

# MARTINSVILLE BULLETIN

## Marine funeral scheduled



Demarkus Brown

Friday, November 26, 2004

The funeral for Lance Cpl. Demarkus Brown will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Greater International Pentecostal Holiness Church on Carver Road in Martinsville.

Lance Cpl. Brown, 22, was killed Nov. 19, 2004, in Fallujah, Iraq while conducting military actions during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was a member of the 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force based at Camp Lejeune, N.C. He joined Bravo Company of the 1st Battalion, 8th regiment in February. He joined the Marines in July 2003.

Brown had received several awards, including a Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal and a Sea Service Deployment Ribbon. He has been recommended for the Purple Heart. He was a 2000 graduate of Laurel Park High School. He was born in Martinsville on April 8, 1982, and was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Lyburn Brown.

Surviving are his mother, Chynita Belcher of Martinsville; his father, Donald Brown of Jacksonville, Fla.; stepfather, Edward Belcher of Martinsville; a sister, LaTasha Carter of Greensboro, N.C.; two brothers, Donald E. Brown Jr. and Aaron Brown, both of Roanoke; maternal grandmother, Mary Smith of Martinsville; maternal grandfather, James Carter of Martinsville; paternal grandmother, Joyce Ann Armstrong of Bassett; paternal step-grandfather, James Armstrong of Bassett; and paternal step-grandfather, Curtis Smith of Martinsville.