



## St. Sgt. Nir Cohen



**August 9, 2006 – St. Sgt. Nir Cohen, 22, of Maccabim-Reut, was one of four IDF soldiers killed when Hizbullah terrorists fired an anti-tank missile at their tank in the western section of southern Lebanon.**

Nir Cohen was supposed to celebrate his 23rd birthday on Friday. Instead of holding the planned birthday party, his family members held his funeral on that day.

Nir was a tour guide for groups of teenagers from abroad who would visit Israel. He was recently preoccupied with arranging the new apartment he had rented in Tel Aviv, to which he was supposed to move in the next few days.

When he received his emergency call-up notice earlier in the week, he gladly set out. Family members said that, "He was supposed to serve as a medic but he told his commanders he missed driving in the tank, and thus received the mission, from which he did not return."

His sister Noa said: "Since he left for his reserve duty we were worried about him, and he called every day to calm us down when there were incidents. Yesterday, throughout the whole day I had a bad feeling. When I tried to reach him I couldn't. At night when the officers of the army came I wasn't surprised."

Nir asked his good friend Hadar Nofer to look after his father. "A few days ago in a chilling conversation he told me he was going into Lebanon. Before we finished the conversation, he told me, 'You must say goodbye, I may not come back.'"

St. Sgt. Nir Cohen was buried in Maccabim-Reut. He is survived by his parents and two siblings.

