

CLYDE DAVID TAYLOR**CLASS 6-62**

is honored on Panel 4E, Row 55 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: CLYDE DAVID TAYLOR
Wall Name: CLYDE D TAYLOR
Date of Birth: 11/28/1939
Date of Casualty: 1/5/1966
Home of Record: LAWTON
State: OK
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 1LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: PR & MR UNKNOWN



LT Taylor began his tour of duty with Military Assistance Command Vietnam on November 13, 1965. He was posthumously awarded The Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service as Training Center Advisor, Bac Lieu Province and Assistant Sub-sector Advisor, Gia Rai District, Bac Lieu Province. He participated in several combat operations during which his sound tactical advice was relied upon by his Vietnamese counterparts.

Just a good friend

He was called "Dave". He was my TAC Officer in Officer Candidates School and after I graduated, he and I became good friends. He was the first KIA I knew. It happened right before I went over. I went to his funeral at Ft. Sill. He had a beautiful wife and three children. My prayers are with them. Joe Fleming, Chatham, Illinois

Posted by: Joe Fleming
June 1, 1999

From the Virtual Wall

Clyde D Taylor left behind a young wife and 3 young children. He was a brave man who loved the Vietnamese people as he had gone to high school there when his father, an Army Captain, was a military advisor there in the 50's. God bless my father and all the brave men and women who fought in Vietnam.

Shelly Taylor Witlow
13 September 2001



Pauline Taylor pins gold bar on her son 2LT Clyde David Taylor June 1962



Marcia Taylor pins gold bar on her spouse 2LT Clyde David Taylor June 1962



The Taylor Family (children - Michael, Jocelyn and Shelly)



2LT Clyde David Taylor

January 7, 1966
Miami (Oklahoma) Daily News Record

Lawton Lieutenant Killed in Viet Nam

LAWTON (AP)—The Defense Department Thursday told retired Capt. and Mrs. Clyde A. Taylor, Lawton, that their son, Lt. Clyde David Taylor, 26, was killed in Viet Nam Wednesday.

The soldier was reportedly fatally wounded in the neck by small arms fire during combat.

Young Taylor is survived by his widow and three children in Fayetteville, N. C.

He was transferred from Fort Sill to Viet Nam last Nov. 15.

January 8, 1966
Chicago Tribune

Identify Casualty

Washington, Jan. 7 (UPI)—The defense department today identified one United States service man killed in action in Viet Nam. He was army 1st Lt. Clyde D. Taylor of Fayetteville, N. C.

Taylor's name brought to 43 the total of United States combat deaths identified this week, reflecting the lack of major contact with the enemy in recent days.

However, small raids and other "terrorist" actions by the Viet Cong were reported at an all-time high for the week ended Jan. 1—the first week after bombing of North Viet Nam was stopped.

American combat deaths for the last three months of 1965 averaged 53 a week. The total identified now stands at 1,666.

Funeral Rites

Lt. C. D. Taylor

Services for 1st Lt. Clyde David Taylor, 26, of Lawton and Fayetteville, N. C., will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the New Post Chapel, Fort Sill. Chaplain (Capt.) William M. Wilt will officiate.

Burial with full military honors will be at Post Cemetery, Fort Sill.

Lt. Taylor was hit in the neck by small arms fire on Jan. 5 while on a combat operation in Viet Nam.

He was born Nov. 28, 1939, at San Marcos, Tex. He was a graduate of Lawton High School, Cameron College, and Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill.

He was commissioned with OCS class 662 in Nov., 1962, and was stationed for a time at Fort Rucker, Ala.

He married Marcia L. Loomis, Nov. 4, 1961, in Wichita Falls.

He was tactical officer with OCS for two years at Fort Sill, helping to train officer candidates, until last October when he took leave before going to Viet Nam. In Viet Nam, he was an assistant adviser with advanced team No. 51 stationed about 120 miles south of Saigon.

His decorations include the Viet Nam Service Medal, Pistol Marksman Medal, Rifle Sharpshooter Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Carbine Expert Medal.

Survivors include his wife, Marcia L. Taylor, 3210 Rogers Dr., Fayetteville, N. C.; one son, Michael; two daughters, Jocelyn Ann and Shelly Marie; one brother, Gene Taylor, a freshman at TCU, Fort Worth; his father and mother, Capt. (Ret.) and Mrs. Clyde A. Taylor Jr., 1446 N. 49th.



Fort Sill Post Cemetery January 14, 1966



1 LT Taylor is buried at the Fort Sill Post Cemetery

His dad - CPT Clyde Allen Taylor was buried at the Fort Sill Post Cemetery in 1992

Clyde David Taylor - before joining the Army

His father, Clyde Allen Taylor was a graduate of Artillery OCS Class 53-43. He fought with the 552nd Field Artillery Battalion in World War II and served in Japan during the occupation. He later served as a military advisor in Vietnam during the 1950's, living on the road between Tan Son Nhut airport and the Presidential Place.



1948 (Japan) - Clyde David Taylor and his younger brother Gene



1950-51 watching his dad pack his chute after a jump at Fort Bragg

1956 (Vietnam)



In Saigon with his younger brother Gene



***With his mother Pauline, brother Gene and their German Shepherd
at their home in Saigon.***