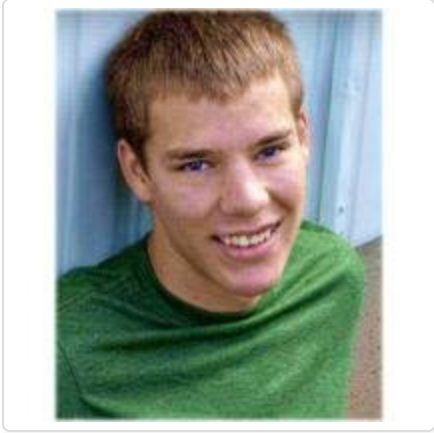




Tyler John Orgaard

August 10, 1992 - December 3, 2012

Tyler John Orgaard, 20, of Bismarck, died on the third day of December 2012 from injuries sustained from a roadside bomb in Lashkar Gah City, Afghanistan, surrounded by his fellow brothers of the 818th. The funeral service and visitation is open to the public. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 am Thursday, December 13, at Church of Corpus Christi, Bismarck, with Rev. Paul Becker officiating. Burial will follow at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan, with full military honors. Luncheon to follow at the Eagles Club, Bismarck. Visitation will be held from 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm Wednesday, December 12, at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, where a rosary/vigil will begin at 7:00 pm. Tyler John Orgaard was born on August 10, 1992, to Jesse Orgaard and Josephine Vetter Orgaard. He was raised in Bismarck and spent his elementary school years attending Northridge Elementary School. He graduated from Century High School in May 2011. While in high school he worked in the parts department at Capital RV. Tyler joined the North Dakota National Guard in January 2011. In doing this he made his childhood dream of joining the Army come true. He attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood Missouri in the fall of 2011. After Basic training Tyler spent four months enjoying his family and friends before deploying to Afghanistan on April 29, 2012, with the 818th Engineer Company Sapper. Tyler enjoyed each day of his life with a smile that would brighten everyone's day. Tyler was a caring and loving person who had a desire to make everyone around him happy. He was the guy everyone could

count on. He was the life of the party. Tyler spent hours in the music room playing both electric and acoustic guitar. Piano came naturally to him. He was able to listen to a song and sit down and play. Jam sessions were a common occurrence in the Orgaard household. His number one love, next to his family and friends, was mixed martial arts. His dedication in the gym brought him to the ring where his record stands at 2-0, with one professional fight. If he wasn't in the gym training, he was at home training; wrestling with his dad and teaching his mom how to box. His other interests included riding dirt bike, deer hunting at the farm, snowboarding trips with his buddies, and hockey and basketball for fun. He also enjoyed sushi lunch dates with his sister and wings with the boys. Sleep well young soldier, your job is done Your war is over and your battle won No armor now to weigh you down Cast it off into the sandy ground Lay down your weapon for you need it not No more bullets need to be shot Have courage now, go rest in peace For the fighting here will never be ceased You fought bravely and with honor died You leave your family so full of pride Sleep well young soldier, your job is done Your war is over and your battle won.

-adapted from Tommy Fisher Tyler will be forever missed and forever in our hearts. A true American Hero. Surviving Tyler are his parents, Jesse and Josie Orgaard, Bismarck; his sister, Kristy Orgaard, Bismarck; his maternal grandparents, John and Mary Vetter, Bismarck; his paternal grandfather, Martin Orgaard, Fredericksburg TX, and his numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Preceding him in death are his paternal grandmother, Beverly Burian Orgaard; his aunt, Veronica Vetter Deisz; and his cousins, Derek Deisz and Layton Olson. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Tyler Orgaard Memorial Fund at Gate City Bank—all donations going to Bismarck Combat Sports.

Tribute Wall

EK

“ *Orgaard Family: We are so Sorry for your Loss. Our thoughts & prayers are with u all during this difficult time. God Bless.*

Evonne Feist & Terry Kroll - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *T, Thanks for giving your all to us, You will never be forgotten.*

James Decker - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *Josie, Jesse & Kristy, My family and I are so saddened to know that your Tyler has passed from his life here on earth. For you to lose your only son and Kristy her only sibling breaks my heart. He sounds like an exceptional young man that I would have been proud to call my relative. I wish I could have thanked him personally for serving our country and giving his life for all Americans. I wish you peace for the upcoming holidays and throughout the coming year. Hold tight to our savior, Jesus Christ. We all are praying for you. With sincere sympathy, Alicia & Bill Becker & Family*

Alicia Becker - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Dear Martin, Jesse, Josie, and Kristy, My eyes filled with tears as I read about your Grandson, Son and Brother. Many will share your pain. I honestly don't know what to say to help you feel better, other than to let you know I am thinking of you. Please listen to the following song "Held" by Natalie Grant . I hope you may find some comfort from it. Love Linda*

Ms. Linda LaCrosse Fairbairn - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“Family of Tyler Orgaard, my deepest thoughts and prayers are with all of you with the loss of a very wonderful young man and who will be deeply missed and my prayers are with you all and God's hands will take care of all of you and share the memories of this young man that we will love and cherish in our hearts and our every day of life.

Debborah Gartner - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ET

“Josie and Jesse, My deepest sympathies for your loss. While working with you Josie, I remember you talking about Tyler with a spark in your eye and could tell then how much he meant to you. You are a wonderful couple with a tragic loss. As a doctor, I've been near many deaths, some more tragic than others, and to you I wish comfort and serenity to get you both through this difficult time.

Eric Thompson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PS

“My heartfelt condolences go out to you at this time. I had the pleasure of getting to know Tyler during our time at Century High School; while our interactions were not lengthy, they have a lasting impact on my life. Tyler and I first met in our Junior year in American Pageant class, we both enjoyed riding dirt-bikes and working on cars/bikes. In that class, we had debates and presentations and Tyler was always one to speak his mind and defend his position; Tyler always defended his beliefs, as well as the beliefs of others. At Century, if someone was giving a girl a hard-time, Tyler was always getting in the bully's face and defending those that couldn't defend themselves. This characteristic was exemplified by his service in our nation's military. Tyler's selflessness and courage has impacted my life in ways that I didn't even realize. He will be sorely missed by those who knew him, and I sincerely wish he was still around today. With deepest condolences, Peter C. Scherer

Peter C. Scherer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“To the Orgaard family: I don't know you personally, but I want you to know that there are so many like me who mourn your loss with you. God bless you during your time of such deep grief. God bless Tyler for serving his country and making the ultimate sacrifice. Prayers are being said for healing and that God's grace and peace will somehow be with you. Sincerely,

Jeanna Severance - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“Orgaard Family, We are so sorry for your loss, please know that our thoughts, prayers and love are with you all. The Burgad Family

Shawn, Shannon, Austin and Sierra Burgad - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Tylers courage and dedication will always be remembered. We had the opportunity to meet Tyler briefly at the sendoff and he will remain in our house and hearts through the pictures we have of the 1st Platoon, 1st squad. May God hold and keep you all through this time.

Greg and Anne Bryson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Orgaard family, I am so sorry for your loss. The country lost a great soldier. My husband is currently deployed with the same unit. He speaks very highly of Tyler. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this very difficult time.

Lindsey Miller - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ Our sympathy to your family Tyler. God bless you and your family.

Howard & Paulette Windhorst - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Martin & Family - We are so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in those that surround you during this difficult time. We pray that God watches over all of you and helps ease the pain. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Calvin & Trisha Stastny Erickson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Our sincere condolences and prayers to all of Tyler's families. Cherish all the Wonderful Memories, and may God Bless you all. Love, Larry and ShirleyBurianJablonsky

Shirley Jablonsky - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CY

“ Dear Orgaard Family, I met Tyler while supporting his unit for mobilization and have to tell you he was one of the nicest and most genuine young men I have ever had the pleasure of knowing! He was very proud of what he was doing and you should be very proud of the young man/Soldier you raised. You will be in my thoughts and prayers!

CW4 Shelley Yantzer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Orgaard family I am sorry for your loss. You lost a son, a brother and a family member. We also lost a Soldier and a member of our prestigious military family. In all my years of military service, for some reason this was the most difficult case I've had to deal with and I didn't even know Tyler. But everything I've heard about him and found out about him while doing my duty has been nothing but exceptional. Take pride in what he did and the tracks he made in life. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers throughout this difficult time.

MSG Jeff Newton - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ I only have a few vague memories of Tyler. Jessie would have him at work at Capital RV when I worked there in the late 90's. Being a vet, I share the deep sadness whenever one of our own falls in battle. My deepest condolences to Jessie,Jo, and family. Kevin & Deb

Kevin Charbonneau - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Dear Martin and family, We are so sad to hear about Tyler. How proud you must be of him. Our deepest sympathy to all the family

Dave & Sharon Geiger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Jesse, Josie, and Kirsty, Our most heartfelt condolences in the loss of Tyler. Words cannot express how deeply saddened we are, what a loss for this world. We respect his commitment and honor his courage. He was a friend of our daughters since Northridge, he always has been a fine young man. May the Grace of God sustain you and give you Peace. Greg, Carol, Calli and Catie O'Shea

Carol O'Shea - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ To Tyler's Family, we mourn your loss along with ours, we share your pain. Praying God will wrap His arms around you with comfort. Keeping you in our prayers.

Dwight & Lana Linde - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AZ

“ I want to extend my appreciation of your son's commitment to keeping our country free. I am deeply touched by his honor to our country. My deepest sympathies to your family on your loss of a dedicated soldier. God Bless You. Anita Zavalney

Anita Zavalney - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ To the family of Tyler Orgaard, I do not know your family but being the mother of a recently retired soldier of 21 years and having my son in the Gulf War when he was just 18 years old, I wanted to say how very sorry I am for your loss, thank you Tyler, for your service to our country, and God bless you all.

Diane H - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ To the family of Tyler Orgaard, I was saddened to hear about Tyler and just wanted you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely: SFC Myotte 507th Afghanistan

SFC William Myotte - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ Dear Orgaard family, Lord shows us how precious our time is on earth, when he takes our most loved people our children and brothers. We have to make the best of every day, hour and minute that we have with our loved ones. More people have to remeber this. I never new your son, but your daughter is one of a kind and I am sure Tyler was just as special. Reading all of the facebook entries makes me feel like I new him also. What a special man you raised and how he touched so many people in his short life. My son wrestled him many times when they were younger...he said how strong Tyler was!! He was great at each event he tried. You losing your son has impacted the whole country. Tyler was a Hero in every regard. We are so sorry for your family losing him and are praying for your family to remeber all of your good times and know he is in such a wonderful place now and will see him again. Caring and praying for all of your family, Nicole, Dean, Lee and Demi

Nicole Beehler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“*Jessie, Josie & Kristy, Words cannot convey the deep sorrow we feel for the loss of Tyler. Know you are constantly in our thoughts and prayers. Josie, I wish I could be there with you at this time, just to give you a big hug and support you. Tyler was and always will be a hero to all of us. Love, Joel, Cleo, Brandon & Kayla Martin*

Cleo Martin - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GO

“*Dear Martin, Jesse, Josie & Kristy, With a heavy heart am reading about the loss of your Grandson, Son and Brother Tyler. Sending hugs from Arizona. Gloria Olson*

Gloria Olson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MN

“*Thinking of you as you go through this hardship. The Lord is forever watching over you and your dear loved one Tyler.*

Marsha Nitschke - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“*Jessie and Josie we are very sorry to hear about your loss. You can feel good that he gave his life for what he believed in. Tyler and your family will be in our prayers. Ken and Mary*

ken bergstad - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AH

“*Hello, So sorry to hear of the passing of your brave son, brother, nephew, grandson, cousin, and friend! Hugs sent to you all!*

Antoinette Gross Heier - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ To the Family of Tyler, Words cannot express, my Deep Sadness, for your loss. May God Bless and Comfort you, now, and always. Sincerely, Judy Becker Hartman an Army Viet Nam Veteran

Judy Becker Hartman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Jesse and family, So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to all of you. May God hold you close and help ease the pain. God bless.

Mary Perschke Woodley - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ To the Orgaard family, My prayers are with you all during this very difficult time. I have many memories growing up around the block and going to school with Kristy and eventually Tyler. He always had a smile on his face even when we were young. You all should be very proud of what a great young man he grew to be!

Heather Banker Bender - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Jesse and Josie, so sorry for your loss, my prayers are with you and your family. You have raised 2 very impressive children.

Tracy Bosch Kadoun - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ Kristi and family: So sorry for the loss of your brother and son. My thoughts and prayers are with you!

Val Wangler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ Josie, Jessie and Family I am so sorry to hear about Tyler. My prayers are with your family at this very difficult time.

Margaret Hoeger Ben Vetter's - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NI

“ May angels wrap their wings around your family during this time of mourning. On behalf of my family & my soldier 507th I send prayers your way. I am truly sorry for your loss and pray that God himself will hold your hearts close & comfort all of you.

Nicole - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Don't know your family at all, but me being a wife of a retired Major AFservice member, my thoughts/ Prayers go out to all who sorrow. God Bless all who served and are serveing today.

Kathleen M. Bennett - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Our deepest sympathy to Jesse, Josie and Kristy. Tyler will be greatly missed by all family friends and all that had the chance to meet him. Our love and prayers are with you all. Your friends Jon, Paula and Zac

Paula Barthel - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

5F

“ The families of the 507th Engineer Battalion Family Readiness Group would like to extend our condolences and prayers. God Bless, FRG Board

507EN BN FRG - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ I'm so sorry for your loss.

Sgt. ret Ann Knudson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Orgaard Family Tyler and you are members of the military family. Please know that we are all feeling the pain of losing a loved one. May you gain strength from God to help you through all of the really hard days and nights. May you know that you can lean on your Guard Family also to help you through anything that arises. Please reach out to us if you have a need. Thank You for sharing Tyler with us. God Bless

CW4 Kathy Mauch - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Jesse, Josie, Kristy, I know there are no words that can help with the passing of a love one but our thoughts and prayers are with your family. I served with Tyler and SFC Linde in Afghanistan but I had to leave early due to the passing of my mother. Tyler always had a smile on his face and he treated everyone as if we'd known each other for ever. I felt so helpless when I got the news and if there is anything your family needs I'll do my best to help. He talked about his family often and he was truly proud serving his country and doing what he loved. He was a great man, great soldier and he will be missed and remembered by his friends, family and the North Dakota National Guard. Again, our deepest condolences to your family during these sad times.

SGT Daniel West - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ My deepest sympathy cannot even begin to be enough to express my sorrow and grief for the loss of Tyler. Jessie, Josie, and Kristy you are all in my thoughts and prayers every second of every day. I love you so much and hurt so much for you. I will always think of Tyler and know that he is a hero, a leader, and made this world a better place because he was here.

Terry Goddard - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ To Tyler's family and friends we wish to send our heartfelt condolences .My son David was one of the Marine recruiters that talked to Tyler.He said he was a really fine young man.I pray that God will hold you in his arms and try to comfort you at this time.As there are never any good words to ease the pain

Maria Hodge - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Jesse,Josie.Kristy,finding words that make this sadest time are difficult. Tyler was most certianly a shining star , not often do we find an individual so set on fullfiling a dream.The few times I met Tyler I saw someone that wanted to make his family proud,in everything he did. Although Tyler will be missed by everyone that knew him,you will all have that memory of how he touched your hearts. Rest In Peace True Hero..Thank You For Your Service To All.

Jeff Kramer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Kristy and family, I am deeply saddened by the death of Tyler. He was an awesome kid, he talked about his big sister often. He was so proud of you Kristy...he will be deeply missed. He had a unique way of making sure everyone that surrounded him was ok...he was a great young man. My deepest sympathy goes to you and your parents, Mr. Riehlmath teacher at CHS

Ryan Riehl - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Jesse, Josie, Kristy, My deepest and most sincere condolences to you and your family Jesse. My thoughts and prayers are with you & your family. I wish I could find some words to make the pain go away even a little, but there are none. Your Freind Always.

Simon Schmidt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Josie and family, I am so very sorry to hear about your Tyler. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Anita Hoge Kling - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Jesse, Josie and Kristy, I know right now words cannot fill the hole in your heart. I cannot explain how sad I am for your family. I had the pleasure of coaching Tyler in both football and wrestling. I can honestly say that there are not many kids like him. He was such a hard worker; he dove into things with passion. I know as a teacher and coach you are not supposed to have favorites, but Tyler was one of mine. I remember when I moved away Tyler was mad at me. We had such a great connnection. He will be greatly missed. I will continue to pray for Tyler and your family. God Bless, Blair Kelley

Blair Kelley - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“*Josie, Jesse, and Kristy, I am so deeply sorry for your loss! I have fond memories of seeing Tyler wrestle and of his huge smiles and talent at BCS. You should be so proud of your accomplished young man and America's hero. Tyler was more kind, generous, and happy in his short life than many people ever are. He is a true HERO in so many ways and truly made a difference in this world. He will be missed greatly but has left so much for you to treasure and be proud of! My thoughts and prayers are with you! Love and peace,*
Jan Fipps”

Jan Fipps - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM