

Y

<p>Yates, Douglas R.</p>	<p>Retired Lt. Col. Douglas R. Yates, 48, of Dixon, Mo., formerly of Damascus, died Nov. 12, 2003, in an automobile accident in St. Louis, Mo.</p> <p>Born July 21, 1955, in Boulder, Colo., he was the son of Richard and Peggy Yates of Zephyrhills, Fla., formerly of Damascus. He was the husband of Major Renee Yates for six years.</p> <p>Lt. Col. Yates was a 1973 graduate of Damascus High School and attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate from the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets and was commissioned into the regular Army as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers in 1977. He earned a master of business administration degree from Webster College.</p> <p>Lt. Col. Yates' military career included assignments at Fort Bliss, Texas, Hanau and Mannheim Germany, Saudi Arabia, Fort Ord, Calif., and Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. He was awarded numerous awards and badges during his military career including the Legion of Merit. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait and Saudi Arabia) and the Southwest Asia Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars for his service in the Gulf War.</p> <p>His hobbies included skiing, motorcycling, scuba diving and traveling.</p> <p>Surviving in addition to his wife and parents are one daughter, Caroline, and one son, Jeffrey; three sisters, Debbie Hursh of Havre de Grace, Md., Kathy Jones and her husband, Stan, Patty Long and her husband, Darron, all of Damascus; four nieces and one nephew.</p> <p>A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday at Damascus United Methodist Church, 9700 New Church St., Damascus. Pastor Walt Edmonds will officiate.</p> <p>Graveside services will be held on Monday at 10 a.m. at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., with military honors. Those attending should assemble at the administration building by 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Caroline and Jeffrey Yates Educational Fund and sent to Renee Yates, 16550 Chloe Drive, Dixon, MO 65459.</p> <p>Arrangements were made by the Olin L. Molesworth P.A. Funeral Home, Damascus.</p> <p>Source: Gazette Newspapers, Gaithersburg, MD, Nov. 19, 2003.</p>
<p>Yates, Robert E. "Bob"</p>	<p>Chief Warrant Officer 4 (CW4) Robert (Bob) E. Yates, U.S. Army, Retired, 66, died May 4 at his home in Columbia, SC.</p> <p>Born April 16, 1940 in Horsepen, he was the son of the late Robert T. Yates and the late America Shrader Yates.</p> <p>He was President of his Senior Class at Tazewell High School, attended Concord College, and had a career in the Army as a helicopter pilot. Major assignments included Vietnam, S. Korea, the 1st Gulf War, and Germany. At</p>

	<p>the time of his retirement, he was the only Maintenance Test Flight Examiner in Europe for the Army's UH-60A aircraft. As a civilian, he was a helicopter training instructor at Fort Rucker, AL. Individual awards included the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, two Army Commendation Awards, 2 Army Achievement Medals, Army Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Armed Service Ribbon. Unit awards included the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm.</p> <p>Survivors: daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Bill O'Neil of Nocona, TX; son and daughter-in-law, US Air Force Lt. Col. Robert Eric and Mia Yates, currently serving in Ramstein, Germany; sisters and brothers-in-law, Bertha and Travis Pritchett of Charleston, SC, Helen and Gregg Eckelbecker of Portland, TX; brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Julia Yates of Charleston, SC; sister, JoAnn Woodall of Bluff City, TN; aunt, Pearl Munsey of Bluefield, VA; nine nieces and nephews, including John Pritchett of Charleston, SC and Meri Pritchett of Los Angeles, CA; two great nieces; and many special friends.</p> <p>The funeral was conducted at 2 p.m. May 12 at Peery & St.Clair Funeral Home Chapel in Tazewell.</p> <p>Burial will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.</p> <p>In lieu of flowers, the family recommends contributions to First Christian Church, Columbia, SC, where Bob was a member.</p> <p>Source: Richlands News-Press & Clinch Valley News, Richlands, VA, May 17, 2006.</p>
<p>York, Richard F.</p>	<p>York, Richard F.</p> <p>Mr. Richard F. York, 42, of 1717 Greenway Drive, died Friday, April 10, 1998, at Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.</p> <p>The funeral will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Poteet Funeral Home, Wheeler Road, with the Rev. Roy King officiating. Burial will be in Westover Memorial Park.</p> <p>Mr. York, a native of St. Louis, had retired from the Army with the rank of staff sergeant and was a veteran of the Vietnam War and Operation Desert Storm. He was a data communications specialist. He was a Master Counselor Demolay, 3rd Degree Mason, 32nd Degree York Rite and a member of American Legion Post 347.</p> <p>His family said he was a direct descendant of World War I hero Sgt. Alvin York.</p> <p>Survivors include his wife, Mary Elaine Mims York; a daughter, Amiee Randolph, Augusta; his parents, Larry York and Frieda York, both of St. Clair, Mo.; a brother, Larry A. York, St. Clair; and three sisters, Terry Rudd, Kelly Johnson and Linda York, all of St. Clair.</p> <p>Pallbearers will be John Mantooth, Sean Kennerly, John Keane, Dale Hallam, Charles Curley and Brian McReynolds.</p> <p>Honorary pallbearers will be members of a military honor guard.</p> <p>Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 15923,</p>

	<p>Augusta, GA 30919.</p> <p>Friends may call at the funeral home.</p> <p>The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.</p> <p>Source: The Augusta Chronicle, Augusta, GA, April 12, 1998, extracted June 26, 2007.</p>
Yost, Richard Brian	<p>Yost, Richard Brian</p> <p>BETHEL Richard Brian Yost, 26, of 320 Camp Strauss Road died Monday as a result of a vehicle accident in North Londonderry Twp.</p> <p>He was employed by Hauck Manufacturing Company, Lebanon; a member of Fredericksburg United Methodist Church; a graduate of Tulpehocken High School; and an Army veteran of Desert Storm.</p> <p>Surviving are his parents, Robert B. and Carol B. Bucholtz Yost, with whom he lived; his mother, Jacqueline Kauffman Gaylord of Florida; five brothers, Kevin R. of State College, Jeffrey L., Timothy A. and Douglas K., all of Reading, and Robert B. Jr. of Fredericksburg; and a sister, Claudia M. Bender Bender of Voorhees, N.J.</p> <p>Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in his church. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.</p> <p>There will be no viewing or visitation.</p> <p>Strauss Funeral Home, Jonestown, is handling arrangements.</p> <p>Memorial contributions may be made to his church, Box 7, Fredericksburg 17026.</p> <p>Source: The Patriot-News, Harrisburg, PA, Feb. 28, 1995, extracted June 16, 2007.</p>
Young, Ian J.	<p>Ian J. Young, 43, of Rahway died Jan. 25 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick.</p> <p>Born in Kingston, Jamaica, Mr. Young lived in Elizabeth from 1981 until he moved to Rahway in 1991. He was a senior officer with the New Jersey Department of Corrections at the East Jersey State Prison in Rahway since 1996. Mr. Young was an Army veteran of the Gulf War, serving during Operations Desert Storm.</p> <p>Surviving are a daughter, Amor; a son, Justin; his mother, Patricia Bryan; three brothers, Pierre McLean, Dwayne and Shawn, and two sisters, Debbie and Ashley.</p> <p>Source: Gazette Leader, Union NJ, Feb. 1, 2006.</p>
Young, James Morris	<p>James Morris Young 39, of Baytown, Texas passed away September 4, 2007 in Pasadena, Texas. James was born on December 19, 1967 in Fort Collins, Colorado to Buck and Claire (Patton) Young.</p> <p>James honorably served his country in U.S. Army and was a part of Operation Desert Storm.</p>

	<p>After James retired from the military he enjoyed computers, reading, and spending time with his family. James was an honorable man that was very proud to serve his country, and he will be missed by all that knew him.</p> <p>He is preceded in death by his mother Claire Young. He is survived by his son Jeremy Young, daughter Sarah Young, father Buck Young, sister Lila Young, sister Debra hammers, brother Neil Young, sister Ginger Allman and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.</p> <p>A visitation for family and friends will be held Thursday September 6, 2007 from 9-11am at Sterling-White Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Thursday September 6, 2007 11am at the Pavilion at Sterling-White Cemetery. S Services have been entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd Highlands, Texas 281-426-3555.</p> <p>Source: The Baytown Sun, Baytown, TX, September 5, 2007, extracted October 3, 2007.</p>
<p>Youngblut, Adam</p>	<p>Youngblut, Adam</p> <p>OELWEIN - Karen and John Youngblut may never know for sure if their son's service in Operation Desert Storm led to the cancer that claimed his life 11 weeks ago.</p> <p>To Karen, it doesn't seem as important now as it once did.</p> <p>"There's no monetary reason or anything like that," she said. "You just kind of wonder."</p> <p>John added; "I think we both feel pretty strongly it was the result of that."</p> <p>Not that they have an ax to grind with anybody. The Department of Veterans Affairs and the private-practice doctors and nurses who treated Adam Youngblut in Amarillo, Texas, for four months did a wonderful job, they said.</p> <p>"There was never any quibbling over treatment or anything like that," John said.</p> <p>The tears still flow quickly for John and Karen. Recovering from Adam's death will take a long time. Karen describes the oldest of her two sons, who died March 30, a week short of his 31st birthday, as intelligent, athletic and caring.</p> <p>"The nurses on his floor had a memorial service in his room," she said last week. "They just couldn't handle his death."</p> <p>Such an impact did Adam have at the Veteran Affairs hospital in Amarillo that he was the subject of a newspaper column in the Amarillo Globe-Times after his death.</p> <p>"Maintenance men and housekeeping staff made it a point to follow the progress of this determined patient," wrote Nancy Garms, who befriended the Youngblut family. "Adam Youngblut was a fine young man. A lot of fortunate folks in Amarillo came to know this and we are richer for having been brushed by him and his family."</p> <p>Adam didn't even have to serve in the Persian Gulf War. At the time his unit left for Saudi Arabia, the 1982 graduate of Oelwein High School was recovering from knee surgery in Germany. He injured the knee years earlier in the Iowa</p>

Shrine Bowl, a football game of high school all-stars.

The Army offered Adam the option of staying in Germany where he was serving as liaison between Army wives and their husbands in the gulf.

"He said that was driving him crazy," Karen said. "He wanted to be with the men. That's what he trained to do." Adam, a platoon leader in a Bradley Fighting Vehicle Unit, remained behind in the gulf after the war ended, assisting United Nations forces. He served near the burning oil fields in Kuwait, ignited by retreating Iraqi soldiers.

He called home twice during his duty there, both times complaining about the thick smoke and the fires, his parents said. He also served near the Iraqi-Iranian border, where years earlier poison gas was used during a war between the two countries.

Adam's knee refused to mend and he was given a medical discharge in April 1991. He eventually enrolled at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, studying physics and chemistry in preparation for a medical degree.

Adam developed a severe sore throat in October. Doctors initially diagnosed tonsillitis. An ear, nose and throat specialist also took a biopsy. Then as Adam drove down a Texas highway, he looked into the rearview mirror and saw a lump on the side of his neck. In the days that followed, his face grew numb and he suffered headaches. The biopsies showed possible lymphoma. He went into the VA hospital for surgery. "That was about the sixth of December," Karen said. "He never really got out of the hospital after that." Initially, doctors were puzzled by the type of cancer Adam suffered. Tissue samples were sent to cancer centers in Houston, Denver, Amarillo and the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

The diagnosis was for Burkitts Lymphoma, a rare and vicious form of cancer that starts as a viral infection.

At 2 p.m. on Feb. 26, Adam married Shelly Ward, a Lubbock schoolteacher he met when she was a U.S. Defense Department teacher in Germany. The couple were married in the hospital chapel. That same day, doctors discovered the cancer had spread to Adam's vertebrae and at 6 p.m., he began radiation treatments.

"He just never gave up hope," Karen said. "He and his fiancée, they were just so sure they were going to lick this thing."

An autopsy was performed and Adam's tissue was sent to Birmingham, Ala., where the VA hospital is conducting a national study of Desert Storm veterans to determine what, if any, illnesses they brought back. The cancer had invaded every tissue of his body except his brain, Karen said.

John doesn't hold out much hope he'll ever know the cause of his son's cancer.

"Yes, it's frustrating to a certain point. But there are just some things that will never be answered."

Source: The Gazette, Cedar Rapids-Iowa City, IA, June 21, 1994, extracted June 15, 2007.

