

BENNY DEAN CLAYTON

Class 36A-67

BENNY DEAN CLAYTON
is honored on Panel 39W, Row 16 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: BENNY DEAN CLAYTON
Wall Name: BENNY D CLAYTON
Date of Birth: 10/2/1947
Date of Casualty: 11/4/1968
Home of Record: JOHNSTON
County of Record: EDGEFIELD COUNTY
State: SC
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 1LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: TAY NINH



1LT Clayton was assigned to Battery A, 1st Battalion, 5th Artillery, 1st Infantry Division. He was killed in action while serving as a Forward Observer with Company C, 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry.

In Loving Memory of a Dear Comrade

Benny and I were cube-mates throughout OCS. He became a dear and close friend, and I was deeply saddened to learn of his passing when I got to Vietnam. May he rest in peace. God bless you, Benny.

Posted by: MAJ Arnold E Colcleasure Jr
Relationship: We served together
March 27, 2005

To a friend.

Benny, I think about you often. Even though we only had a few months together, they were great fun. Many times I have a silent toast to you just as we toasted our graduation from OCS. Here's to you.

Posted by: Stephen McNeany 1LT
Relationship: We served together
August 29, 2002

From the wall-usa.com

I was assigned with Ben in the same battalion, when he was killed. He was the Forward Observer with Charlie Company; I was the Forward Observer in Delta Company. We were working out of a small firebase in the Tayh Ninh province, near the Cambodian border. I think the name of the Firebase was named either "Julie" or "Dot." He along with a Medic and Platoon Sergeant were killed by small arms fire during an ambush. His company was lead, on patrol. My company was, just behind his. I took his place immediately after he fell. I shall never forget the sadness of that day, watching his body being loaded onto that small Cayuse helicopter in the middle of the jungle. Even today, I get somewhat depressed about what happened that day. I recall how he before his death spoke lovingly of his wife. Can someone share with me, where he is buried?

John Baker
Vietnam War Buddy
Aiken, SC., 29803, USA
April 15, 2006

Benny is buried at St Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Edgefield, South Carolina
His decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device for valor.

