



SFC Keren Tendler



August 12, 2006 – Sergeant First Class Keren Tendler, 26, of Rehovot, was one of five soldiers killed when the helicopter on which they were serving, was shot down by Hizbullah terrorists over southern Lebanon.

Keren Tendler would often be seen in her neighborhood returning home wearing her IDF uniform. A few days ago, she was once again called to serve as a flight technician with her helicopter unit in the air force.

“She was smiling broadly – so happy,” said a neighbor. “She said they were going to hold a special party for her in the army. She didn’t say more than that, but she was always very happy to serve, and was even proud of her reserve duty.”

Shosh Levi, a teacher at the local ORT high school and a family friend, remembers Keren as “a very friendly and special child, who exhibited outstanding technical skills even as a small child.” She was among the very few girls who studied mechanics in high school.

“She was a very pleasant girl, blonde with piercing eyes,” continued Levi. “She had a special sense with her hands, and was one of the outstanding students in her track. She was just like her name – a ray of light who was full of life and happiness. She would always bring candies for her classmates.”

Sergeant First Class Keren Tendler was buried in the military cemetery in Rehovot. She is survived by her parents Viryona and Dan, and a younger brother.

