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**Matthew D. Ransom**, age 40, of North Canton, OH, passed away, September 7, 2011. He was born February 13, 1971, in Ann Arbor, MI, the son of Robert Ransom & Dora (Girbach) Ransom. He was a graduate of Tecumseh High School & Malone University. He was currently employed as a Force Protection Officer with Triple Canopy in Kuwait. He served formerly in the U.S. Army National Guard for eight years. Matt was deployed for one year to Avion AFB in 2004 to support Operation Enduring Freedom. He was deployed in September 2005 to Mississippi following

Hurricane Katrina. Matthew served one term as a youth pastor at the Tecumseh Friends Church. Additional career activities included teaching and counseling at Boysville in Macon, MI. Matthew enjoyed the outdoors; camping, fishing, white water canoeing, spelunking, firearms and Christian sports for youth. He is survived by his wife, Ahlem Ransom, his parents, Dora Griffith and Robert (Cynthia) Ransom, his sister, Wendy (David) Hodgkins, three brothers, Luke (Claire) Ransom, Jacob Ransom and Michael Ransom, two step-brothers, Bernard (Jennifer) Walker and Rodney (Stephanie) Walker and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Clare & Frances Ransom and Lester & Jenny Koch and step father, Ezbon Griffith. Funeral Services will be held 11:00 AM Thursday, September 15, 2011, at J. Gilbert Purse Funeral Home, Adrian, with Pastor Kelly Hadlich & Pastor Quint Bryan both officiating. Burial will follow in Ridgeway Cemetery with Military Honors performed by the Michigan Army National Guard Honor Guard. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at J. Gilbert Purse Funeral Home, Adrian. [PurseFuneralHome.com](http://PurseFuneralHome.com)

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