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## James E. Prevete

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**Award:** Veterans' Hall of Fame

**Year:** 2011

Pfc. James E. Prevete was born on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 1982 and was killed on October 10, 2004 while bravely serving our country in Operation Iraqi Freedom in Habbaniya, Iraq. Pfc. Prevete was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 506<sup>th</sup> Infantry, A Company, based in Camp Greaves, Korea and was killed in a military vehicle accident.

Pfc. Prevete was a lifelong resident of Whitestone, New York. He attended Holy Trinity Elementary School from June 1987 through June 1996 and then attended St. Francis Prep High School where he graduated in June 2000. He also briefly attended Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut and Queens College prior to proudly joining the United States Army in November 2003.

He is remembered by his family and friends as a wonderful young man, dedicated to his family and who “lived and died as a person of high moral standards” and who “found his true calling in the Army, which drew on the same sense of discipline and achievement that made him such a dedicated football player.” While in the Military he was awarded: Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, and Expert Weapons Qualification - Rifle

As a tribute to his life, at his family's request portion of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 147<sup>th</sup> and 149<sup>th</sup> Street in Whitestone, New York was renamed to “PFC James E. Prevete Avenue”.