

Our Fallen Hero



PFC Tyler Springman Hartland

Tyler died in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, after being struck by a roadside bomb.

Though his legacy will always be marked by the ultimate sacrifice he made on the battlefield, there are some who remember him as a smart and quick-witted young man who was not afraid of challenges. Springman, a private first-class, was a member of the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division out of Fort Wainwright, Alaska. The improvised explosive device that killed him also claimed an Army sergeant from Pennsylvania and wounded several others.

Among Springman's interests was carpentry. He was enrolled in John Guay's building trades course at Tri-County Technical Center in Dexter. Guay said Springman was "quick-witted" and liked by the other students. Springman was determined to join the military right out of high school, said Guay.

Rep. Kenneth Fredette, R-Newport, who is a member of the Maine National Guard, referred to Springman in heroic terms. "Tyler Springman decided early in his life to give back to his country and his community."