



St. Sgt. Amit Robinson



January 8, 2009 – St. Sgt. Amit Robinson, 20, of Kibbutz Magal, was killed by sniper fire during a military operation in the northern Gaza Strip.

Amit was inducted into the IDF a year ago. After basic training in the armored corps, he passed an ammunition course and was assigned to a tank crew. Relatives say that Amit followed in the footsteps of his father, who also served in the armored corps. "He had just finished his course, and he was sent straight into Gaza," said his brother-in-law Asaf Priel. "The family knew that he was in Gaza, and they spent all their time glued to the television for any news. They were concerned like any other parents who know that their son is in Gaza. But Amit felt that he was at war and very much wanted to continue."

Priel said Amit went into Gaza last Saturday immediately upon completing his training. "His parents were glued to the television set," he said. "Three days ago, the barrel of his tank was damaged, and he and his crew came out of Gaza to repair it. He managed to call his sister, Noam, and also spoke to his parents. "That was their last conversation with him. We all thought it was a miracle that his tank was hit but he wasn't hurt. We thought that now, nothing could happen to him. But it seems the miracles were over."

Amit was a very sociable person. "Everyone loved him. He was great at table tennis and had lots of friends. He was the life of any party," said Priel. "I don't remember that he had any fear. This country exists because of people like him."

Amit's parents, Sylvia and Eliyahu Robinson, immigrated from Argentina many years ago, and have lived in Kibbutz Magal since their arrival in Israel.

St. Sgt. Amit Robinson was laid to rest at the Kibbutz Magal cemetery. He is survived by his parents and his two older sisters, Liat and Noam.

