

Petty Officer Jon Thomas Tumilson

*P*etty Officer Jon Thomas Tumilson, 35, a native of Rockford, died Saturday, August 6, 2011, while conducting special operations combat in Afghanistan. He was born July 1, 1976, at Osage, Iowa.

He joined the U.S. Navy on July 17, 1995, following graduation from the Rudd Rockford Marble Rock Community School. He graduated from Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois, in September 1995. Petty Officer 1st Class Tumilson completed Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL School, Coronado, California in April 2002. He served in three west-coast based Special Warfare units from October 2002 to August 2009. He then served in two east-coast based Special Warfare units from August 2009 until his death.

Petty Officer Tumilson was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Defense Meritorious Service Award. His other awards include the Bronze Star for Valor, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy "E" Ribbon (three), five Navy Good Conduct Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (four), Rifle Expert Medal, and the Pistol Expert Medal.

He is survived by his parents, George and Kathleen Tumilson of Rockford; two sisters, Kristie Pohlman (Brad Hartgraves) of Cedar Rapids and Joy (Scott) McMeekan of Taylor Ridge, Ill; six nieces and nephews, Kobey Pohlman, Kamryn Pohlman, Kelsi McMeekan, Kaitlyn Pohlman, Sydney McMeekan, Isabella McMeekan; 21 aunts and uncles, numerous cousins; and his trusted canine "son", Hawkeye.

Petty Officer Tumilson was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Thomas and Nell Tumilson; maternal grandparents, John and Leona Jacobs; a friend, Kevin Reiter, and his Brothers in Arms.

Jon was a devoted brother, uncle and son, and an extremely loyal friend. Words cannot describe the level that he will be missed by those whose lives he touched.

*The Tumilson family would like everyone to return to the
Rudd Rockford Marble Rock Community School Cafeteria
following the graveside service for a time of
sharing memories and lunch
with the family.*

*Hauser Funeral Home
www.hauserfh.com
Charles City, Iowa*



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***"No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom
unless he be vigilant in its preservation."***

General Douglas MacArthur