Reuben Ray Miller, 37, of Dundee became a civilian casualty of the insurgency in Iraq on May 12. Miller, a truck driver for KBR Services of Houston, Texas, died of injuries from a land mine explosion in Iraq, where he had been working since February.

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He was making an extra delivery that evening when he drove his truck over a land mine that exploded, said his brother-in-law, James Mullet of Sugarcreek.

There were several trucks in Miller's convoy, but his was the only vehicle that was hit.

Normally, there are measures to prevent such accidents, Mullet said.

"They had sweepers that would sweep the road for mines, but occasionally (insurgents) would go behind the sweepers and plant them again," Mullet said.

Miller's family members said they did not know where in Iraq he was working.

Before leaving for Iraq, Miller had been a long-distance truck driver.

A communications representative of Halliburton, KBR Services' parent company, said 68 employees and subcontractors have died while performing services under U.S. government contracts in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan. The company is saddened to report the loss, the representative said.

Co-workers of Miller will leave Iraq to attend his funeral in Sugarcreek on Saturday.


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