HAUGHTON - SFC Bryan Heath Hays, USA, died Monday, November 26, 2012 at his home station of Fort Wainwright, Alaska. Heath was born in Bossier City, Louisiana on May 18, 1972. He attended the US Army school of Combat Medicine on 20 May 1999, where he was assigned with B Co 232nd Trainee BN. After completion of his training and earning the MOS of 91B, Spc Hays was assigned to 501 Military Police Company in Wiesbaden, Germany where he spent his first three years in the Army attaining the rank of SGT prior to his first PCS. SFC Hays was then assigned to 1/8 Calvary BN, Ft. Hood, Texas in April 2002 where he spent the next 6 years of his military career while also enduring two year-long deployments to Iraq. After his time in 1/8 Cav, SFC Hays was DA selected to attend recruiting school and was further assigned to the Plano, Texas recruiting battalion for 28 months, where he earned his gold recruiting badge. Upon completion of recruiting duty, SFC Hays' final assignment was as the NCOIC of Emergency Services at Bassett Army Community Hospital on Fort Wainwright, Alaska. He was also prior service United States Marine Corp for four years.

Heath enjoyed football, especially LSU football, hunting, riding atv's, white water rafting, and most importantly spending time with his wife and kids.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki of Haughton, Louisiana and his three children: daughter, Katlin and sons, Bryce and Ethan, along with his parents, Linda Hays of Haughton Louisiana, Ray Hays of Doyline, LA and sister Holly Dyer of Azle, Texas.

Visitation will be Tuesday, December 4, 2012 from 5-8 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Haughton, Louisiana. Funeral services will be Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Haughton, with Rev. Gevan Spinney, Pastor, officiating the service. Interment will follow at Hill Crest Memorial Park with full military honors.

The United States Army Honor Guard will be serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Stephen Burroughs, Jeff Carson, Samuel Viera, Kirk Kelley, George Carter and Christopher Mott.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family by viewing www.hillcrestmemorialfh.com.