

WILLIAM BOYD GRAVES

Class 4-62

is honored on Panel 23E, Row 107 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: WILLIAM BOYD GRAVES
Wall Name: WILLIAM B GRAVES
Date of Birth: 2/3/1940
Date of Casualty: 7/22/1967
Home of Record: DOUGLAS
State: WY
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: CAPT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: PR & MR UNKNOWN



Captain Graves was an Army Fixed-Wing Aviator and died when the OV-1C Mohawk he was piloting crashed. He was serving with the 225th Aviation Company, 223rd Aviation Battalion, 17th Aviation Group, 1st Aviation Brigade at the time of his death.

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Bill Graves and I were classmates at Ft. Sill OCS. We were friends too during the short time we served together there. I recall him as an intelligent, thoughtful and solid man. A good candidate and someone you would want to serve with at any post. He was a good man. God rest his soul.

Posted by: Bob O'Neal, LTC Ret.
Relationship: We were OCS classmates.
October 15, 2005

A Note from The Virtual Wall

Two men from the 225th Aviation Company died when their OV-1C *Mohawk*, tail number 60-3755, crashed:

- **CPT William B. Graves, Douglas, WY, pilot, and**
- **SGT Heinz A. Tapio, Sun Valley, CA, observer.**

The following information is from www.flyarmy.org

GRAVES WILLIAM BOYD

Name: CPT William Boyd Graves

Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 07/22/1967 while performing the duty of Pilot.

Age at death: 27.5

Date of Birth: 02/03/1940

Home City: Douglas, WY

Service: AT branch of the reserve component of the U.S. Army.

Unit: 225 AVN

Major organization: other

Service: AT branch of the U.S. Army.

The Wall location: 23E-107

Short Summary: Flying a O-1 Birddog and failed to return. First rated in fixed wing then attended R/W Q course at Wolters?

Aircraft: O-1

Service number: O2310312

Country: South Vietnam

MOS: 1980 = 19 Fixed Wing Aviator (Unit Commander)

Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea

Compliment cause: weapons

Vehicle involved: helicopter

Position in vehicle: pilot

Started Tour: 05/02/1967

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - pilot

Length of service: 10

Location: Unknown Province

Reason: aircraft lost or crashed

Casualty type: Non-hostile - died while missing

married male U.S. citizen

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Methodist (Evangelical United Brethren)

The following information secondary, but may help in explaining this incident.

Category of casualty as defined by the Army: non-battle dead Category of personnel:

active duty Army Military class: officer

This record was last updated on 04/26/2002

From thewall-usa.com

I am just finding this person on the wall. I was a SP-4/E-4 under his command in Phu Heip, Vietnam. The only thing I find confusing is that this listing (see below) says he was a helicopter pilot and I knew him a fixed wing Grumman OV-1 pilot. I was very overcome the day he didn't return from his mission. I remember that day well. It was late in the afternoon, around five pm, and we were relaxing and the talk was that his flight was late and we didn't know why. However, we found out later that evening what had happened. So, if this is the same US Army Capt. Graves of the 225th Air Surveillance Company in Phu Heip, Vietnam, it is definitely him. If anyone should like to contact me for any information I can provide, I will be more than glad to try to help out.

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WILLIAM BOYD GRAVES

CAPT - O3 - Army - Reserve

Length of service 10 years

His tour began on May 2, 1967

Casualty was on Jul 22, 1967

In , SOUTH VIETNAM

Non-Hostile, died missing, **HELICOPTER - PILOT**

AIR LOSS, CRASH ON LAND

Body was recovered

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