



Raynham Fallen Hero

Corporal Brian Oliveira, USMC

Corporal Brian Oliveira was born in Fall River on December 24, 1981. His family moved to Raynham in 1993 and he attended LaLiberte Junior High School and Bridgewater Raynham Regional High School.

Brian attended Bristol County Community College for a short time, then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in January 2001. After completion of Basic Training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Paris Island, South Carolina, he underwent advanced infantry training at Camp Geiger aboard the Marine Corps Base at Camp Lejeune, NC. He was subsequently transferred to Camp Pendleton, CA and assigned as a Squad Leader with the 3rd Battalion, 1st Regiment, 1st Marine Division.

Corporal Oliveira was serving on his second deployment to Iraq fighting the War on Terror. He was protecting the Iraqi citizens in Al Anbar Province.

During a firefight in said Anbar Province, Corporal Oliveira was mortally wounded and died of his wounds on October 25, 2004.

At the time of his death, Corporal Oliveira had a six week old son whom he had only seen in pictures. He is survived by his wife Phoebe, son Nathan, father David Horseman, mother Lillian Oliveira, sister Carolyn and brother Derek.

Corporal Oliveira was the recipient of the following awards and decorations:

1. Purple Heart Medal, with white cross distinguishing device, denoting a posthumous award
2. Combat Action Ribbon, for having taken and returned enemy fire
3. National Defense Service Medal, for serving on active duty during a time of national conflict

Corporal Oliveira is buried in Saint Columbia Cemetery in Middletown, RI.