



Governor Maura Healey has ordered that the United States of America Flag and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts flag be lowered to half-staff beginning at sunrise Friday, February 23, 2024, until sunset on Friday, March 1, 2024, the date of interment, in honor of Staff Sergeant Carlos Dickey, United States Army, Tanker, 3rd Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, formerly of Lowell, Massachusetts, who passed away on February 13, 2024.



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GEORGIA - Staff Sergeant Carlos D. Dickey, United States Army, 3rd Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, age 29. A former Lowell resident, passed away unexpectedly on February 13, 2024 while stationed at Fort Stewart in Georgia, where he resided. He was the husband of Chelsea (Blaker) Dickey, who was his high school sweetheart.

He was born on February 28, 1994 in Lowell, a son of the late Brian K. Dickey and Maria A. (Ayala) Pena of Lowell, he was raised and educated here in Lowell and he graduated from high school in Williamsburg, PA. Immediately after his graduation, he and Chelsea were married and he enlisted in the United States Army. He quickly moved through the ranks in the Army and was referred to as an "excellent soldier" by his superior officers. He was a tankerman with the 3rd Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment. He also achieved his rank of Staff Sergeant very quickly by Army standards.

Amongst his accomplishments, he received awards for 4 Army Achievement Medal (AAM), Army Good Conduct Medal (AGCM), National Defense Service Medal (NDSM), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOTEM), 2 Army NCO Professional Development Ribbons (NPDR, NCOPD), Army Service Ribbon (ASR), and Army Overseas Service Ribbon (OSR).

Carlos served at Fort Stewart, Georgia and was in the 6-8 CAV, as a Scout Drive, Tank crewman/loader, and Gunner/assistant TC; and Armored Company B, 3rd Battalion 67th Armored Regiment, 2ND BDE. As a tank crewman/ loader, and Tank commander.

"Pookie" as he was affectionately known by his family and those who loved him, had a goofy side too. To know him was to love him.

Besides his wife, Chelsea, of Williamsport, PA and his mother, Maria, of Lowell, he is survived by his 7 year old son, Brennan Dickey of Williamsport, PA, his siblings, Brian K. Dickey of PA, Katherine Ulmer of CA, Tiana Ulmer of Lowell, Savannah Ulmer of PA, Jayden Ulmer of PA, Tre Ulmer of NJ, and Tolsha Smith of Fitchburg, his aunts and uncles, Ramon Cortez of Lowell, Frank Cortez of Lowell, Gloria Suarez of Connecticut, Jessenia Ayala of Lowell, Jennifer Alvarez of [Linden, NJ](#) and Tracy Smith of Lowell. He is also survived by several cousins. He also leaves behind countless brothers and sisters he served with over the years in the United States Army.

In addition to his father, Brian, he was also predeceased by his grandmother, the late Margarita 'Margie' Hernandez; his grandfather, the late Jose Antonio Ayala and his uncle the late Edwin Cortez. At the request of the family, please consider a memorial donation in his name to a veteran's [charity of your choice](#).

On Thursday, February 29, 2024 all are welcome to attend his calling hours from 4-7 p.m. at McDonough Funeral Home, 14 Highland Street, Lowell 978-458-6816.

On Friday morning his calling hours will be from 9-11 a.m. at the funeral home, followed by his service in the funeral home at 11 a.m.. Procession will follow for burial with military honors at Lowell Cemetery on Knapp Ave. in Lowell.

Please visit to find the video of SSG Dickey's Dignified Arrival at Logan Airport. His funeral service with military honors will be streamed on Friday morning at the same link.