



United States Army PFC Justin Ray Davis
Company A, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, Fort Drum, NY
Killed in action June 25, 2006 in Korengal Valley, Afghanistan

Davis exemplified courage and service and was proud to serve his country and to help his fellow man. A native of Gaithersburg, MD, Davis enlisted in the United States Army as an Infantryman before graduating from high school. He was undaunted by the fact that the country was at war. He was assigned to Fort Drum, N.Y. where he was a member of an elite unit the Alpha Company of the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment of the 10th Mountain Division. He deployed to Afghanistan in February 2006.

Davis graduated from Col. Zadok Magruder High School, Rockville, MD in 2005. He played running back on the school's football team and was a member of the Junior ROTC. Justin was a courageous young man who had a passion for life, a passion for people and most of all a passion to serve. He was blessed to follow his dream with an infectious zest until the very end. Justin was serving in the United States Army supporting Operation Enduring Freedom when his life ended in Afghanistan on June 25, 2006.

Davis had a magnetic personality, winning smile, jovial manner and distinguished baritone voice. He was fascinated by the military from a young age when he dressed in fatigues and played with GI Joe, X-Men and other superhero action figures. Davis was also a martial arts enthusiast and was looking forward to pursuing his dream of becoming an actor. He used to talk about becoming the next great action actor.

Davis' faith was always a great strength to him. He was an active member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. As a young teen, he took a memorable Missionary trip with the church to the Bahamas where he assisted with organizing a puppet ministry for underprivileged children in Vacation Bible School.

Davis always said he did not want to be an "Average Joe." Most of all he wanted to make a difference in the world. He wanted to be a part of something bigger and more important than himself and that is his legacy.

Davis' awards and decorations include the Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Afghan Campaign Medal.