

Captain David “Seth” Mitchell USMC, son of Steve and Connie Mitchell and brother of Drew Mitchell all of Cary was killed in a helicopter collision while on duty in Afghanistan October 26, 2009. Captain Mitchell was stationed at Camp Pendleton CA and was part of the Marine Corps’ HMLA 367 Scarface unit. Captain Mitchell piloted an AH-1 Super Cobra helicopter.

Seth Mitchell was born in Charlotte NC and graduated from Loveland High School in Loveland Ohio in 1997. Seth called Loveland home because that is where he developed lifelong friendships and the skills, talent and character traits that guided his life. At Loveland High Seth played football, ran track and was elected president of his senior class. After high school, Seth enrolled at Virginia Tech and after his freshman year earned an ROTC scholarship. He pursued his dream of becoming a Marine Officer through the ROTC and Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets program at Virginia Tech. He was commissioned into the Marine Corps in 2001.

Upon graduating from OCS Captain Mitchell was assigned to Camp LeJune, NC. While at Camp LeJeune he served tours in Okinawa, Haiti and Iraq as part of an infantry unit. Growing up he had dreamed of becoming a pilot but did not qualify for the military aviation program due to his eyesight. After corrective eye surgery and while stationed at Camp LeJeune Captain Mitchell pursued and achieved his private pilots license. Due to his determination and diligence, Captain Mitchell beat long odds and was awarded a Marine Aviation training spot after four years in the Corps. Captain Mitchell started his flight training in Pensacola, FL earning his wings in May 2007. He later qualified to fly the AH-1 Super Cobra Helicopter. Captain Mitchell had achieved and was living his dream of serving his country as a Marine aviator. Captain Mitchell loved to fly and did so during his second tour of Iraq in 2008. In very typical fashion, Captain Mitchell volunteered to report early to duty in Afghanistan to assist a unit short on manpower.

Captain Mitchell leaves behind a very proud family. Surviving are Grandparents; Nellie Gray Stewart and Joseph D. Mitchell (USN/WW II) of Winston- Salem NC; Uncles and Aunts, Larry Mitchell, Chris and Rhonda Mitchell, Jerry and Lynn Stewart, Steve and Dottie Stewart and Mark Stewart of Winston-Salem and Scott Snider of Lexington NC; Cousins, Matt and Paul Mitchell, Kari and Shane Hundley of Winston-Salem and Master-at-Arms 1st Class Chad Mitchell (USN) and wife Amanda, of Virginia Beach, VA.

The Family will receive friends at Brown-Wynne Funeral Home, 200 SE Maynard Rd., Cary NC on Tuesday November 3, 2009 from 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

A celebration of Seth’s life will be held on Wednesday November 4, 2009 at Colonial Baptist Church, 6051 Tryon Rd., Cary NC from 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM.

Interment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington VA on Friday, November 6 2009 at 11:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:
Intrepid Fallen Hero’s Fund, www.fallenherosfund.org

Wounded Warrior Project, www.woundedwarriorproject.org
USO, www.uso.org
Freedom Alliance, www.freedomalliance.org

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.brownwynne.com