

— Randolph County, IL —

ROLL CALL

The final chapter of
21 hometown boys
that died in Vietnam.

Julia Gangloff

A Blue Star Mother, honoring our promise

Never Forgotten



Roll Call

1. LCPL RADER, CHARLES WAYNE
2. SP5 SUMMERS, PHILLIP PAUL
3. 1 LT GERLACH, STEVEN HENRY
4. PFC BUEHLER, LEON CHRIST
5. PFC KETTMANN, DANIEL RAY
6. PSGT NICHOLSON, GLENN EDWARD
7. PFC COWELL, JAMES EDWARD
8. PVT DOUGLAS, TERRY LEE
9. SGT TRUCANO, ALAN DALE
10. SGT FRAZER, KENNETH CHARLES
11. SGT BOWLIN, ROBERT JOE
12. 1 LT WELGE, BRUCE RICHARD
13. LTC PARSONS, DONALD EUGENE
14. CWO GREEN, IVAN IVORY
15. PFC ALLMEYER, FREDERICK ALLEN
16. CAPT PARTINGTON, ROGER DALE
17. CPL STEIBEL, FRANK DALE
18. PFC NITZSCHE, LEONARD ARTHUR
19. SP4 HUNTLEY, EDWARD GLENN
20. PFC MCADOO, MICHAEL DOUGLAS
21. CPL MOLL, STEVEN WILLIAM

The days Randolph County cried.

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CHAPTER

1

Charles Wayne Rader

March 17, 1945 – March 3, 1966



Charles W. Rader

Chester Man Dies In War

A young Chester man was killed in Viet Nam Thursday, six days before he was scheduled to return to the United States.

Cpl. Charles Rader, 20, died when a fragmentary mine exploded, inflicting multiple wounds. He was on patrol duty in the vicinity of Da Nang, south of the air base.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Rader Sr., Chester.

Cpl. Rader is the first Randolph County Casualty of the war in Viet Nam.

He was a member of Co. T, Second Battalion, 9th Marine Corps.

Cpl. Rader was to return to the United States in six days to finish the last year of a four-year enlistment.

He attended Chester High School for three years before joining the Marines in May of 1963.

One of his brothers, George Rader Jr., also is a Marine, stationed in Los Angeles, Calif. Another brother, Wilbur, served four years with the Marines.

Cpl. Rader's body is expected to be returned in about 10 days.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Schroeder Chapel, Chester.

Rites Sunday For Soldier

Funeral services for Cpl. Charles W. Rader, 20, of Chester, will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church in Chester.

The Rev. Floyd Jent will officiate. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery in Chester.

Cpl. Rader was killed March 3 while on patrol duty in Viet Nam. He was the first Randolph County casualty of the Viet Nam war.

He was born in Red Bud on March 17, 1945, the son of George and Sylvia Neihouse Rader.

He was a member of the Second Battalion, 9th Marine Corps.

Cpl. Rader was to return to the United States this week to finish the last year of a four-year enlistment.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Chester.

He leaves his parents; brothers, Wilbur, George Earl, and Russell, all of Chester; and sisters, Mrs. Sandra Thomas of Jackson, Miss., and Sharon, Wanda and Della, all at home.

Friends may call at the Schroeder Funeral Chapel in Chester.



CHAPTER

2

Phillip Paul Summers

April 10, 1944 – December 1, 1967

Rites for soldier killed in Viet

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester for a former Chester resident killed in Vietnam.

Spec. 5 Phillip Paul Summers, 23, of Marble Hill, Mo., was killed Dec. 1.

Spec. Summers was assigned to an engineer battalion in Vietnam. Details on the death were not reported.

The Rev. James McCormick will officiate at services. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Friends may call at the Welge Funeral Home in Chester.

Mr. Summers was born April 10, 1944, in St. Louis, Mo., the son of Robert and Therese Colvis Summers Sr.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester.

He leaves his parents in Marble Hill; brothers, Robert and Alphonse, both at home; sisters, Janet Marilyn and Jocelyn, all at home; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Grace Summers of Cutler; and maternal grandfather, Louis Colvis of St. Louis.

PHILLIP SUMMERS, Specialist 5, son of Robert and Teresa Colvis Summers, was born April 10, 1944, in St. Louis, Missouri. He graduated St. Mary's Grade School in Chester, Illinois, and Chester High School in 1962. He enlisted in the Army, June 29, 1962, at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and received basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, then was assigned to West Point, where he served until 1965.

He re-enlisted for a second term of service and served in both France and Germany, until June 1967, when he was assigned to D Company, 14th Engineer Combat Battalion in Vietnam, as a construction machine operator. Phillip Paul Summers died December 1, 1967 in Vietnam as a result of wounds he received in an enemy ambush on the road approaching Bao Loc from the south. He is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in Chester, Illinois.



CHAPTER

3

Steven Henry Gerlach

June 23, 1945 – March 26, 1968

Vietnam

Steeleville man killed

Lt. Steven Gerlach, 21-year-old son of Henry Gerlach of Steeleville, has been killed in action in Vietnam, according to official military information reaching his family Wednesday.

Details were not reported, other than Lt. Gerlach was killed by shrapnel. He was based near Dak To.

An Army officer was to report additional information to the family this week. Funeral arrangements are incomplete, pending shipment of the body from Vietnam, to Steeleville, expected in about a week.

Lt. Gerlach was a graduate of Steeleville High School, and had attended Southern Illinois University. He was a graduate of Officer Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, Va.

He entered the Army in January of 1966, and left for Vietnam Jan. 9 this year.

Besides his father, he leaves his step-mother; sisters, Mrs. Barbara Allen of St. Charles, Mo., and Mrs. Mary Jo Johnson of Kankakee; and his grandfather, Clarence Boyer of Steeleville.

His mother, the former Gladys Boyer Gerlach, preceded him in death.



Lt. Steven Gerlach

Rites Thursday for Lt. Gerlach

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Peace Lutheran Church in Steeleville for Lt. Steven H. Gerlach, 22, of Steeleville.

He was killed March 26 in Vietnam.

He was born June 23, 1945, in Murphysboro, the son of Henry and Gladys Boyer Gerlach. His mother preceded him in death.

He leaves his father; his step-mother, Mrs. Verna Gerlach; sisters, Mrs. Mary Jo Johnson of Kankakee and Mrs. Barbara Sue Allen of St. Charles, Mo.; a step-brother, Warren Buescher of Chester; a step-sister, Mrs. Elaine Kattenbracker of Chester; and his grandfather, Clarence Boyer of Steeleville.

The Rev. Kenneth Schroeder will officiate, with burial in the church cemetery. Friends may call at the Schaack Funeral Home in Steeleville from 9 a.m. Wednesday until 1 p.m. Thursday.

War victim

Soldier gets double honors

A Steeleville serviceman killed in Vietnam in March was doubly honored in a special ceremony Saturday at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Silver Star and Bronze Star medals were presented to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gerlach of Steeleville, and the Fort Leonard Wood football field was re-named the Steven Gerlach Field in his honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerlach were picked up in an Army plane and flown from Sparta to Fort Leonard Wood for the ceremony.

Memorialization of the football field in honor of Lt. Gerlach was announced by the U.S. Army last month.

Officers and men of Lt. Gerlach's former company also contributed to the Peace Lutheran Church building fund as a memorial for Lt. Gerlach.

The officer was killed late in March in enemy action near Dak To.

Lt. Gerlach was a graduate of Steeleville High School, and had attended Southern Illinois University. He was a graduate of Officer Candidate School at Fort



Lt. Steven Gerlach

Belvoir, Va.

He entered Army service in January of 1966, and was assigned to Vietnam in January of this year.

Mr. Gerlach was born June 23, 1945, in Murphysboro, the son of Henry and Gladys Boyer Gerlach. His mother preceded him in death.

CHAPTER

4

Leon Christ Buehler

February 23, 1948 – April 4, 1968

**Pfc. Leon C. Buehler killed in
Viet Cong ambush on April 4**
(April 18, 1968)



Army Pfc. Leon Christ Buehler, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivo Buehler of Red Bud, was killed in action in Vietnam on April 4, according to notification received from the Department of the Army. Pfc. Buehler's death occurred two days before that of Marine Pfc. Daniel Kettmann.

The family was notified last Wednesday that Pfc. Buehler was missing in action when his unit was ambushed by hostile forces in the vicinity of Saigon. Word of positive identification of this body was conveyed by army representatives Tuesday night and confirmed by telegram yesterday.

No details of his death were available, except that he died of gunshot wounds.

Pfc. Buehler was born in Red Bud on February 23, 1949. He graduated from Red Bud High School in 1966 and enlisted in the army on August 24, 1967. He took his basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and received advanced training at Ft. Polk, Louisiana. He arrived in Vietnam on March 8 and was assigned to the 9th Infantry Division, 47th Infantry, stationed at that time near Ka Tam, about 30 miles south of Saigon.

Rites yesterday for soldier

Funeral services were held yesterday morning for Pfc Leon Christ Buehler of Red Bud, who was killed April 4 in a Viet Cong ambush near Saigon, South Vietnam. His body arrived in Red Bud Monday and lay in state at the Dashner Funeral Home.

Rites were conducted from St. John's Catholic Church by the Rev. Leo Reinhardt. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pfc Buehler, a 1966 graduate of Red Bud High School, was born in Red Bud on February 23, 1948, a son of Ivo and Dolly Bievenue Buehler.

He enlisted in the army last August 24 and took his basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood,

Missouri. He received advanced training at Ft. Polk, La., and arrived in Vietnam on March 8. He was assigned to the 47th Infantry, Ninth Infantry Division, about 30 miles southwest of Saigon in the Mekong Delta.

Surviving are his parents; two brothers, Glen and Van Buehler; three sisters, Iva, Gail and Lynn Buehler, all of Red Bud; maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bievenue of Prairie du Rocher; and paternal grandmother Mrs. Frieda Buehler of Red Bud.

He was engaged to marry Miss Carol Schrader on March 22, 1969.

CHAPTER

5

Daniel Ray Kettmann

August 2, 1949 – April 6, 1968

Pfc. Daniel R. Kettmann
killed in action with Marines
in Vietnam
(April 11, 1968)



Word was received in Red Bud Tuesday of the death of Marine Pfc. Daniel R. Kettmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Kettmann. His death in Vietnam is the first in the North County area.

A telegram received Wednesday morning from the Marine Corps Commandant said that Pfc. Kettmann was fatally wounded by shrapnel during a mortar barrage near Quan Tri, Republic of South Vietnam, on Saturday, April 6. He had joined the 3rd Marine Division at Dang Ho, near the demilitarized zone on February 21.

The 19-year-old was born in Red Bud on August 7, 1949. He was a 1967 graduate of Red Bud High School and enlisted in the Marine Corps on August 15, 1967. He received his basic training at the San Diego, Calif., Marine Corps Depot and was transferred to Camp Pendleton, Calif., for advanced combat training. Upon completion of advanced training, he graduated as a communications specialist from Camp Pendleton.

Following his basic training, he was named Honor Man of his platoon. Platoon books were presented to his family and to the Red Bud High School library

The two Marine Corps sergeants who informed the family of his death Tuesday said that the body should arrive by air within 13 days. The body will lie in state at the Dashner Funeral Home following arrival, but other arrangements are not complete.

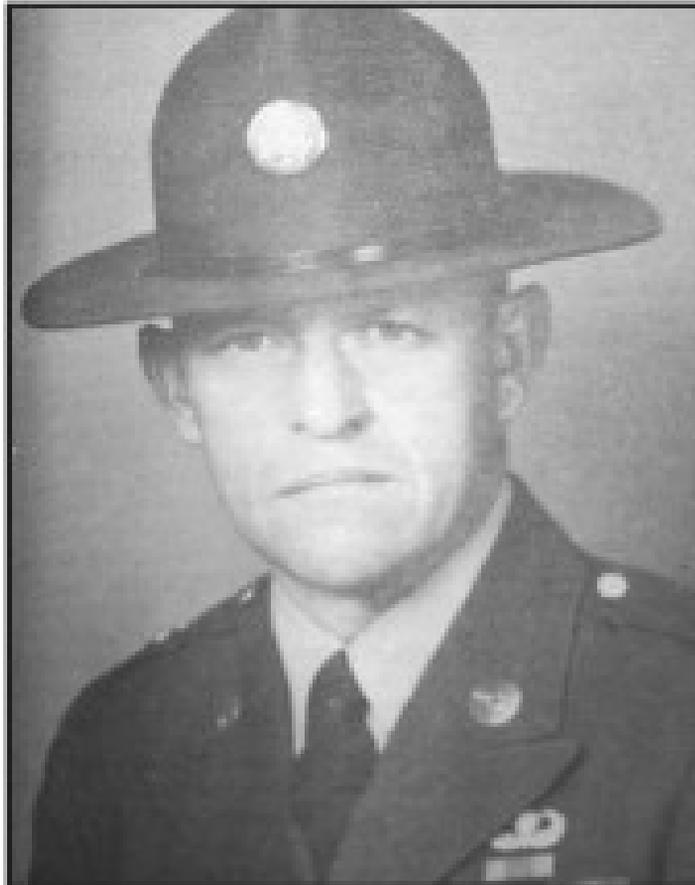
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6

Glenn E. Nicholson

June 23, 1929 – May 5, 1968

**Sgt. Glenn Nicholson dies of
wound in fire fight**
(May 16, 1968)



M/Sgt. Glenn E. Nicholson, son of Mr. and Mrs. David G. Nicholson of Route 1, Prairie du Rocher, was killed in action in Vietnam on Sunday, May 5. His death is the third in the North County area within a month.

Sgt. Nicholson, a platoon sergeant with the Blackhorse Brigade of the 11th Cavalry, died as a result of a wound received while his unit was engaged in a fire fight with enemy forces. His unit was last known to be stationed at Xlaun in the Central Highlands.

He had been in Vietnam since July 13 of last year and had only two months to serve on his tour of combat duty. He was a 19-year veteran of army service.

Sgt. Nicholson was born Jan. 23, 1929, at East St. Louis. He enlisted in the army in 1946 when he was 17 and served continuously except for two years. A year following his discharge in 1950, he reenlisted and was stationed in Germany. He married the former Emilie Wiedemann in Augsburg, Germany, in 1951. The couple had eight children.

Sgt. Nicholson and his wife lived in Red Bud for a year before his third enlistment. Upon his return to service, he was ROTC instructor at the University of Kansas at Lawrence from 1963 to 1965. He was a drill instructor at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. for 19 months.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Warren Mortuary in Lawrence, Kansas, with full military honors.

Sgt. Glenn Nicholson was a member of Lodge 427 AF and AM.

Sgt. Nicholson had planned to finish work for his bachelor's degree at the University of Kansas following the end of his current enlistment and then enter Officers Candidate School.



CHAPTER

7

James Edward Cowell

January 21, 1949 - May 31, 1968

Chester youth reported killed

James Cowell, 19, Chester, has been reported killed in action in Vietnam.

Details were not immediately available.

The soldier was the son of Earl Cowell, 1716 Swanwick St., Chester, and the late Imogene Cowell.

Authorities said the father was on a vacation trip in Florida, and further details were not available.

Funeral arrangements are pending return of the body to Chester.

Chester

Rites set for war victim

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester for Pfc. James Edward Cowell, 19, Chester serviceman killed in Vietnam.

The Rev. James McCormick will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Friends may call at the Schroeder Funeral Home in Chester after 10 a.m. The Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Pfc. Cowell was killed May 31 in Vietnam. He was fatally injured in a fire fight in the Que San Valley, near the demilitarized zone.

He was an expert machine gunner with C Co., 1st Bn., 6th Infantry.



James E. Cowell

Mr. Cowell entered military service Nov. 14, 1967, and was sent to Vietnam May 13.

He was a graduate of the Chester High School, Class of 1967.

He was born Jan. 21, 1949, in Chester, the son of Earl Cowell and the late Imogene Geppert Cowell. His mother died April 17, 1969.

Mr. Cowell was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester.

He leaves his father, Earl Cowell Sr. of Chester; his step-mother, Mrs. Alberta Cowell; a brother, Earl W. Jr. of Cincinnati Ohio; a step-brother, David Cowell of Chester; sisters, Mrs. Jeanine Decker of Bloomington, Ind., and Miss Virginia Cowell at home; step-sisters Cathy and Sheila Cowell, both at home; and his grandmother, Mrs. Agatha Geppert of Chester.

CHAPTER

8

Terry Lee Douglas

August 26, 1947 - July 28, 1968

Sparta has first war fatality

Pvt. Terry L. Douglas, 21, son of Mrs. Irene B. Caldwell and Virgil Douglas of Sparta, is Sparta's first Vietnam war fatality.

A telegram to his parents said Mr. Douglas died of a gunshot wound, according to his aunt, Mrs. Thelma Shepard of Sparta. He was serving his second tour of duty in Vietnam.

The Defense Department announcement listed Mr. Douglas as "dead not as a result of hostile action", but gave no further details.

Mr. Douglas was 21 on July 26. He was serving with a supply unit. There has been no word on when the body will be returned.

Mr. Douglas attended Sparta High School. He entered the Army in Sept., 1966, and served in Vietnam from Feb., 1966, to Feb. 1967. He returned home after his discharge, then re-enlisted for three years. He returned to Vietnam in May.

War casualty rites today in Sparta

Funeral services for Pvt. Terry L. Douglas, 20, Sparta, will be at 2 p.m. today at Mc Daniel Funeral Home, Sparta, with the Rev. John Q. Owens officiating.

Burial will be in the Caledonia Cemetery Veterans Memorial Plot.

Mr. Douglas was the son of Mrs. Irene B. Caldwell, and Virgil Douglas of Sparta.

He was killed July 28 in Vietnam, and was Sparta's first Vietnam war fatality.

He was serving his second tour of duty in Vietnam.

Mr. Douglas attended Sparta High School. He entered the Army in Sept. 1966, and served in Vietnam from February to February of 1967.

He returned home after his discharge, then re-enlisted for three years. He returned to Vietnam in May.

He leaves his parents; a brother, Ronald; and sisters, Dawn and Stacy, all of Sparta.



CHAPTER

9

Alan Dale Trucano

July 11, 1947 - August 08, 1968

Steeleville soldier killed in Viet

Sgt. Alan D. Trucano, 21, of Steeleville, was killed in action in Vietnam Thursday.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar L. Trucano, of 502 W. Broadway St., Steeleville.

Details of the death were not reported.

He was born July 11, 1947, and attended Steeleville schools, graduating from the high school in 1965. He attended Southern Illinois University one year.

Sgt. Trucano received his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and received his Advanced Individual Training at Fort Polk, La.

He went to non-commissioned officers school at Fort Benning, Ga. He was stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C. before leaving June 4 for Vietnam.

The family has not been notified as to when the body will be returned. Schaack Funeral Home in Steeleville is in charge of arrangements.

War victim rites Saturday

Funeral services for Sgt. Alan D. Trucano, 21, of Steeleville, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Peace Lutheran Church in Steeleville.

The Rev. Kenneth Schroeder will officiate, with burial in the church cemetery.

Military services will be held at the cemetery.

Sgt. Trucano was killed in action Aug. 8 in Vietnam. He was the second war casualty from Steeleville. The first was Lt. Steven Gerlach.

Sgt. Trucano was born in Murphysboro July 11, 1947, the son of Oscar and Alberta Trucano.

He was a member of the Peace Lutheran Church, Steeleville.

He was a bodyman at a Steeleville garage prior to entering the armed forces.

He attended Steeleville schools, was graduated from the high school in 1965. He attended Southern Illinois University one year.

Sgt. Trucano received his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and received his Advanced Individual Training at Fort Polk, La.

He went to non-commissioned officers school at Fort Benning, Ga. He was stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C. before leaving June 4 for Vietnam.

He leaves his parents of Steeleville; a sister, Mrs. Donna James of Colorado Springs, Colo.; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Trucano of Willisville; and his fiance, Kathryn Uchtman of Steeleville.

Friends may call at the Schaack Funeral Home in Steeleville after 10 a.m. Friday until noon Saturday.



CHAPTER

10

Kenneth Charles Frazer

September 16, 1945 - September 09, 1968

Frazer Killed In Viet Nam

Kenneth Frazer, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Frazer, Chester, died of wounds received in Viet Nam, according to word from the War Department.

He would have been 23 years old next Monday.

His parents first received word that he had been seriously wounded and the next day were advised that he had died.

Frazer was assigned as a medic to the 173rd Airborne Brigade in April of this year.

As of Wednesday, funeral arrangements were incomplete and the date of arrival of the body was indefinite.

Frazer, a graduate of Chester

High School and McKendree College, was an alternate appointee to the Military Academy at West Point two years ago.

War victim services set

Funeral services for Sgt. Kenneth Charles Frazer, 73, of 319 Schroeder St., Chester, who died Sept. 9 from wounds received in action in Vietnam, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at St. John Lutheran Church, Chester.

He was born Sept. 16, 1945, in Red Bud, the son of Hubert and Geraldine Frieda Bagley Frazer.

He was assigned as a medic to the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam during April.

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He was a graduate of Chester High School, and was an alternate appointee to the military academy at West Point two years ago.

He received his bachelor's degree in 1967 from McKendree College at Lebanon. He was a member of Phi Rho Chi Fraternity.

Sgt. Frazer was a former member of St. John Lutheran Church, Chester.

He leaves his parents of Chester; and a sister, Mrs. Sharon Delatine of Millstadt.

The Rev. W. Arnold Ranta will officiate at the services. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery at Chester.

Friends may call at the Schroeder Funeral Chapel in Chester until 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, and then at the church.



CHAPTER

11

Robert Joe Bowlin

July 31, 1948 to January 07, 1969

ROBERT J. BOWLIN, Sergeant, born in Sparta, Illinois, the son of John R. and Wanda Rose Bowlin, entered the service February 20, 1968 and served in Vietnam until January 7, 1969, when he died from wounds received.

He received the Army Commendation Medal, August 18, 1968; Silver Star, January 1969; also a Silver Star, August 22, 1969; Oak Leaf Cluster, January 7, 1969; along with the Purple Heart. The letter awarding him the Silver Star and Purple Heart, posthumously, reads as follows:

“Specialist 4 Bowlin distinguished himself by heroic actions on August 22, 1968, while serving with Company D, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry in the Republic of Vietnam. Company D came under an intense mortar and rocket attack, followed by a massive communist ground assault. When an enemy rocket struck near Bowlin, seriously wounding many men, with complete disregard to his own safety, he moved through the bullet swept area to aid the wounded soldiers. When the enemy advanced they met heavy fire from Specialist 4 Bowlin’s weapon. His valorous actions helped to thwart a large hostile force, and saved several lives. His personal brav-

ery, aggressiveness and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, the 25th Infantry Division and the U.S. Army.”

The letter announcing this award was dated January 13, 1969.

Body brought home; burial tomorrow

Sgt. Robert J. Bowlin, 20, of Sparta was killed in action against enemy forces in Vietnam, Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1969. He is the second Spartan to lose his life in Vietnam.

A telegram from the Secretary of the Army, received by Sgt. Bowlin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Bowlin of Sparta, stated that Sgt. Bowlin died January 7, 1969 in Vietnam as the result of a wound received in a combat operation against enemy forces. He had received several awards during his service in Vietnam. No details other than these had been received as the News-Plaindealer went to press.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock Friday morning at St. Pius Catholic Church in Walsh, with Rev. Fr. Joseph N. LeGrand officiating. Burial will be in Caledonia Cemetery.

Friends may call at the McDaniel Funeral Home in Sparta from 6 p.m. Wednesday until 9:30 a.m. Friday, thence to the church.

Native of Sparta

Robert J. Bowlin was born July 31, 1948 at Sparta, a son of John R. and Wanda Rose Bowlin nee Pierce. He was married July 5, 1968 at St. Pius Church in Walsh to Miss Jo Ann Schuetz, who survives.

Besides his wife and parents,

other survivors include five brothers, John H. of Hobart, Ind., Walter H. (Butch), Kenneth E., Roger Dale and Jerry Lee of Sparta, and two sisters, Connie Rae and Kathy Lynn, both of Sparta.

Sgt. Bowlin was graduated in 1967 from Sparta High School. He was employed for some time by Jung's Big Star in Sparta, and later by Spartan Printing Company.

Entered service year ago

He entered the army February 20, 1968 and received his basic

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training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He received advanced training at Fort Polk, La. and came home on leave at the completion of this training. While at home on leave he was married, July 5, before leaving the latter part of July for Vietnam, where he has served since that time.

News was received here Thursday morning of last week that Sgt. Bowlin was missing in action. Army officers from Granite City came to tell his family that he had been reported missing. That afternoon the officers returned with word that his body had been found. Both his wife and his parents have received telegrams from the War Department.

Sgt. Bowlin is the second Spartan to lose his life fighting for his country. Pvt. Terry L. Douglas of Sparta was killed July 29 in Vietnam. He was the son of Mrs. Alonzo Caldwell and Virgil Douglas, both of Sparta.



CHAPTER

12

Bruce Richard Welge

January 05, 1945 - January 26, 1969

Bruce Welge Killed In Viet Nam

First Lieutenant Bruce R. Welge, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Welge, Chester was killed in Viet Nam, according to official word from the United States Army.

The parents were notified by messenger Monday night at their home.

- Lt. Welge was wounded in October, 1968 and had been back in action about 3 weeks prior to his death.

He was a Reconizance Platoon Leader on a search and destroy mission in the Mekon Delta when he was hit by mortar fire.

Lt. Welge was assigned to the 2nd Btl., 3rd Infantry, 199th Light Infantry Brigade. He received the Purple Heart for battle wounds in combat in October.

He was a graduate of the Chester High School and was a Distinguished Military Student at the Citadel in So. Carolina. He was commissioned as an officer in the regular army on his graduation in 1967.

Details of the funeral arrangements will not be available

Killed in Vietnam

Welge services Tuesday

Funeral services for First Lt. Bruce R. Welge, 24, of Chester, killed Jan. 26, in Vietnam, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday in St. John's Lutheran Church of Chester.

Military honors will be included in the service. The Rev. W. A. Ranta and the Rev. Eric Cash will officiate. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery of Chester. Friends may call at the Welge Funeral Home from 10 a.m. today until noon Tuesday.

Lt. Welge was killed by mortar fire while leading a reconnaissance platoon on a combat mission in the Mekong Delta.

Lt. Welge was a platoon leader with Company B, 2nd Battalion of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade's 3rd Infantry.

Lt. Welge had just returned to his group in early January following recovery from a wound received in October 1968.



Bruce R. Welge

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Welge, and two brothers, Donald and Mike.



CHAPTER

13

Donald Eugene Parsons

April 17, 1929 – February 6, 1969

Courtesy of the Washington Post: 13 June 2002:
Years After Vietnam, Father Rests in Peace
Daughters Bury Remains of Long-Missing Soldier

After more than three decades of waiting, of wondering what and where and how, his daughters buried Lieutenant Colonel Donald E. Parsons on Friday with full military honors. They walked behind a horse-drawn caisson for the final journey to his gravesite at Arlington National Cemetery. They stood for the sharp report of 21 gunshots and the moving simplicity of taps. They received from a commanding officer the American flag that had been draped over their father's casket, now folded into a sharp, taut triangle of mourning.

The casket contained little, though: A green Army uniform with all the appropriate bars of rank. And underneath the uniform, placed carefully within an Army blanket, two teeth.

Yet for those teeth, Stacy Parsons and Donna Willett were profoundly grateful. At last, they knew, their father was home.

Not until six years ago were the two meager and badly discolored relics recovered from the dense jungle where Parsons and six other soldiers had gone missing in action during the height of the Vietnam War. The discovery by a military search team was part random luck, part persistent investigation, part hard-sweat work. But confirming their identity took several more years, and so not until late 2000 did Willett pick up the phone one day in North Carolina to hear, "We have found your father's remains."

As the room began reeling, she held on enough to absorb the words and then call her sister in Maryland.

Hundreds of families have received similar calls in the decade since the United States began an intense recovery program in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia -- a \$20 million-a-year effort that continues today, with more than 1,900 military yet unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

For each family, that confirmation and the final homecoming can be an intense event. As these sisters explained, sitting in Parsons's dining room in Silver Spring, it dredges up past pains, deeply felt absences that never can be compensated.

At the same time, Willett said, "it does finish the circle."

The two women made sure of that. Before their father's casket was sealed, they put their mother's ashes in with his uniform, along with the miniature bride and groom that once topped their parents' wedding cake.

"She never got over him," Parsons said. "She never quit playing the 'what if' game."

None of them did.

When Duty Calls

They know him only from their childhood, a father of infinite fun who taught his tomboy younger daughter to play football and baseball, who did a mean imitation of Lurch from "The Addams Family," who once absconded with the "Generals Only" signs from the parking lot of an officers' club. Donald Parsons would lie on the couch and sing, "Life is just a bowl of cherries." But only the first line, so his girls never learned the rest of the song.

He was career military -- a small-town Illinois boy who became a "tank man" -- but he didn't have to go to Vietnam. He was closing in on his 40th birthday, with a Bronze Star from Korea and nothing left to prove. Wife Patricia vehemently opposed the tour. "I'd rather have a live coward than a dead hero," she told him.

He left anyway, duty calling. In January 1969, Lieutenant Colonel Parsons returned to the states, and he and Pat enjoyed two weeks in Hawaii. An emergency helicopter resupply mission came up the morning he got back to the war. Within hours, he was missing.

It was an early Saturday when his family heard. Donna was 12, Stacy 11, and they were living with their mother in a basement apartment across the street from grandparents in a tiny town called Blowing Rock in western North Carolina. Their daddy had moved them from Texas just before leaving for Vietnam.

In case they needed relatives nearby.

"I had just sat down with my box of cereal to watch cartoons," Stacy Parsons remembered. There was a knock on the door. The news was dispatched quickly, and then the man was gone. "I've come to tell you that your husband has been declared missing in action," the sisters remember him saying, standing in the door of their mother's bedroom.

The world never spun on the same axis again.

Within a year, bereft over the loss of her only child, Donald Parsons's mother killed herself. Over and over, his wife tried suicide, too, so many attempts her daughters lost count. Periodic reports that Parsons or other crew members had been sighted led to desperate hope that he was a prisoner of war, though his rank likely would have meant cruel treatment at his captors' hands. The POWs began coming home in the early 1970s. His family searched the news footage to see if they recognized his face.

Long after even the most remote possibility existed, Willett and Parsons allowed themselves the fleeting fantasy that maybe, just maybe, their father might be alive. At Brookside Gardens, where Parsons works as a staff gardener, she has been seeing one visitor for the last 10 years. She stops every time. "He reminds me of dad. It takes me back a little bit."

Lost, Then Found

Vietnam and the United States took their first steps toward normalized relations in 1991. In 1992, the government established the Joint Task Force Full Accounting Unit to find and repatriate remains from Southeast Asia. Only the following year, as Parsons and Willett would learn much later, teams traveling in central Quang Tri province began talking to local informants about their father's disappearance.

From here the story is worthy of Hollywood. The informants were, in the vernacular, "bone merchants," or villagers who had dealt with such. One produced some remains he had bought from another man. He claimed they came from a U.S. aircraft crash site not far from the Laotian border. He knew the name "Parsons, Donald."

More villagers were interviewed, and in 1995, a man named Nguyen Van Tuyen led a team to the site. It immediately discovered fragments of wreckage and melted metal from a Huey helicopter, personal artifacts and human remains. All was sent for analysis at the Army's Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii, with additional testing on certain pieces done thousands of miles east by the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory in Rockville. Excavation ultimately would cover 595 square meters.

A few items voluntarily offered up clues. There was the silver-colored lieutenant colonel rank insignia, the trifold plastic photo holder from a man's wallet. The imprint of its owner's Illinois driver's license still was legible.

The steep hillside -- so remote that it remained hidden even from locals until the mid-1980s -- was less than a mile from the last place emergency beeper signals had been picked up from the helicopter after radio contact was lost. Some details his daughters learned only recently after reading the government's report on the identification of the soldiers killed there. Their father and his crew had been trying to reach Marines trapped for a week by bad weather and enemy fire. Out of nowhere, one of those Americans who would have been on the receiving end of that resupply mission contacted Willett from Thailand last month to fill in other blanks in the story.

Bad visibility had forced the chopper to abandon its effort to reach Firebase Tornado and return to Vandergrift Combat Base a dozen or so miles away. It likely slammed into the hillside at speeds in excess of 70 mph. Surely everyone died instantly. No one was captured and tortured.

"That gives us the relief of knowing, after thinking all those years he could have been a POW," Willett said.

Her mother, however, never knew. She died in 1999, less than a year before that official call from the Army.

One Last Goodbye

In all the years, his wife and children never held a service of any kind. They planted no marker. Of course, Donald Parsons's name is on the Vietnam Memorial, and his younger daughter once left him a letter at the wall -- and his favorite Saltine crackers.

She and her sister, now in their mid-forties, decided on burial at Arlington despite the eight-hour drive that would require of relatives still in Blowing Rock. "Because he was an Army officer and this was his career," Stacy Parsons said. They also decided he well deserved the military honors, no matter how few would be in attendance these three decades later.

Mainly family came Friday: Willett's husband, two sons, a daughter-in-law and the toddler who would have been a great-grandson. Parsons's partner, some cousins, a few co-workers. In the Old Post Chapel, the empty pews were a poignant reminder of time's passage.

The chaplain referred to the war "which now seems so long ago and so far away." The eulogy, read on behalf of that retired Marine from Firebase Tornado, described Colonel Parsons as "one of the most morally and physically courageous soldiers I have ever met. . . . His courage, utter fearlessness and sense of duty got him killed."

In half an hour, they were ready for the long walk to the gravesite. They passed a winding, hilly memorial section of the cemetery where hundreds of tombstones hold a place for casualties who remain missing -- from Vietnam, from Korea, from World War II. They continued on to the southeast corner of Arlington, nearly in sight of the rebuilding Pentagon.

Waiting there for them under the morning's heavy, blue-gray clouds was a bagpiper. He would conclude Parsons's and Willett's goodbye to their father, and they had asked him to play something appropriate. He picked one of his own compositions, in part for its title: "What Might Have Been."

Lt Col Parson's mother committed suicide three months after receiving news of her son. Here is her obituary. Please note, although she died 3 months after her son was reported missing her obituary shows he survived her. Donald E. Parsons was declared dead in 2000 after forensic evidence confirmed his death.

VIRGINIA PARSONS DIES IN SPARTA

Mrs. Virginia Parsons, 57, of Sparta, died Monday at her home in Sparta.

She was born March 11, 1912, in Granite City, the daughter of Alfred and Bessie Benton Stirrup. She was married May 20, 1928, in Benton, to Charles A. Parsons.

Mrs. Parsons leaves her husband; and sons, Charles E. Parsons of Steeleville and Donald Parsons of Sparta.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in McDaniel Funeral Home in Sparta, with the Rev. Robert C. Thompson officiating. Burial will be in IOOF Cemetery in Marion.



CHAPTER

14

Ivan Ivory Green

April 26, 1935 - April 08, 1969

Coulterville man killed

Ivan Green of Coulterville an Army career man, has been reported killed in South Vietnam, where he was stationed as a cook.

Mr. Green's family received word of his death late last week. He had been reported missing April 7 after making a trip from one base to another.

Details of the death and of funeral arrangements were unavailable today.

rites held for Ivan Green

Funeral services for Chief Warrant Officer Ivan I. Green of Coulterville were held Monday in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Coulterville.

Mr. Green, a career soldier, was reported missing in Vietnam last April. The family was notified of his death in early August.

Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Cemetery at Lawton, Okla.

Mr. Green was born April 26, 1935. His mother, Mrs. Eva Gerlach, survives. Other survivors include his wife, the former Nancy Lewis, whom he married Oct. 16, 1955, in Coulterville; sons, Dennis, Chris and Scott, and daughters, Susan and Peggy, all at home; brothers, Lawrence Green of Sterling Heights, Mich.; Vernon, Delbert and Floyd Green, all of Coulterville; sisters, Mrs. Ruth Groth of Freeburg; Mrs. Opal Johnson of Seattle, Wash., Mrs. Genevieve Bayer of New Athen and Helen Gerlach of Coulterville; and a foster sister, Mrs. Florence Akers in Brawley, Calif.

His father and a sister, Vivian Rose, preceded him in death.



CHAPTER

15

Frederick A. Allmeyer

April 12, 1948 - June 06, 1969

Chester GI missing in action

Army Private First Class Fredrick A. Allmeyer, 20, of Chester has been reported missing in action in Vietnam.

His mother, Mrs. Emma Allmeyer of 1305 Opdyke St., Chester, was notified Wednesday.

Pfc. Allmeyer is a rifleman in Company D, First Battalion of the 12th Division Infantry.

He entered the U.S. Army in October, 1969, and was assigned near Pleiku, Vietnam in March.

He is a 1966 graduate of Chester High School. He received an associate degree in 1968 from Santora-Brown College at St. Louis, Mo.

War victim funeral set

Funeral services for a Chester soldier killed in Vietnam will be 2 p.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church in Chester. The Rev. W. Arnold Ranta will officiate at the military service. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Pfc. Frederick Allen Allmeyer, 21, of 1304 Opdyke St., Chester, died in a hospital from injuries received in combat in Vietnam.

His Mother, Mrs. Emma Allmeyer, was notified June 11th, that her son was missing in action. He is the sixth Chester soldier to die in Vietnam.

He entered the army on Oct. 2, 1968, and went to Vietnam on March 12th. He was a rifleman in Company D, First Battalion of the 12th Division Infantry.

He was born April 12, 1948, in Chester, the son of Martin and Emma Ebers Allmeyer. His father preceded him in death on Aug. 17, 1959.

Pfc. Allmeyer was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Chester.

He was a 1966 graduate of Chester High School and a 1968 graduate of Sanford-Brown College in St. Louis, Mo.

He played basketball at the college. He was a band member through high school and received the Wayne Thorne Band Award.

He leaves his mother, Mrs. Emma Allmeyer of Chester.

Friends may call at the Welge Funeral Home in Chester.



CHAPTER

16

Roger Dale Partington

December 12, 1940 - November 01, 1969

Helicopter Crash Kills Roger Partington

Captain Roger Partington, a former Sparta resident, was killed Saturday in Vietnam.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Partington of Sparta. He was married to the former Maxine McIntyre, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis McIntyre of Cutler. His wife is residing in Jacksonville, N.C.

Captain Partington had been in the Marines since 1963. He had flown over 100 combat missions and had been decorated for gallantry in Vietnam.

According to a telegram received by his parents, Capt. Partington, a helicopter pilot, was on an experimental flight when one of the engines exploded. The helicopter fell into the sea, with no survivors.

The telegram said none of the crew had been recovered.

Capt. Partington leaves 1-year-old and 3-year-old sons.

Survivors include brothers, Larry Partington of Sparta, and Partick Partington of California, and a sister Kathy Partington of Decatur.



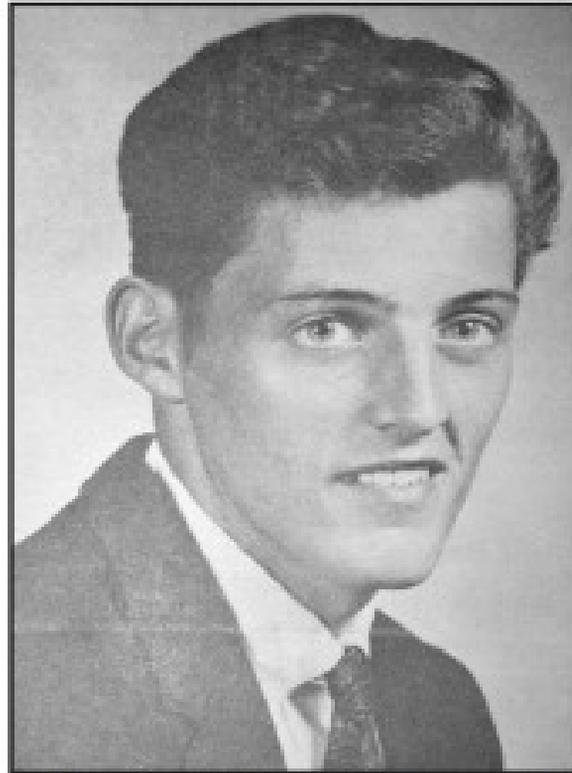
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17

Frank Dale Steibel

September 08, 1949 - November 09, 1969

**Frank Steibel, Prairie du
Rocher Marine, is fifth
Vietnam victim**
(November 13, 1969)



Marine Corporal Frank D. Steibel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Steibel of Prairie du Rocher, became the North County area's fifth casualty of the Vietnam war Sunday.

His parents were notified of his death in action Tuesday afternoon by a Marine sergeant. Official confirmation had not been received by the family at press time.

Mr. and Mrs. Steibel were told that their son died of multiple head and body wounds while in a defensive position near Quang Nah, 26 miles southwest of Da Nang. His unit was based at An Hoa.

Cpl. Steibel graduated from Red Bud High School in May 1968. He had enlisted in the Marines during his senior year and left for basic training on July 24, 1968. He was assigned to Vietnam and left the States on Jan. 27, 1969. He served with Company K, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division.

Although funeral arrangements cannot be made pending official notification, the parents were told that the body should be returned within ten days.



CHAPTER

18

Leonard A. Nitzsche

January 28, 1950 to April 08, 1970

Pfc. Nitzsche dies in action in Vietnam

Pfc. Leonard Nitzsche, 20, was killed in action in Vietnam on April 8, according to information received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Nitzsche of Walsh, Monday of this week.

Pfc. Nitzsche entered the service in August 1969 and arrived in Vietnam on January 12 of this year.

A serviceman from Granite City called at the Nitzsche home Monday and another called on Tuesday. The Nitzsches have also received several telegrams from the War Department, but they have been given no details as to their son's death.

The body will be returned to the United States and will be sent to the Schroeder Funeral Turn to PFC. NITZSCHE, back page

PFC. NITZSCHE

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Home in Chester. The Nitzsches were told the body should arrive in from seven to 12 days.

Leonard Nitzsche was a graduate of Sparta High School and was employed in the construction trades before entering the service last August.

Besides his parents he is survived by two brothers and two sisters.

Soldier's rites held Sunday at New Palestine

Funeral services for Pfc. Leonard N. Nitzsche, 20, of Rt. 2, Ellis Grove, who was killed in Vietnam, were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Methodist Church in New Palestine. Rev. Elliott Davis officiated, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Pfc. Nitzsche entered the army in October of 1969, arrived in Vietnam last January 12, and was assigned to the 199th Light Infantry. He was killed April 8 while on a combat mission.

A graduate of Sparta High School in 1968, Pfc. Nitzsche was born at Red Bud on January 28, 1950, a son of Sylvester and Marjorie (Rockwell) Nitzsche. He was a construction worker prior to entering the service.

Surviving are his parents and two brothers and two sisters, Curtis, Carl, Linda and Laverne, all of Ellis Grove.

Visitation was at the Schroeder Funeral Home in Chester.



CHAPTER

19

Edward Glenn Huntley

November 05, 1949 - May 14, 1970

Military rites held Tuesday for Edward Huntley

Funeral services for Specialist Four Edward Glenn Huntley, 20, were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Sparta. Dr. William H. Hughes, pastor of Trinity United Presbyterian Church, officiated. Burial was in Caledonia Cemetery.

An army contingent consisting of an honor guard, pallbearers and a bugler from Fort Sheridan, near Chicago, conducted full military services.

Sp4 Huntley died in action on May 14 near Tay Ninh Province in Cambodia. His body was returned to Oakland, Calif. and flown to St. Louis, arriving there Saturday. He was escorted from California by a former Sparta boyhood friend, Dan Moran, who is stationed at San Diego, Calif. with the United States Navy.

Prior to his induction into the army on July 24, 1969, Sp4 Huntley was employed as assistant manager of Du Quoin's Food Park. He had been in Vietnam with ground troops about two months before being sent to Cambodia.

Native of Sparta

Born November 5, 1949 in Sparta, he was the son of Jack Ed-Turn to HUNTLEY, back page

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ward and Ruth Elizabeth (Lucas) Huntley, both deceased. He was a member of Trinity United Presbyterian Church of Sparta.

Surviving are two sisters, Miss Elizabeth Ann Huntley of Evans-ton and Miss Mary Catherine Huntley of Columbus, Ohio. Two brothers also preceded him in death.

Visitation was at the McDaniel Funeral Home in Sparta.

War victim's rites Tuesday

Funeral services for Spec. 4 Edward G. Huntley, 20, of Sparta will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Sparta. Dr. William Hughes will officiate and burial will be in the Caledonia Cemetery.

Spec. Huntley was killed May 14 in action near Tay Ning Province in Cambodia while serving with the U.S. Army.

He leaves two sisters, Elizabeth, Evanston, and Mary Katherine, Columbus, Ohio. His parents, Jack and Ruth Lucas Huntley, and two brothers preceded him in death.

Friends may call at the McDaniel Funeral Home in Sparta from 2 p.m. Monday until noon Tuesday. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations to the Trinity United Presbyterian Church.



CHAPTER

20

Michael D. McAdoo

February 21, 1951 - December 26, 1970

Word has been received that PFC Michael D. McAdoo, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Woody Willis, was killed in Viet Nam on Saturday, December 26.

PFC McAdoo was in Chester the early part of December on his final furlough before being sent to Viet Nam and during this time spent much time working with the Boy Scouts. In one of the pictures which accompanies this story he is shown as he marched with the Boy Scouts in the Chester Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 28.

Leaving Chester on December 13 he flew to the west coast and on December 16 left the west coast for Viet Nam. He volunteered for service and entered the U. S. Army on February 21, 1970. His basic training was received at Fort Lewis, Washington and he subsequently was stationed at Fort Hood in Texas where he was attached to the 96th Transportation Battalion.

PFC McAdoo enlisted in the Army and, we are informed, he requested Viet Nam service. He is reported to have met his death 10 days after leaving the United States. He attended Chester High School and was employed by Gilster-Martha White, Inc. before entering the service. He is survived by his parents.

Rites set for Viet war victim

Funeral services for Pfc. Michael Douglas McAdoo, 19, who was killed in Vietnam, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Schroeder Funeral Chapel in Chester.

The Rev. Arnold Ranta will officiate, with burial in the Evergreen Cemetery, Chester.

Pfc. McAdoo entered the army in February. He left for Vietnam on Dec. 16, and was killed Dec. 26.

He was employed at the Gilster Milling Co. before entering the service. He attended Chester High School.

He was born Feb. 21, 1951, in Chester, the son of Nelson and Wilma Barker McAdoo.

He was a member of the American Legion in Chester, and St. John's Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Wilma Willis; and stepfather, Wood Willis, both of Chester.



PFC Michael McAdoo, reported killed in Viet Nam on December 26, is shown as he marched with the Chester Boy Scouts last November 28 in the Chester Christmas Parade.

CHAPTER

21

Steven William Moll

September 05, 1949 - January 21, 1971

Marine Corporal Steven W. Moll, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Moll of Evansville, was killed in action in Vietnam on Thursday, Jan. 21. Word of his death was received in Evansville on Friday.

Corporal Moll was the victim of a helicopter crash in Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam. The craft crashed and burned.

The young Marine was a 1967 graduate of Sparta High School and attended Southern Illinois University at Carbondale before his enlistment. He entered the service in August of 1969 and arrived in Vietnam in February 1970. Only 28 days remained on his tour of duty in Southeast Asia.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced over local radio stations.

Steven Moll, Evansville

Services Wednesday for Vietnam victim

Funeral services for Cpl. Steven W. Moll, 21-year-old Evansville soldier killed in Vietnam Jan. 21, will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Evansville.

The Rev. Joseph Parasiliti will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Friends may call after noon Tuesday at the Veath and Welge Funeral Home in Evansville. The rosary will be recited Tuesday at the funeral home.

Full military services will be held by a Marine unit from St. Louis, Mo.

Cpl. Moll was killed in a helicopter crash near Quang Nam Province. He was scheduled to complete his tour of duty in Vietnam this month.



Cpl. Steven Moll

He was a graduate of Sparta High School, with the Class of 1967, and attended Southern Illinois University before enlisting in the Marine Corps in 1969. He was sent to Vietnam in February of 1970.

He was born Sept. 5, 1949, in Red Bud, the son of Fred W. and June Eggemeyer Moll.

He was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Ev-

ansville.

Survivors include his parents; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Moll of Chester; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Rhodes of Chester; and sisters, Mrs. Barbara Marlin of Evansville, Mrs. Joyce Gross of St. Louis, Mo., and Connie and Annette, both at home.

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On thy grave
the rain that falls
are the tears
of a grateful nation.

-Julia Gangloff