

Forrest P. Ewens

First Lt. Forrest Pinkerton Ewens, age 25, died June 16, 2006 while serving in Afghanistan with the 10th Mountain Division.

A memorial was held at Fort



First Lt. Forrest Ewens
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Drum, New York on July 5, 2006, and he will be buried on July 7, 2006, at Arlington Cemetery in Washington D.C.

Memorial contributions may be made to a scholarship fund to assist Whitworth and Gonzaga ROTC cadets at the Forrest Ewens Scholarship Fund, c/o Sheri Fitzthum, Gonzaga University, 502 E. Boone Ave., Spokane, Wa 99258-0098.

Forrest came into the world as a small bundle of baby boy at

3 lbs., 4 oz. on April 15, 1981. His first lessons in life and teamwork started before birth when he had to share a small space with his twin brother, Oaken. He learned to adapt to new living arrangements during several moves from Tonasket to Gig Harbor and Summit Valley. He excelled in several areas from music, to track and other sports. He graduated from Whitworth College with a Bachelor's Degree in History.

Always driven to serve his country in the military, he followed his dream by joining the ROTC and being commissioned as a Second Lt. in May, 2004. During this time, he met Megan Jagelski and knew she was the only one for him. They married on March 13, 2004. His goal was to become the best leader he could be and to take care of his men. He attained that dream. He was well loved.

Forrest is survived by his wife, First Lt. Megan (Jagelski) Ewens; his parents, Carol and Michael Ewens; brothers and sister-in-law, Oaken Ewens, Stephan Ewens, and Elijah and Sandi Ewens; grandparents, Betty and David Pinkerton; father- and mother-in-law, Thomas and Elizabeth Jagelski; and grandfather-in-law, Juan Arebalos.