



Lieutenant ANDREW RICHARD NUTTALL



Killed: 23 December, 2009
Nakhonay, Panjwaii District, Afghanistan

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth: Prince Rupert, B.C.

Age: 30

Military Service: - Service Number
- 1 PPCLI

Family: - Parents Jane and Richard Nuttall; Brother - John

Lt. Nuttall, the 134th Canadian to lose his life in Afghanistan, was killed by an IED during a joint foot patrol. Also killed was a soldier of the Afghan National Army (ANA) and an Afghan interpreter was injured. **"Andrew came to Afghanistan because he honestly thought he could make a difference to the people of Afghanistan,"** said Brig.-Gen. Daniel Menard, commander of coalition forces in Kandahar province. **"He wanted to lead from the front and set the example, attributes he passionately displayed every time he was in front of his platoon. "Menard described Nuttall as generous, someone who always had a smile on his face and "greeted everyone he met with enthusiasm and goodwill."**

In a statement, Nuttall's family said he always put others ahead of himself and they were proud of his decision to join the military. The statement added that he believed his service in Afghanistan was making a difference. **"We have lost a bright light in our lives,"** the family said.

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Born in Prince Rupert, BC, he moved shortly after to Edmonton, and from there to West Vancouver where he attended West Bay Elementary School and made many lifelong friends through school, soccer, and Cubs. He completed grades 6, 7, and 8, at St Patrick's School, Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. Here he was introduced to hockey, which became a loved activity. Fun in air cadets, scouts and sports took him across the north and sparked his sense of adventure. Andrew's high school days were spent in Regina, Saskatchewan, at Campbell Collegiate. He spoke of his high school years in choir, hockey and basketball as 'the best'.

In 1997, he moved with his family to Victoria, and began studies in Engineering and Computer Sciences at the University of Victoria. At UVic, he lived life to the fullest, working at the university radio station, and taking up surfing, snowboarding, hiking, camping, travelling and cherishing time with good friends. Work experiences were mainly in the computer field, including assisting in the family business. In 2006, his passion for fitness led him to join Crossfit Vancouver as a trainer. Here he met many people in the military whom he liked, and soon saw that a career in that direction would focus many of his skills and interests. He joined the military in March, 2007, and was overjoyed at the opportunity to join the 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia Light Infantry (1PPCLI) in Edmonton.

This beautiful man was characterized by an easy, selfless, outgoing, generous and loving personality. He was always ready to help his fellow man, debate world issues, support family and friends. He touched the lives of many in his all too short years. Andrew did not die in vain. He was protecting the most vulnerable of the world. He, along with a tough, educated, well trained group of men and women, were reaching out every hour, in everything they did, to make a positive change in this small global village of ours; to open the realm of possibilities for a safe and better life for everyone. He made the ultimate sacrifice to demonstrate these Canadian values – his values. *'Imagine there's no borders...'* He imagined a better world, and walked out into life to make a change, no matter how small or large, whether with friends around a table in Canada or in full fatigues working with an Afghan villager. With energy and enthusiasm he always said "Live life to the fullest!"