

Memorial services planned for fallen Bend soldier

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Memorial arrangements including a limited service and open visitation for 20-year old U.S. Army Specialist Sgt. Zachary McBride, a Bend resident who was killed last week in Sinsil, Diyana Province north of Baghdad, Iraq, have been scheduled.

U.S. Army Specialist Sgt. Zachary McBride in Iraq - photo provided by ONG A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, January 19 at the Eastmont Church, Oregon National Guard (ONG) announced. With expected seating limitations at the small community church, the family has arranged for open visitation on Friday during two time periods which will allow community members to pay their respects.

Community open visitation hours are scheduled from 2-5 p.m., and from 6-8 p.m., Friday, January 18 at the Eastmont Church located at 62425 Eagle Road in Bend.

McBride will be buried with full military honors at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland at noon on Sunday.

McBride, was one of six men who died January 9 when a bomb exploded as the soldiers conducted a house-to-house mission, the Oregon National Guard (ONG) reported. Four others were wounded in the attack and evacuated to a coalition forces hospital.

Sgt. McBride was born in New York, New York, and joined the army in June 2005 immediately after graduating from high school. According to a statement relayed by the family to ONG, Zachary wanted to do something meaningful and to gain life experience. He enjoyed the Infantry's hands-on approach versus the purely analytical, and enjoyed target shooting, reading, socializing with friends and missions for his church, they said.

McBride is survived by his father, Marshall, a Pastor of Music & Worship at Eastmont Church; his mother, Laura; and sister, Sarah; all of Bend.

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