



## Ryan Jeschke

December 5, 1980 - August 10, 2012

Gunnery Sergeant Ryan Jeschke (USMC) was born in Arlington, VA on December 5, 1980 to a family with deep ties to the Marine Corps. His direct forbears served in the Marine Corps in World Wars I, II and Korea.

Ryan was a beautiful, sweet, intelligent child who excelled at sports and became involved in swimming and martial arts. At seventeen, he was the Black Belt welterweight state champion of Virginia in Tae Kwon Do.

He was a charismatic leader who inspired two of his best High School friends to come with him to the Parris Island. Today, they still call him their hero.

Ryan enlisted in the Marine Corps delayed entry program his senior year in high school and left for Recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island on July 6, 1999. Following Recruit training he attended the School of Infantry at Camp Geiger, North Carolina. While attending the School of Infantry he was screened for Reconnaissance training, and upon graduation received orders to the Basic Reconnaissance Course in Coronado, California where he earned the MOS 0321, Reconnaissance Man.

In February of 2000, following graduation from the Basic Reconnaissance Course, he received orders to 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. While at 1st Reconnaissance Battalion he completed two deployments, first in A Company with the 13th MEU in 2002, then in C Company during the invasion of Iraq in 2003. Following his return to the United States after this, his first Iraq tour, he was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps.

Ryan enrolled at Palomar College, where he met Ms. Sheila Marie Schroder,

who was to become his wife. He had completed two semesters when the Marine Corps called, asking for volunteers to activate as combat replacements. He volunteered, and upon activation returned to 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. After deploying to Iraq for a second time with the 15th MEU he reenlisted back to active duty.

On September 4 of 2005, Ryan married his loving and adored wife, Sheila. He then deployed to Iraq a third time, as a team leader in B Company.

In August of 2006, he reported in to 1st Special Missions Training Branch, Marine Special Operations Command where he served as an instructor, exercise evaluator, and ultimately as the assistant operations chief.

In August of 2009, he reported in to 1st Marine Special Operations Battalion, Marine Special Operations Command where he served in Charlie Company, Marine Special Operations Team 8133 as an element on his first deployment to Afghanistan. Upon return from Afghanistan in April 2011, he took up the job as Team chief with Marine Special Operation Team 8133. Ryan continued to lead and mentor his Marines through training and their 2012 return to Afghanistan. On August 10, 2012 Ryan lost his life while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

His Schools included Airborne, Marine Combatant Diver, Survive, Evade, Resist and Escape (SERE), Scout-Sniper Basic Course, Dynamic Assault, Breacher, and other Special Operations Forces related courses. His personal decorations included two Purple Hearts, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Combat V gold star in lieu of 2nd award and the Navy and Marine Good Conduct Medal.

Ryan was an extraordinarily smart and analytical person with an impressive vocabulary and communications style. His leadership identified him as "brilliant" and, a "deep thinker". He was always a voracious reader, especially on topics such as military history, strategy and tactics, martial arts, and fitness. Although Ryan was a natural born warrior, he was also loving, gentle and

funny. He was both proud and humble. He had the affection, respect and admiration of his leadership, the outstanding team that he led, as well as his many friends. To the various members of his family, he was a passionately loved and admired husband, son-in-law, son, grandson, brother, uncle, cousin and hero - the greatest Marine that any of them ever knew.

Ryan is survived by his wife Sheila Jeschke , his mother and father Thomas and Carolyn Jeschke and his two sisters Kara Jeschke and Jean Siler.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ryan Jeschke*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Obituary Wall*



**Jefferson Funeral Chapel** - January 28, 2019 at 09:27 AM



“ *Dear friends and family of Ryan Jeschke ,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm very thankful for your husband who  
fought for our freedom. I learned about him in my 4th Grade writing  
class.I learned of the brave young me and women that sacrificed  
their lives for our freedom.He loved you more than ever! He was  
brave and cared about all of us.All gave some,some gave  
all.Freedom isn't free but, everyday I'm proud to be an American!  
People like him make America great!*

May 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Ryan's family. I am so sorry for your loss. I am thankful for his  
service to our country. I know you are proud of him and I am too.  
4th Grader Godwin Elementary Student*

May 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ To Ryan's family: Please know that your son/husband is not forgotten. My daughter and I chose a fallen Marine to remember every Memorial Day. This year we chose GySgt Jeschke. I hope this message reaches you and brings a smile to you in knowing that this weekend Ryan will be honored in our hearts and home. God Bless.

May 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ R I P Ryan. Your work on Earth is done. Thank you for your service. You will not be forgotten.

August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Being a Vietnam Vet my heart goes out to you and all service members who have lost loved ones. My neighbor's husband left last week for Afghanistan. I hope that you will remember those that are still in harms way as I will remember those who have given their all.

September 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ God Bless the Jeschke family on the loss of their noble son.

August 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I came across Ryan's memorial while searching for a family member. I wanted to extend my gratitude and appreciation for Ryan's service to our country. God bless you and your family. You are a true hero.

August 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM