



TSgt John E. Horton

30 May 1965 - 7 August 2002

Technical Sergeant John (Johnny Luv) E. Horton was killed in a training accident at Ft. Hunter Liggett, California, on August 7, 2002. He was 37. John entered the US Navy in 1984, and joined the 129th RQW in 1990. He earned his pararescue qualification in 1994. As a National Champion Skydiver and an expert skydiving cameraman, Horton had over 1500 jumps and 24 hours of freefall time. John was a qualified combat scuba diver, military freefall jumpmaster, senior parachute rigger (AF and FAA), tandem parachute master and examiner, emergency medical technician, pararescue trauma specialist, pararescue team leader, pararescue trainer and certifier, and tactical weapons specialist. He had deployed with the 129th RQW to Turkey, Kuwait, Uruguay, Iceland, and Spain. John was involved in 20 operational rescue missions resulting in saving the lives of 15 people.

John is survived by his father, John Davis Horton; mother, Joann Horton; step-mother, Marilyn Horton; step-father, Billy Robertson; sister, Suzi Romack; nephew, Nicholas Roti; niece, Lindsey Romack; and his fiancée, Kim Avery. Internment was at Oakhill Cemetery, Cupertino.