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Funeral services Tuesday for Fernley soldier killed this week in Iraq

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The public viewing for Thomas F. Lyons will be 11 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 155 U.S. 95A and services with military honors is at noon at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery at 14 Veterans Way in Fernley, according to email from his mother, Jeanna Flint.

Gov. Jim Gibbons is adjusting his schedule so he can attend, his spokesman Daniel Burns confirmed this morning.

Lyons, 20, was in a convoy in Baji, Iraq, when the truck was hit with a kind of bomb that becomes a projectile when detonated.

Lyons and his colleagues were serving north of Baghdad and assigned to the 545th Military Police Co. of the Arctic Military Police Battalion based at Fort Richardson, Alaska. Two others, Staff Sgt. Shannon M. Smith, 31, of Marion, Ohio; and Pfc. Zachary T. Myers, 21, of Delaware, Ohio, also died in the attack.

Lyons' body will arrive Monday in Nevada.

Lyons' wife, Delvin, is also a military police officer. They had a son in May.

Flint added these thoughts about her son:

"I have been asked how I would like Thomas to be remembered and I would like to quote fellow soldier (rank unknown) John Emery, 'he put everyone above himself.' He always brightens up your day with his presents.

Also he did what he thought what was right and not what was popular regardless of who agreed with him."



This is a photograph of Thomas Lyons, 20, of Fernley taken with permission off of his mother's Facebook page. (Jeanna Flint/Facebook)

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