

Spc. Jason Greeno 9/4/85 - 8/30/06

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It is with great sadness that we share the news of the death of Jason Greeno, one of our Aqua Skier members and Private 1st class.

Jason Greeno was in a car accident on Monday, August 28th on Hwy 54 and Cty Trk U on his way to our Biron Ski Site. Jason was air lifted to St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield and was put in a drug induced coma due to the major head trauma he sustained. On Wednesday evening it was determined Jason's injuries were beyond recovery as he was showing no brain activity. It was Jason's wishes to not be left on life support and to donate his organs. The doctors think that with his age and great health that he may be able to help up to 142 people with his donation.

On Saturday, August 26th Jason flew into Chicago for two weeks leave from Kuwait, where he had been stationed since November as a member of Battery B of the First Battalion, 120th Field Artillery protecting military installations. On that day our club was skiing a co-show in Waukegan, IL for our sponsors. Jason had been looking forward to skiing in this show for a long time. Jason learned to do a helicopter jump last year right before leaving for overseas. In the show Saturday he skied in the barefoot line and he also made two heli's, he hadn't skied since last year and told the driver he was just gonna "throw the heli". When he returned to the dock he had a perma-grin smile from ear to ear. We are so glad he had the chance to ski one last time. We are also thankful that a few of us were able to ski with Jason one last time. His smile will stay with us forever.

Jason was a person who was full of life. Never without a smile, never a bad word to say, not afraid to try something new and he never gave up until he succeeded in his goals. Jason was a true hero. Not only did he serve his country in life but he continues to serve others in death. Already in Kentucky, his lungs and pancreas helped save a man's life. Jason will be dearly missed.

Please follow this link for information regarding services for Jason:

<http://www.wisconsinrapidstribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060901/WRT010301/609010507/1812>

Scott Greeno, Jason's Dad, would also like to fore go with any flowers and he has set up a memorial fund instead. He would like the memorial fund to go to the Red Beach Project which will help support work being done at South Wood County Park on Lake Wazeecha. He would like to honor Jason's spirit and his love for the sport of water skiing by dedicating something in his name. This information can be found at the link above.

Please take Jason's story as a reminder of how fragile life is. We cannot take even one moment for granted. While Jason was in Kuwait we always had a fear that something bad might happen but when he landed and was back home we felt a sigh of relief that he was now safe. Just remember that we need to show our family and friends how much we love them and to live life to the fullest.

In Peace and Love,
Nicole and Rich Taugner