

THE RHODES TRIBUNE

Friday, May 11, 2001,

PO3 Michael Jeffrey Haas, 24, the son of K. Mark Haas and Rhita J. Freland Haas, was born October 25, 1976 in Marshalltown, Iowa. From the age of six Michael grew up in Medicine Lodge, Kansas. He got his GED from Medicine Lodge High School. Michael received two years of college education from Pratt Community College in Pratt, Kansas and from the U.S. Navy.

On December 28, 2000, Michael was united in marriage to Shelly R. Wetli in Norfolk, Virginia. Michael was serving his country in the U.S. Navy, aboard the U.S.S. Kauffman (FFG 59) as a Sonar Technician. He was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Norfolk, Virginia. Michael had a strong, caring and loving spirit which made him a truly special husband, son, brother, grandson, nephew and friend.

On April 11, 2001, Michael died at Wilford Hall Medical Center-Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, at the age of 24. He was preceded in death by his Grandfather, Jim Freland; his Paternal Grandfather, Kenneth Haas; and aunt, Sandy Bledsoe.

Those left to honor his memory are his wife Shelly of Norfolk, Virginia; father and step-mother, K. Mark and Sarah Haas of Pratt, Kansas; his mother, Rhita J. Haas of Medicine Lodge, Kansas; brother, Mark E. Haas of Medicine Lodge; his sister and brother-in-law, Kendra and Brett Medhus of Reinbeck, Iowa; paternal grandmother, Violet Haas of Sharon, Kansas; his maternal grandmother, Mary Lou Freland of Baxter, Iowa; his many aunts and uncles, shipmates and friends.