

Army Corporal **Michael L. Mayne**, 21, of Burlington Flats died Monday February 23, 2009 due to injuries sustained in Iraq during his service to our country.

Michael was born October 9, 1987, in Ilion the son of Lee & Cathy (Francisco) Mayne. With his two friends Tony and Tom he joined the Boy Scouts. His Eagle Scout project dedicated poles and flags for each branch of the United States Armed Forces on the Burlington Flats Veterans Memorial Park. Michael also played football, basketball and golf in high school, and participated in the ski club, Jr. Rifle and Sport rifle team at the Burlington Flats Fish & Game Club.

After graduation from Edmeston, he joined the United States Army in July of 2006. Before his Iraq deployment, Michael was stationed at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, the home base of the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team of the 25th Infantry Division. The brigade deployed to Diyala Province in Iraq last fall for a yearlong tour of duty.

Michael was a first rate friend, he was a natural born leader. He offered to many his unique sense of humor and compassion for others. For one so young it is hard to imagine the diverse depths of Michael: be it his commitment to Boy Scouts, his family, close friends, God, and Country. He was a hero.

Michael is survived by his parents Lee & Cathy Mayne, his sister Sherry, and

brother-in-law John Hawes; his grandmother Lucille, Great Aunts & Uncles: Anne & Dick Weiss, and Dawn Hull; Aunts & Uncles: Dale & Iva Mayne, Dennis & Theresa Mayne, Cindy Prill, Elaine & Rich Volpe, Gloria & Rob Lindsay. Several Cousins & spouses: Paula, Greg, Alan & Kristen, Jason & Robin, Brian, Adam & Dawne, Ryan, Marley & Gavin.

His grandparents Herbert Mayne, Howard & Eloise Francisco, and cousin Paul Prill predeceased Michael.

Full Honor Military Funeral services will be held on Tuesday March 3, 2009 at 11:00 am at Edmeston Central School Gymnasium with Pastor Jay Henderson and Lt. Col. Olsen officiating.

Calling hours will be held on Monday, March 2, 2009 from 2:00 till 8:00 pm at the Burlington Flats Baptist Church. Ceremonies by Troop 9 Boy Scout and Cub Scouts and Wharton Valley American Legion Post #1311 will be held at 7:00 pm.

Interment will be at Burlington Flats Cemetery in the spring.

Contributions may be made in Michael's memory to the Edmeston Central School Scholarship Fund.

Funeral arrangements are by the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston