

**Master Sergeant LaVerne C. Campbell, Jr.  
U.S. Army & PA National Guard, MSM ARCOM  
2nd Infantry Combat Team - Iraq**



**Master Sergeant LaVerne Campbell enlisted during his senior year in high school in 1983 and when he passed away from Pancreatic Cancer in December 2016, he was still enlisted in the PA National Guard. He was deployed to Iraq during 2005 - 2006. His tenure began in the 229th FA J in Grove City and then he was moved to the 107th and then to the 2nd Infantry Combat Team.**

**For his various deployments and years of service, he was awarded with several honors and medals including the Medal of Meritorious Service, Army Commendation with 4 clusters, Army Achievement and Good Conduct Medals, Army Reserve Component Achievement Award, National Service Defense Medal w/one star, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, NCO Professional Development Medals (3), the Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, PA National Guard 20 year Service Medal, PA National Guard General Thomas Stewart Medal, PA National Guard Major General Thomas R Wright Medal and the Sharpshooter Medal.**

**LaVerne was known to be someone that his comrades could come to for wise counsel during times of battle. His upbringing in the church was evident in the way he listened and gave wise advice to fellow members of his unit, especially during his time served in Iraq.**

**Master Sgt. Campbell is survived by his children, son Justin (Megan) Campbell - their children Bella and Kendall Campbell; and a daughter, Jessica (Noah) Campbell Burtner - their children Camilla, Vance and Victor Burtner. Campbell also left to cherish his memory his fiancée, Tammy McLaughlin and her daughters Ericha and Erin McLaughlin. Master Sgt. Campbell also left behind a sister, Louise Hockenberry and three brothers, Carmen (Margaret), Lyle (Stephanie), Jay (Gretchen). As well a sister in law, Becky Campbell survives. He was preceded in death by his parents, LaVerne and Elsie Campbell, sisters Marjorie and Carolyn Campbell Hoffman and brother James.**

**Master Sgt. Campbell was a member of the Free & Accepted Masons, Zem Zem Shrine, Grove City American Legion and the the Commander of the Wilbur Rhoades VFW post 6345.**