



JESSICA ROUTIER IS RUNNING FOR ARMY 1ST LT. JAIME L. CAMPBELL

25, of Ephrata, Wash.; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 207th Aviation Regiment, Alaska Army National Guard, Anchorage, Alaska.; killed Jan. 7 when a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crashed near Tal Afar, Iraq.

1st Lt. Jaime L. Campbell of Ephrata, Washington is the daughter of Miki and Jeff Krausse. Born into a tradition of military service, her father, a Command Sergeant Major and her grandfather also served in the United States Army during World War II.



Jaime grew up in Washington state in East County and moved to Ephrata during junior high before graduating from Ephrata High School where she was student-body president. She also graduated from Washington State University in 2002 with a bachelor of arts degree in apparel, design and merchandising. The eldest of three daughters, she was selfless and talented, an artist and an expert horsewoman. While still in high school, she mastered her horse-handling skills so well that she was selected the state's rodeo queen in 1998.

When Jaime decided to do something, it had to be her best. She was as beautiful inside as she was outside.

She lived in Alaska for the last two years with her husband, Capt. Samuel Campbell, who had been stationed at Fort Wainwright with the Army.

Jaime originally joined the Army as an enlisted soldier, but joined the National Guard in April 1999 to help pay for college. She liked the idea of flying so much she made aviation her career. She was proud to serve her country but nervous about her tour of duty. And she took comfort knowing that both her husband, Sam, and her father also were stationed in Iraq. Her father, a career military man, spent a year in Iraq before returning on Thanksgiving, just a week after last seeing his daughter. Meanwhile, Sam and Jaime were stationed just 150 miles apart in Iraq, and made daily phone calls when possible. They last saw each other the week before. Both Samuel and Jaime deployed to Iraq in September 2005. The pair had been married a little more than three years. They first met at the National Rodeo High School Finals in Pueblo, Colorado. Their paths crossed again at a Reserve Officer Training Corps camp at Fort Lewis, Washington. Jaime was a pilot on the UH-60L Blackhawk that went down in bad weather near the town of Tal-Afar. All four National Guard crew members and eight passengers aboard were killed. Her husband, Sam was also in Iraq when she died and he escorted her remains home from Iraq. Jaime is survived by her husband, Capt. Sam Campbell; father and mother, Jeff and Miki Krausse; and her sisters, Jenny Powers and Jessica Krausse.