



Darrel and Nancy Knight of Terre Haute, Ind., hold a photograph of her late son, United States Army Sgt. Kyle W. Childress, 29, the first U.S. soldier from Vigo County killed in Iraq. The Knights stand on the Veterans Memorial Plaza in front of the courthouse in Terre Haute. Childress, a member of the 1st Infantry Division's 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, was killed in combat Jan. 21, 2005. The Knights contacted the Wabash Valley Community Foundation to receive memorial gifts for Kyle. The funds will be used for a monument on the plaza to honor those from Vigo County who perish in the Iraq war. Childress also is survived by his father, Keith, and his siblings, Jason and Gretta, all of Terre Haute. Childress was due to return to Indiana at the end of February.

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