Read the transcripts here from WLOS reporter Charu Kumarhia's three Emmy-winning stories about Army pilot Mitch Carver.

VISITATION - AIRED 1/21/06

((1:22:42-:45)) "HE ACTUALLY LOVED HIS COUNTRY MORE THAN LIFE." [2]

MITCH CARVER SEEMED TO KNOW - EVEN AT A YOUNG AGE - THAT HE WAS DESTINED TO BECOME A SOLDIER.

[3][1:19:55-:20:03]) "I HAD PRETTY MUCH CONVINCED MYSELF THAT IT WAS NOT MITCH. I WAS IN THE LIVING ROOM AND THE PORCH LIGHT WAS ON WHEN I SAW THESE TWO HANDSOME MEN SOLDIERS WALK ACROSS MY PORCH." [4]

HIS PARENTS SAY THAT HE SO GREATLY ENJOYED HIS JOB AS AN ARMY HELICOPTER PILOT THAT HE WILLINGLY RETURNED TO IRAQ.

THEY BELIEVE THEIR SON MAY HAVE MANEUVERED HIS FALLING HELICOPTER, IN PART, TO AVOID HITTING INNOCENT IRAQI CIVILIANS.

[5][1:24:13-:18]) "I CAN SEE THAT HIM.. YOU CAN SEE THAT WE HAVE ALOT OF PRIDE IN OUR SON." [6]

WHEN THE 31 YEAR OLD IS BURIED THIS COMING MONDAY AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY - HE'LL HAVE NUMEROUS HONOURS FOR HIS SERVICE.

((1:24:30-:35)) "14 MEDALS ON THE CHEST OF A YOUNG SOLDIER - PRETTY HIGHLY DECORATED." [7]

WITH HEAVY HEARTS AND SAD FACES - HUNDREDS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS POURED INTO THE CHURCH MITCH CARVER CONTINUED TO TITHE TO - NEWFOUND BAPTIST.

[8][32:36-:44]) "THEY ALWAYS COME TO THE AID OF EVERYBODY ELSE IN THIS COMMUNITY WHEREVER SICKNESS MAY BE OR WHATEVER IT IS.. THE CARVERS ARE USUALLY THE FIRST ONES THROUGH THE DOOR." [9]
THERE ARE VERY FEW HEROES LEFT IN THIS WORLD.. MITCH WAS ONE OF THEM.

THOSE WHO LAST SAW MITCH SAY HE BELIEVED IN HIS MISSION.

"FOR ME TO BE HERE NOW.. IS AN UNBELIEVABLE HONOUR.. FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO BRING HIM HOME."

"WE KNOW WHERE HE IS TODAY.. THAT'S WHAT GIVES US THE STRENGTH TO GO ON."

CHARU KUMARHIA, NEWS 13.

MITCH CARVER BURIAL - AIRED 1/26/06, AT 6

"WE ARE HEADED TO WASHINGTON, D.C."

FAMILY AND FRIENDS LOAD UP EARLY SUNDAY ON 2 BUSES HEADING FROM NEWFOUND BAPTIST CHURCH TO THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

MANY OF MITCH'S FORMER TEACHERS ARE ON THE BUS.

"WE LOVE HIM.. HE'S OUR BOY."

"ONE OF THE MEMORIES I WANT TO HAVE IS HIM BEING BURIED AT ARLINGTON CEMETARY."

EVERYONE HAS MIXED EMOTIONS ABOUT CARVER BEING BURIED AT ARLINGTON.

"I HATE TO LEAVE HIM UP THERE MY HIMSELF.. BUT HE'S NOT BY HIMSELF - HE'S GOING TO BE WITH HIS ARMY BROTHERS."

THE BUSES ARE ESCORTED BY POLICE - A DISTINCTION USUALLY ONLY RESERVED FOR THE HIGHEST D-C OFFICIALS AND FOREIGN DIGNITARIES.

WITH PRECISION, AND GENTLENESS, ARLINGTON'S OLD GUARD HONOURS MITCH CARVER WITH THE COUNTRY'S OLDEST MILITARY TRADITIONS.

IT IS HERE AT THE BURIAL SITE OVERLOOKING THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT THAT THE CARVERS SAY GOOD-BYE TO THEIR SON.
"HE WAS A JOY FROM THE TIME I FOUND OUT I WAS EXPECTING HIM.. AND STILL IS."

THE CARVERS RECEIVE THE THANKS OF A GRATEFUL NATION.

"AFTER 31 YEARS.. GOD HAS TOLD HIM.. YOU'RE WORK IS DONE ON EARTH.. BUT WE'RE GOING TO MISS HIM. WE'D TRADE PLACES WITH HIM RIGHT NOW, EITHER ONE OF US, IF WE COULD."

JOURNEY TO ARLINGTON - AIRED 1/26/06, AT 11

"HISTORICALLY ARLINGTON HAS A VERY IMPORTANT PLACE IN AMERICAN HISTORY." [2]

ITS THE FINAL RESTING PLACE FOR COUNTLESS SOLDIERS, NOTEWORTHY AMERICANS AND 2 U-S PRESIDENTS - NOW ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY IS HOME TO BUNCOMBE COUNTY'S MITCH CARVER.

MITCH CARVER NEVER FORGOT WHERE HE CAME FROM - HE CONTINUED TO TITHE TO HIS HOME CHURCH - AND KEPT IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS - BUT THE CALL OF ARLINGTON WAS STRONG AND THAT LAST TRIP TO THIS SACRED GROUND WAS POWERFUL.

"HE TOLD SEVERAL PEOPLE THAT'S WHERE HE WANTED TO BE.. AND WE COULDN'T GO AGAINST HIS WISHES." [5]

DESPITE SOME INITIAL RESERVATIONS - THE CARVERS ARRANGED FOR MITCH TO GO TO ARLINGTON ONE LAST TIME.

CARRIED BY A TEAM OF BLACK HORSES.. THE ARMY'S OLDEST ACTIVE INFANTRY REGIMENT TOOK MITCH TO HIS FINAL RESTING PLACE.

"WE STRIVE TO SHOW HONOUR AND RESPECT TO THE FALLEN WARRIORS OF OUR NATION." [7]
"THE FEELINGS THAT YOU GET AS YOU HEAR THE GUNS GO OFF.. YOU SEE THE HELICOPTERS FLY OVER - AND YOU KNOW THAT'S A TRIBUTE TO HIM." [9]

"HE DESERVED IT.. EVERY BIT." [10]

"HE WANTED TO BE THERE AND HAVE SCHOOL CHILDREN VISIT HIS GRAVE AND RUN OVER THE GRAVE AND READ HIS NAME." [12]

FOR A FAMILY WHOSE SON MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE - THIS JOURNEY TO ARLINGTON REPRESENTS CLOSURE.

"IT MAKES US FEEL HUMBLE TO THINK THAT OUR SON CAN LAY THERE WITH SO MANY GREAT PEOPLE." [14]

IN ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA, CHARU KUMARHIA, NEWS 13.