Bio for Harold E. Brown, Jr.

Harold E. Brown, Jr. was born in Bolton, MA on June 4, 1972. He was a graduate of Nashoba Regional High School, Class of 1990. He obtained an Associate degree in Liberal Arts from Mt. Wachusett Community College and then went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from George Washington University. He enlisted in the Army in the college-opt program in January 1992 and completed his training as a JAG soldier in the summer of 1993. Upon graduating from GWU, he applied for and was selected for the Army's Officers Candidacy School at Fort Benning, GA where he began training in January 1995. He earned his commission in May, 1995 as a Military Intelligence officer. He honorably served as an active duty MI officer until the fall of 1998. While serving on active duty he began working towards his Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Phoenix, which he completed in August of 1999. Harold remained in the Army Reserves as he embarked on a career in the private sector. While working as an account manager for an investor relations technical firm in MA, he was called to active duty to serve in Bosnia. He was at Fort Bragg, NC, two days before departing for Bosnia, when the tragic events of September 11, 2001 (9-11) happened. The experience in Bosnia, where the mission went from peacekeeping in nature to gathering information on possible Al-Qaeda members/sympathizers living in the Balkans, made the transition back to the private sector unpalatable for Harold. Shortly after returning, he accepted a position with SAIC as a project manager of a team of analysts in the United Kingdom, in support of the EUCOM. He continued to serve as an MI officer in the US Army Reserves, and was called to active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He returned to government service after SAIC lost their contract in England, this time serving as an officer in the Central Intelligence Agency. He volunteered for a year-long deployment with the CIA in Khost Province, Afghanistan in 2009. He was killed on December 30, 2009 by a suicide bomber, eight months into his deployment. Harold was a devoted husband of 15 years to Janet (Dill) Brown and a very proud father of 3 children: Paul D. Brown (September 1997), Magdalena (Lena) E. Brown (February 1999) and Claire H. Brown (April 2007). He was beloved by all who met him, regardless of ethnicity, religion or political allegiance. He was a person who inspired those around him to be better people. Harold enjoyed extensive world travel with his family and was an avid runner and fitness enthusiast. He routinely volunteered for the organizations in which his children were involved (Cub Scouts, sporting teams, and at church and school). He was a member of St. Mary of Sorrows Parish in Fairfax, VA from the time he moved to the area in 2004 until his passing. He taught CCD there for 4 years and was a proud member of the Knights of Columbus. It was shortly after he took his First Degree that he was deployed on his fatal mission. Harold E. Brown, Jr. exemplified true Patriotism and lived his life for God, Family, and Country.