



Kristopher (Kris) A. Zavala

September 1, 1979 - April 24, 2017

Born on September 1, 1979 in Monterey, CA, Kris grew up in Pleasant Hill, CA and attended College Park High School where he participated in football and track and graduated in 1998. He attended the University of Oregon and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 2004. Kris entered the U.S. Army in 2005 and was commissioned through Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Fort Benning, GA and attended Airborne and Ranger school. In 2007-2008, Kris served in Iraq as a platoon leader with the 101st Airborne Division, 2nd Brigade, 1st Squadron, 75th Cavalry Division (Widowmakers), a reconnaissance, surveillance and target acquisition squadron based out of Camp Liberty. He was promoted to Captain and returned with his unit to Ft. Campbell, KY. In 2009, Kris moved to Portland, OR and transferred his commission to the Oregon National Guard as an infantry officer with the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team. Kris passed away on April 24, 2017 due to complications brought on by Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). He passed peacefully in his sleep. Kris is survived by his parents, Kenneth A. Zavala and Diane J. Zavala of Bend, OR, and his brother, Andrew K. Zavala of Concord, CA. Kris will be missed by many. He was a gentle and kind person who was devoted to his Christian faith, his country, to those who he served and to those who served under him. Rest in peace gallant son until we meet again. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 4 at 11 AM in the Niswonger-Reynolds Chapel in Bend.