

<p>WARRANT OFFICER CLASS 2 SPENCER FAULKNER ARMY AIR CORPS</p>

<p>Warrant Officer 2 Spencer Faulkner, killed in the Lynx helicopter crash in Afghanistan, ♦was born on 15 December 1975. He♦joined the Army as a Royal Engineer, Geographic Technician in September♦1992. Selected for employment as aircrew in 2005, he completed his♦initial flying training prior to streaming on to the Lynx helicopter. He♦completed his conversion training at Middle Wallop in February 2007 and♦was subsequently officially re-mustered to the Army Air Corps as a♦pilot. An experienced aviator, Warrant Officer 2 Faulkner deployed to
Afghanistan on numerous occasions, often at short notice, in support of♦UK Armed Forces.</p> <p>A true Army Warrant Officer in bearing and professionalism, he was liked♦and highly respected by all who worked with him.</p> <p>His Commanding Officer said of him:</p> <p>"WO2 Spencer Faulkner has been a stalwart of the Squadron for many
years, deploying to Afghanistan on numerous occasions, where he
consistently displayed the guile, leadership and bravery so closely
associated with his Squadron. The loss of a Warrant Officer of his
calibre and commitment will leave a huge void in the close knit fabric
of the Unit and our thoughts and condolences are very much with his
family, of whom he was so proud".</p> <p>The Commander for the deployed Lynx Detachment paid the following
tribute:</p> <p>"WO2 Spen Faulkner was a conscientious, loyal and dedicated soldier who
was a privilege to command. An extremely experienced aviator he was the
Air Mission Commander of his detachment and my first port of call if I
wanted a straight answer, no matter how sensitive the subject. Well
liked and respected by all whot met him, his passing is a huge blow to
the Aviation Detachment and his Squadron alike. I had the privilege of
flying with WO2 Faulkner numerous times at Royal Air Force Odiham and
was always incredibly impressed with his professionalism and hands-on
flying ability. Sharing a cockpit with him you would get insight into
the true man; a loving husband and hugely dedicated father to his two
children. I feel honoured to be able to call him a friend and my
thoughts and prayers are with his wife and family at this difficult
time".</p> <p>His family said:</p> <p>"Spen was a loving husband to Cally and devoted father to Natasha and
Jack, and will be greatly missed. A huge gap has been left in our hearts
forever. He has been tragically taken away whilst serving his Country, a
job he loved. God rest his soul".</p>