

## Steven Daugherty (1979-2007)

**Age:** 28

**Hometown:** Barstow, CA

**Date of Death:** 7/6/2007

**Incident Location:** Baghdad

**Branch of Military:** Navy

**Rank:** Petty Officer 1st Class

**Unit:** An East Coast-based SEAL team

**Unit's Base:** Norfolk, Va.

After making the honor role at Barstow Community College and graduating in 1999 with an associates in liberal studies, Steven Phillip Daugherty enlisted in the Navy. "He wanted to see the world and he did," said his mother, Lydia. "He loved the Navy. He loved everything about it. He was just proud to do his job." Daugherty, 28, of Barstow, Calif., was killed July 6 during combat in Baghdad. He was a 1997 Barstow High School graduate and was assigned to a SEAL team based in Norfolk. Daugherty traveled to ports in the Persian Gulf, the Mediterranean Sea and in Europe during his service on the USS Oscar Austin. In 2007, he began working with elite Navy SEAL teams as a cryptologic technician. Lydia said Daugherty enjoyed serving with the SEALs, and he was highly respected by his fellow sailors. Daugherty's three siblings, all currently enlisted or former military, also spoke highly of their brother. "I couldn't be more proud of him," sister, Kristine said. "He was courageous and committed to what he did." He also is survived by his father, Tom, and a 5-year-old son. Daugherty enlisted in the Navy Aug. 9, 1999, and graduated from Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill., in October. Daugherty attended Naval Intelligence Training, Pensacola, Fla., in 2000, before reporting to USS Oscar Austin (DDG 79). In 2003, he reported to Naval Technical Training Center Detachment, Fort Meade. He served at Naval Security Group Activity, Norfolk, Va., from March 2004 to February 2007 before transferring to the Navy Information Operation Command Tactical Communications System Special Warfare. Daugherty's awards include the Joint Service Achievement Medal, Combat Action ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Navy ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment ribbon and Good Conduct Medal (2 awards). He was a qualified Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist. Daugherty is survived by his son and parents.

(Source: Associated Press)

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CTT1 (SW) Steven Phillip Daugherty, USN, 28, passed away July 6, 2007, on duty in Baghdad, Iraq. He was born May 16, 1979, in Apple Valley. Besides his love for the Navy, he enjoyed playing his guitar and spending time with family and friends. He is survived by his parents, Thomas and Lydia Daugherty of Barstow; a son, Steven P. Daugherty Jr. of Tacoma, Wash.; two brothers, Robert Daugherty of Omaha, Neb., and Richard Daugherty of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a sister, Kristine Daugherty of Killeen, Texas; and his grandmother, Pearl Watkins of Yermo. A graveside service with full military honors will be conducted in Arlington National Cemetery Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at 10 a.m. Snellings Funeral Home Portsmouth Blvd. Chapel is handling the arrangements. Condolences may be offered to the family at [www.snellingsfuneralhome.com](http://www.snellingsfuneralhome.com)

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