

JAN PAUL CHRISTENSEN

Class 46A-67

JAN PAUL CHRISTENSEN
is honored on Panel 34W, Row 5 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: JAN PAUL CHRISTENSEN
Wall Name: JAN P CHRISTENSEN
Date of Birth: 4/4/1947
Date of Casualty: 1/15/1969
Home of Record: AUSTIN
County of Record: MOWER COUNTY
State: MN
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 1LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: QUANG NGAI



1LT Christensen served with Battery D, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery, Americal Division. He was one of two aerial observers on an OH-6A Cayuse helicopter that was shot down.

The pilot of the aircraft was able to make a successful forced landing, but the enemy on the ground killed all three occupants. The other observer killed was CPT Bruce Gregory Bowles, from Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 14th Artillery, a graduate of Field Artillery OCS Class 11-65.

OCS Classmate

Just found the link to your name. Remember your bright cheerful smile. Didn't know you had a daughter.

Posted by: Frank Kelly
Relationship: We served together
July 5, 2006

Paul is buried at Calvary Cemetery in Austin, Minnesota

Jan, Sally, Heather, Cheri, and Lee

We were classmates in Field Artillery OCS, Class 46-67, Fort Sill, OK and graduated together 5 Dec 67. More importantly, when I got married during my 10th week of OCS, my new wife, Cheri, and Jan's wife, Sally, lived in a little 2 bedroom house in Lawton. I remember their new baby, Heather, and all the joy she brought to us. We had some great times together whenever the TAC Officers would let us off on the weekend. I was in Viet Nam when Jan was killed and I just couldn't believe it although our friends were making the supreme sacrifice daily. Jan, I know you're probably laughing at me now, but we had some great laughs, remember. I'll never forget the night you and Sally broke the bed, Oh to be young again. Keep the angels on their toes old friend and I hope to see you one day. Love, Lee Harper

Posted by: Travis Lee Harper
Relationship: good friend and soldiers
June 1, 1999

From the virtual wall

Salute to a fine young officer

I took command of A Battery, 3rd, Battalion, 18th, Field Artillery in early January 1969 at LZ Cindy, Tra Bong, Quang Ngi Province, RVN. I was tasked to provide a Lieutenant from the battery for a "higher priority" in the 11th, Brigade Area of Operations. Jan was the officer, besides myself with the least time on station. He was chosen saluted and rode off to an unjust fate at the hands of an unjust enemy. In the short time I knew him I was impressed by his quiet intellect and courage. I think of him daily, these past 38 years. God Bless him and all the other heroes who make us safe. Thomas P. Ross, Colonel, US. Army. (Ret.)

Thomas Ross
I was his Battery Commander
Missoula, MT, 59803
May 1, 2007

From www.flyarmy.org

Helicopter OH-6A 67-16189

Information on U.S. Army helicopter OH-6A tail number 67-16189

The Army purchased this helicopter 0768

Total flight hours at this point: 00000334

Date: 01/15/1969

Incident number: 69011515.KIA

Unit: 198 BDE

This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was LOSS TO INVENTORY

This was a Recon mission for Unarmed Recon

Unknown this helicopter was Unknown at UNK feet and UNK knots.

South Vietnam

UTM grid coordinates: BS457762

Count of hits was not possible because the helicopter burned or exploded.

Small Arms/Automatic Weapons; Gun launched non-explosive ballistic projectiles less than 20 mm in size. (7.62MM)

Systems damaged were: PERSONNEL

Casualties = YES. .

The helicopter made a Forced Landing. Aircraft Destroyed.

Both mission and flight capability were terminated.

Original source(s) and document(s) from which the incident was created or updated:

Defense Intelligence Agency Helicopter Loss database. Survivability/Vulnerability

Information Analysis Center Helicopter database. Also: OPERA, LNOF, 90031, CASRP,

CRAFX (Operations Report. Lindenmuth Old Format Data Base. Crash Facts Message.

Casualty Report.)

Loss to Inventory

Crew Members:

P 1LT TAYLOR DEANE ARTHUR JR KIA

OB CPT BOWLES BRUCE GREGORY KIA

OB 1LT CHRISTENSEN JAN PAUL KIA

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