

RONALD WAYNE LAZICKI**Class 27-66**

is honored on Panel 42W, Row 48 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: RONALD WAYNE LAZICKI
Wall Name: RONALD W LAZICKI
Date of Birth: 2/28/1946
Date of Casualty: 9/30/1968
Home of Record: AUSTIN
County of Record: WILLIAMSON COUNTY
State: TX
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 1LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: QUANG TRI



1LT Lazicki served with Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 20th Artillery (Aerial Rocket), 1st Cavalry Division. He was the pilot of a UH-1B helicopter that crashed in fog during a night mortar patrol mission near Camp Evans in the vicinity of Landing Zone Nancy. His awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster and the Air Medal with 27 Oak Leaf Clusters.

Ron was my big brother in OCS 1966

Long time coming. God Bless. Ron and I carried the U.S. and Texas flags, respectively at UT in Austin. Then, years later, we happened upon each other as I was checking in to OCS in May of 66. He asked me to be his 'Little Brother'. Oddly enough I became a Helicopter Instructor and flew (commercially) for many years, in all capacities, firefighting, tour, GOM etc. all over the U.S. As an instructor in my later years, one of the FAA Designated Examiners that tested my student, I found out in a casual conversation about Nam, was Ron's CO in Nam.

Posted by: Robert Dahlberg
Relationship: OCS Classmates
December 11, 2010

OCS Classmate

I was a classmate of his in OCS from June 66 to graduation on 22 NOV 66. I was in the 3rd platoon and he in the 2nd. He always wore a smile on his face and seemed to be a very good guy. Heard he made a great officer as well.

Posted by: MAJ Clarence C. Mathis, Ret,
Relationship: OCS Classmates
Tuesday, March 6, 2007

to Ron

Ron,
I remember seeing your cot outside a hooch in Phouc Vinh long after you were gone. It must have been April or May of 1970 - turned on end with a big L A Z I C K I on the bottom.
... not much of a memorial, but it's still in my mind.
I had never met you, but your brother Dan and I spent countless hours together in OCS and Flight school in '68 and 69.
You two would be Generals - like your father. That was the talk back then, though you two probably didn't know that.
I'm pretty sure we were in Alabama when the word came... I tried, but I didn't say much to Dan that night, though. We only gathered in support, a few of us from the flight class at our trailer - knowing that we could offer some company for Dan, even someone to lean on -- if it came to that. What can you say to someone who has lost a brother... What to say to our classmates? How can you come to grips with the fact that you were flying the same missions we might be flying in a few short months.
Still today, I think of you, and the others. It never goes away.
And never saying anything to anyone.
The difference is, now maybe I can start to reconnect, to heal as well... and it's been over 30 years coming.
Now I can say we were all brothers, every single one of us.
We love you Ron.

Posted by: CPT Gregory A Patrick E Btry 82nd Arty 1st Cav Div 69-70
Relationship: Friend of the Lazicki family
January 29, 2004

1LT Ronald Wayne Lazicki

Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 09/30/1968 while performing the duty of Pilot.

Age at death: 22.6

Date of Birth: 02/28/1946

Home City: Austin, TX

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

Unit: 2/20 ARA 1 CAV

Major organization: 1st Cavalry Division

Flight class: 67-20

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

The Wall location: 42W-048

Short Summary: Crashed in fog during night mortar patrol over Camp Evans with WO1 Franklin Lloyd McPhail.

Aircraft: UH-1B tail number 62-02009

Call sign: Blue Max

Service number: O5424830

Country: South Vietnam

MOS: 61193

Primary cause: A/C Accident-WX

Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea

Compliment cause: unknown

Vehicle involved: helicopter

Position in vehicle: co-pilot

Started Tour: 12/28/1967

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - pilot

Length of service: 02

Location: Quang Tri Province I Corps.

Reason: aircraft lost or crashed

Casualty type: Non-hostile - died of other causes

married male U.S. citizen

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Presbyterian

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 08/20/1995

Helicopter UH-1B 62-02009

Information on U.S. Army helicopter UH-1B tail number 62-02009

The Army purchased this helicopter 0563

Total flight hours at this point: 00003421

Date: 09/30/1968

Incident number: 680930251ACD Accident case number: 680930251 Total loss or fatality Accident

Unit: B/2/20 ARA 1 CAV

The station for this helicopter was Camp Evans in South Vietnam

UTM grid coordinates: YD365365

Number killed in accident = 2. . Injured = 1. . Passengers = 0
costing 428188

Original source(s) and document(s) from which the incident was created or updated:
Defense Intelligence Agency Helicopter Loss database. Army Aviation Safety Center
database. Also: OPERA (Operations Report.)

Loss to Inventory

Crew Members:

P 1LT LAZICKI RONALD WAYNE KIA

P WO1 MCPHAIL FRANKLIN LLOYD KIA

CE E5 JE WICKANDER

Accident Summary:

At 0200 hours, 30 September 1968, 009 departed Camp Evans POL to conduct a mortar patrol mission in the vicinity of LZ Nancy. A few minutes after takeoff, at 500 feet altitude the aircraft went IFR in clouds and rain. There is an unsubstantiated report that the pilot attempted to obtain radar assistance at that time. Very soon thereafter the pilot lost control of the aircraft and observed its entry into a steep dive. He recovered from this dive with "g" forces sufficient to cause at least the crew chief to black out. Shortly after leveling off from the dive, the aircraft struck a steep hillside deep in a river canyon. The pilots both died in their seats. The crew chief regained consciousness some time after the crash. He was still strapped in his seat. The aircraft had slid down the hill into the creek after impact and the cabin was filled with water. He unbuckled his seat belt and swam clear of the aircraft. He lay beside the creek for approximately 18 hours awaiting rescue. He was finally evacuated at 1830 hours. The following day a team of infantrymen repelled into the area, cut a small LZ, extracted the bodies and destroyed the aircraft and weapons systems in place.

This record was last updated on 05/25/1998



Ron is buried at the Fort Sill Post Cemetery Section IV, Site 1100B