

WILLIAM J PETERSON**Class 514-68**

is honored on Panel 24W, Row 47 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: WILLIAM J PETERSON
Wall Name: WILLIAM J PETERSON
Date of Birth: 7/24/1945
Date of Casualty: 5/18/1969
Home of Record: SPOKANE
County of Record: SPOKANE COUNTY
State: WA
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 2LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: THUA THIEN



2LT Peterson was assigned to Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 319th Artillery, 101st Airborne Division. He was killed in action while serving as a Forward Observer with Company B, 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry during the Battle for Hamburger Hill.

Lt Peterson's obituary

PETERSON, Lieutenant William J. (25 years) - His Home, Ephrata WA. Survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Peterson, Ephrata WA; one brother, Philip Person, Cheney WA; 2 sisters, Mrs. Robert Gogerty, Seattle WA; Miss Barbara Peterson, Ephrata WA. Holy Rosary will be held Thurs., June 5, 8 p.m. St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Ephrata WA. Requiem Mass Friday June 6 at 11 a.m. in St Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Ephrata WA. The Interment services, Greenwood Cemetery, Spokane WA, Friday June 6, 4:30 p.m. in lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Morning Star Boys Ranch. Spokane Nicoles Funeral Home, Ephrata WA is in charge of arrangements.

From The Spokesman-Review, Spokane WA, June 4, 1969

William is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Spokane, Washington

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Wenatchee Daily World, Wenatchee May 28, 1969

Lt. William J. Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Peterson of Ephrata, was killed in Vietnam on May 19 in the battle for Hamburger Hill. Lt. Peterson was graduated from Lewis and Clark High School in Spokane, and from Gonzaga University. He is survived by his parents; his brother Philip, attending Eastern Washington College, Cheney; and two sisters, Mrs. Robert Gogerty, Seattle, and Barbara Peterson, Ephrata. Services will be announced later by the Nicoles Funeral Home in Ephrata.

I Did Not Know

I am so sorry to have learned from this site that Peterson was a casualty of that war. He was a good man. What a loss.

Posted by: Robert E Jones

Relationship: Classmate

June 12, 2007

A Fellow OCS Classmate

I remember Pete as a quiet man who went about his business without much fanfare, but with determination. He will be missed by those of us who knew him.

Posted by: Jim Bailey

Relationship: We served together

December 20, 2006

Big Pete

Bill was my classmate in 514-68. Both of us came to Ft.Sill from Infantry AIT, so we were kindred spirits and good friends. Saw Bill's name in the casualty reports as I arrived in 'Nam. We called him "Big Pete" to distinguish him from Peterson, Andrew of our class. I think of him often.

Posted by: John Thomas

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Relationship: We served together

December 2, 2006

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I was the Acting Artillery Liaison Officer and FO for A/3/187th on the day that Lt. Peterson came out to the field. Remember that he arrived in the late afternoon and I gave him a very short briefing on what was going on. Wished him luck and sent him off to join Bravo Company as their FO. Told him that I hoped to see him the next day. Unfortunately I never saw him again. Think of him almost every single day. I remember he was so young and handsome.

Posted by: Frank Kelly
Relationship: We served together
December 5, 2002

Photos



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