## Michael Darwin "Mikey" Curtis June 12, 1959 – June 14, 2004

(From Pivont Funeral Home – June 2004)

Michael D. Curtis was born on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 1959 in Hinton, West Virginia; son of William D. Curtis and Mary Francis Willey.

He joined the United States Army in 1978 and served in Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> BN, 505 PIR, of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division until 1981. While on active duty he earned the Expert Field Medical Badge and the Jungle Warfare Expert Badge.

In 1984 he joined the U.S. Army Reserve's 872<sup>nd</sup> Medical Detachment, Helicopter Ambulance part of the 807<sup>th</sup> Medical Brigade. He served with the unit as a Flight Medic, paramedic/ flight nurse and Medical Non Commissioned Officer In Charge.

While serving with the unit in 1990 he was ordered to active duty and deployed to Ft. Polk, LA and later to Saudi Arabia, to support Operations Desort Shield & Desort Storm.

He was the recipient of numerous military awards. His highest award was the U.S. Army Air Medal which he received for participating in a high risk mission attempting to medevac injured soldiers in an aircraft crash during Desert Storm.

Mikes medical career consisted of his military medical training, Expert Field Medical Badge, Basic and Paramedic Emergency Medical Technician, and finally as a registered nurse with several certifications.

His attributes were his love, loyalty, duty to his country, the military, his unit the 872<sup>nd</sup> Medical Detachment, the friends he served with, and the people he cared for.

He was a proud and loving father to his two sons, -Erich and Anthony.

May we always remember Mike, "Mikey" and most of all, Dad for the man he was and friend he will always be.



In Loving Memory Michael Darwin Curtis

> Born June 12, 1959

> Died June 14, 2004

Time & Place of Services 11:00 A.M. Monday June 21, 2004 Pivont Funeral Chapel

> Officiating Rev. Vincent E. Joseph

Place of Interment Lilly-Crews Cemetery Nimitz, WV

Arrangements by Pivont Funeral Home Hinton, WV