



75TH RANGER REGIMENT

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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Pfc. Eric William Hario

Killed in action on August 29, 2009

Operation Enduring Freedom

Recognizing that I volunteered as a Ranger, fully knowing the hazards of my chosen profession, I will always endeavor to uphold the prestige, honor, and high “esprit de corps” of my Ranger Regiment... - FIRST STANZA OF THE RANGER CREED

Private 1st Class Eric W. Hario, 19, was an infantryman assigned to 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. He was born Dec. 9, 1989 in Monroe, Mich.

Hario was wounded by enemy fire while conducting combat operations in the vicinity of Paktika Province, Afghanistan, on Aug. 29, 2009. He was medically evacuated to a combat support hospital where he died.

He was on his first deployment in support of the War on Terror.

After graduating from Monroe High School where he lettered in football and wrestling, Hario enlisted in the U.S. Army in June 2008.

He completed One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning Ga., as an infantryman. After graduating from the Basic Airborne Course there, he was assigned to the Ranger Indoctrination Program also at Fort Benning.

Upon graduation from the Ranger Indoctrination Program, he was assigned to Company A, 1st Bn., 75th Ranger Regiment in January 2009 where he served as a grenadier.

His military education includes the Basic Airborne Course and the Ranger Indoctrination Program.

His awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon and the Parachutist Badge.

Hario is survived by his parents Rebecca and James Hario, and brother Mark of Monroe, Mich., and brother U.S. Army Spc. Robert Hario.

He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart.

As a Ranger, Pfc. Eric William Hario distinguished himself as a member of the Army’s premier light-infantry unit, traveled to all corners of the world in support of the War on Terrorism, and fought valiantly to “*uphold the prestige, honor, and high ‘esprit de corps’*” of the Ranger Regiment.

- RANGERS LEAD THE WAY! -

