14, 1990, in Livonia to Alan and Anne (Cleveland) Backus.



Brian graduated Magna Cum Laude from the Harbor Beach Community High School in 2008, of which he was class president. He joined the US Army in June of 2010.

Brian was a true outdoorsman; he loved hiking, backpacking, and canoeing. He also enjoyed running and his music. Brian was an Eagle Scout and a Boy Scout. Brian was a member of the United Methodist Church of Harbor Beach. Brian loved his son, Jack, and dog, Danger, very much. He enjoyed serving in the US Army, and helping his fellow soldiers as a combat Medic.

He is survived by his son Jack B. Backus of Harbor Beach, parents Alan and Anne Backus of Harbor Beach, and brother Paul Backus of Harbor Beach. His grandparents; Mary & Stuart Cleveland of Calabash, NC, and Lynn Backus of Massena, NY, and Jean Backus of Massena, NY. His Great-grandmother Francis Dunn of Ellenburg Center, NY, uncles Michael Backus of Ellenburg Center, NY, Rodney Backus of Ellenburg Center, NY, Tim Cleveland of England, Stuart Jr (Chong) of Colorado Springs, CO and Phil Makely of Fredericks, VA. He was preceded in death by an aunt; Kathleen Makely.

Funeral Services for Brian will be Thursday, June 30, 2011 at 11 am in the Harbor Beach Community High School, with Rev. Paula Timm, pastor of the United Methodist Church of Harbor Beach, officiating. Internment will take place at Rock Falls Cemetery.

Visitation for Brian will be Wednesday, June 29, 2011 from 1-9pm in the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach. Visitation Thursday will be in the gymnasium from 9:30 am until time of services at 11 am.

Memorials may be given to the USO organization or the Wounded Warriors Organization.