



An Army carry team carries the transfer case containing the remains of Army Spc. Jared C. Plunk, formerly of Turpin, Okla., upon his arrival at Dover Air Force Base, Del. on Saturday. The Department of Defense announced the death of Army Spc. Jared C. Plunk who was supporting Operation Enduring Freedom, in Afghanistan. AP photo/Jose Luis Magana

TURPIN, Okla. (AP) — The body of an Army soldier who grew up in the Oklahoma Panhandle town of Turpin has arrived back in the U.S. Spc. Jared C. Plunk's body was flown to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware on Saturday evening. Plunk's grandmother, Nelmalee Plunk of Warr Acres, Okla., near Oklahoma City, Okla., described her 26-year-old grandson as a hardworking kid who farmed and loved to shoot. His grandmother says Plunk played football at Turpin High School and later attended Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, which the Department of Defense listed as his residence.

Plunk was married to Lindsay (Fisher) Plunk, formerly of Liberal, and they had two sons.

Racers, race fans help Plunk's wife

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Local stock car racer Jason Martin is related to Plunk by marriage (his wife is a cousin of Plunk's wife), and he had mentioned that Plunk's wife, Lindsay, had made her way from Tennessee, where Plunk had been stationed, to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware to meet his body Saturday evening. However, the Army would only fly her back to Tennessee – they would

not fly her back to Kansas.

Martin explained to friends at the track that the military was not paying for her air fare or the expenses. Friends then got together Sunday night at the races at Seward County Raceway and passed a racing helmet through the crowd raising \$1,200 to help with her travel expenses to get back home.

Martin ended up winning his division at the races.