



## In Memory of

September 15, 1985 - April 7, 2010

1LT Robert Wilson Collins of Tyrone, GA, was killed in action on April 7, 2010, in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. 1LT Collins was born in 1985 in Red Bank, NJ, and graduated from Sandy Creek High School, Class of 2004. After high school he graduated from The United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, Class of 2008. 1LT Collins was the first member of the USMA Class of 2008 to die in combat. He was serving as a Platoon Leader in B Company, 1-64 Armor Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division. He is survived by his parents, LTC (RET) Burkitt (Deacon) Collins and LTC (RET) Sharon L.G. Collins of Tyrone, GA; paternal grandmother, Susan R. Collins of Laurel, MS; aunts, Susan D. Groff of Lancaster, PA; Mary Margaret Anderson and her husband Robert Earl of Ellisville, MS; and Susan G. Stringfellow of Purvis, MS; childhood sweetheart and girlfriend of 8 years, Nicolle Williams of Tyrone, GA; best friend, Andrew Gardner of Miami, FL; his Band of Brothers: 1LT Andrew Collins, 1LT Sean Flachs, 1LT Tim Konze, 1LT Dan McLeod, Greg Maduro, 1LT Phil Raquepau and 1LT Clifford Walker; Battle Buddy, 1LT John F. Parsons; and numerous friends, extended family members, and Comrades in Arms. Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 17, 2010, at New Hope Baptist Church (North Campus) at 10 o'clock with Rev. Scott Pickering, Dr. Rick Long, and Chaplain LTC Mark E. Fairbrother officiating. Interment to follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Newnan. In lieu of flowers those desiring may make donations to the 1LT Robert Wilson Collins Patriot Spirit Scholarship, c/o Bank of Georgia, 100 Westpark Drive,

Peachtree City, GA 30269. Those wishing can make an on-line condolence at [www.parrottfuneralhome.com](http://www.parrottfuneralhome.com). The family will receive friends Friday evening from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory in Fairburn, GA, 770-964-4800.