

## GILBERT BYRON BUSH

CLASS 1-65

is honored on Panel 7E, Row 39 of  
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

**Full Name:** GILBERT BYRON BUSH  
**Wall Name:** GILBERT B BUSH  
**Date of Birth:** 1/17/1941  
**Date of Casualty:** 5/8/1966  
**Home of Record:** LARAMIE  
**State:** WY  
**Branch of Service:** ARMY  
**Rank:** 2LT  
**Casualty Country:** SOUTH VIETNAM  
**Casualty Province:** PR & MR UNKNOWN



2LT Bush was a Forward Observer assigned to Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, I Field Force at the time of his death.

### We got hit hard ...

Our small class of originals got hit hard in that war ... 3 KIA. Sorry you were one of them, Gil. Hate to see these names appear after so many years. As long as we keep the memories of our comrades and classmates, they will never die. Here's to absent comrades. God bless you, Gil.

Posted by: Al Dunnem, Class 1-65  
Relationship: Friend and classmate  
October 26, 2008

### My Best Man

I knew Gil before He and I went to Vietnam. We were both stationed at Ft. Huachuca, Arizona in 1965. Gil and I were best friends. When I married a nurse there Gil was my best man. He was a good friend and even though it has been almost 40 years I remember and miss him. Sorry Pal !

Posted by: Louis (Lou) Tripp  
Relationship: We were close friends  
November 9, 2003

## Memories

Lt. Bush was our first officer killed in Vietnam from the 2/17th FA. I was in another Battery and never had the chance to meet Lt Bush. I will also remember his name on Memorial Days and honor his sacrifice to our country.

Posted by: Jack Picciolo

Relationship: We served together

April 22, 2003

## Served Together



I was Lt Bush's Recon Sergeant on his first operation, as the Forward Observer for the 3d Battalion of the ARVN Airborne during "Operation Masher" (28 Jan 66-6 Mar 66). Last talked to Lt Bush on 3 May 1966 and saw him last on the evening of 4 May 1966. He was adjusting artillery fire on a suspected sniper location. I was medevac on 5 May 1966 and it wasn't until I returned to Vietnam in August 1967, that I learned that he had been killed.

Posted by: Thomas R. Kurtz, CSM, USA (RET)

Relationship: We served together

May 8, 2003

## Another Photo



Photo was taken sometime during February 1966

Posted by: Thomas R. Kurtz, CSM, USA (RET)  
May 10, 2003

### **A Note from The Virtual Wall**

Operation DAVY CROCKETT, a search and destroy operation, began on 03 May 1966. On 05 May the 2nd Bn, 7th Cavalry had a light contact in the area of Thanh Son (2), about 5 kilometers southwest of Tam Quan. The following day the 1st and 2nd Bns, 7th Cavalry found themselves heavily engaged with a VC battalion defending its base camp in the hills just west of Thanh Son (2). Additional forces were brought in by air assault, including elements from the 1/9 Cavalry. Although the VC were forced from their positions, withdrawing into the mountains, there were limited contacts on the following two days. During the period 05-08 May, 27 US soldiers were killed in the fighting. Eight were from the 1/9 Cav, including their artillery Forward Observer: 2LT Gilbert Byron Bush.