

Alamance County Area Vietnam War Casualties

Billings, Kemper S.

Boatswain's Mate First Class, United States Navy

drowned on October 29, 1966 while on patrol duty in South Vietnam aboard a patrol craft operating in the mouth of the Hue River.

Boatswain Billings, age 28, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Billings of E. Davis St., Burlington. He was a native of Grayson County, Va. and was educated there before his family moved to Burlington in 1952. Boatswain Billings had served in the Navy for 11 years and had been stationed in Vietnam for the past 9 months. Prior to entering the service, he was employed with Old Dominion Box Co. here. Boatswain Billings' body was recovered from the beach on October 31 after 2 days of searching following the time he was reported missing. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, 1 son, and 1 daughter—all of Vallejo, California and by 4 brothers and 3 sisters. Local survivors aside from his parents include his sisters Mrs. Pauline Mitchell and Mrs. Guyda Beck of Burlington. Funeral rites and burial took place in Vallejo, California.

Source: Times-News November 2, 1966

Boone, Dennis Clayton

Specialist 4, U.S. Army

was killed in action in Vietnam on September 2, 1968 from injuries sustained in combat in a defensive position. Spec.4 Boone, age 20, was the son of Lonnie and Pearl Graves Boone of Route 5, Burlington. He was a native of Alamance County and a graduate of Jordan Sellers High School, where he played football and was a member of the tennis and track teams. Before entering the service in October 1967, Spec.4 Boone was employed by the Home Fabrics Division of Burlington Industries. Survivors in addition to his parents include brothers Ronald and Huntz Boone, sister Miss Phyllis Boone, maternal grandmother Mrs. Effie Graves of Burlington, maternal grandfather Mr. Albert Graves of Sedalia, and paternal grandfather Walter Boone of Burlington. Spec.4 Boone was a member of Queens Chapel A.M.E. Church and burial took place at Northlawn Cemetery in Burlington with full military honors.

Source: Times-News September 6, 1968 and September 11, 1968

Bray, William Robert

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

was killed in action in Vietnam on October 9, 1967 while on a search and destroy mission near Phuoc Son. Lt. Bray, age 25, had been in South Vietnam for less than a month at the time of his death. He was a native of Burlington and the son of Mrs. Ethel Whitt Bray of Trail 2 and the late Mr. William Herbert Bray, Jr. He was the husband of Mrs. Marcia Leypoldt Bray of Nashua, New Hampshire.

Lt. Bray was a 1960 graduate of Walter Williams High School here and a 1964 graduate of Elon College. He entered the service in April 1966 and received his commission as a second lieutenant. Lt. Bray was posthumously awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action. Serving as platoon leader of Co. A 1st Battalion 35th Infantry, Bray was killed while moving to assist men in his platoon who had been pinned down by enemy fire. He was cited for personally eliminating 3 North Vietnamese enemy soldiers and silencing a concealed automatic weapon position with a hand grenade.

In addition to his wife and his mother, Lt. Bray is survived by 3 sisters—Mrs. J.I. White III, Mrs. Ronald William Smith, and Miss Marion Faye Bray. Lt. Bray was a member of the First Baptist Church of Burlington. No burial details were available.

Source: Times-News October 12, 1967 and March 26, 1968

Campbell, Jerry Ray

Private, U.S. Army

was accidentally shot and killed on June 28, 1965 while on a combat mission in Vietnam when a companion's gun discharged firing 2 shots. Pvt. Campbell, age 20, was the son of William T. Campbell of Siler City and the late Mrs. Mildred Johnson Campbell. He was a native of Chatham County, but lived in Graham until 1963 when he joined the service. Pvt. Campbell had been in Vietnam for 2 months at the time of his death while serving with the 173rd Airborne Infantry Battalion.

Survivors other than his father include his wife, Marie Caulder Campbell of Elon College, 3 brothers, and 1 half-sister. A brother, Pete Campbell, is currently serving with the U.S. Army in Texas. The funeral will be held at Deep Creek Baptist Church at a later date to be determined.

Source: Times-News June 29, 1965

Coleman, Lawrence Barber, Jr.

Private First Class, United States Army

died August 13, 1971 in Vietnam when the truck he was driving was ambushed by hostile forces. Pfc. Coleman, age 25, was the husband of Mrs. Mary Helen Brown Coleman of Gibsonville and the son of Lawrence B. Coleman, Sr. of Ingle St. and Mrs. Gladys Hall Coleman, also of Burlington. At the time of his death, Pfc. Coleman had been in the military for 9 years and was serving with the 34th Engineering Battalion on his second tour of duty in Vietnam. In addition to his parents and his wife, Pfc. Coleman is survived by 3 children--Bonnie, Crystal, and Billy--one sister, one half-sister, and his paternal grandmother Mrs. Ola B. Coleman of Glen Raven.

Source: Times-News August 19, 1971

Copeland, Larry Odell

Staff Sgt., U.S. Army

was killed by small arms fire on April 29, 1968 while on a search and destroy mission in the City of Hue, Vietnam. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Odell Copeland of Swepsonville and his death occurred only a day after his promotion from Sergeant to Staff Sergeant. Staff Sgt. Copeland received the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal

Source: Times-News September 3, 1968

Dameron, Larry R.

Boatswain's Mate Third Class, U.S. Navy

died in action in Vietnam on December 10, 1969

Boatswain's Mate Dameron, age 22, was the son of Glenn W. and Emma Brooks Dameron of Route 5, Burlington and had been in Vietnam for 8 weeks at the time of his death. He was a native of this county and attended Eastern Alamance High School where he was a pitcher on the baseball team. Boatswain's Mate Dameron enlisted in the Navy in October 1966 and was a member of Victory Baptist Church. In addition to his parents, he is survived by 3 brothers—Dwight, Steve, and Tony Dameron—and 3 sisters—Mrs. Glenda Thompson, Miss Debrah Thompson, and Miss Diane Thompson. Other survivors include great-grandmother Mrs. Lonnie Chambers, maternal grandmother Mrs. Maggie Brooks and paternal grandmother Mrs. Lillian Dameron.

Source: Times-News December 12, 1969

Draemer, Charles Edward

Lance Corporal, U.S. Marines

died May 30, 1968 from hostile fire in Vietnam. Lance Corporal Draemer, age 20, was the son of Mr. Paul Draemer and Mrs. Hazel Tate Draemer of Delaware Ave.,

Burlington. Corporal Draemer's father is employed with the Transportation Division of Burlington Industries and the family is originally from Sugarland, Texas.

In addition to his parents, Corporal Draemer is survived by a brother and several aunts and uncles.

Source: Times-News August 8, 1993

Edmonds, James Thomas

Private First Class, U. S. Army

died February 5, 1969 from hostile fire in Vietnam. Pvt. Edmonds, age 20, was the son of Mrs. Mary Soots Edmonds of 516 South Mebane Street, Burlington, and the late Reverend Reo Edmonds. He graduated from Williams High School in 1967. Prior to entering the service, he was employed by Burlington House Fabrics. Surviving in addition to his mother is one sister, Miss Reoma Edmonds.

Source: Times-News February 8, 1969

Ephland, Guy B., Jr.

First Lieutenant, U. S. Army

died May 27, 1968, while piloting a medical evacuation helicopter in Vietnam.

Lieutenant Ephland, age 25, was the husband of Frances M. Ephland of Belton, South Carolina, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy B. Ephland, Sr., of Burlington. He was a graduate of Williams High School and of Davidson College where he received his degree in 1965. He entered the army in 1966 and received his wings as a helicopter pilot in 1967. His wife was presented with seven posthumous medals, which included the Distinguished Flying Cross, for his valor during an emergency evacuation, near Dong

Zoai, of a wounded soldier. Surviving in addition to his parents are his wife and a three-year-old daughter.

Source: Times News May 30 and October 18, 1968

Fogleman, James Olin

Private First Class, U. S. Army

died May 18, 1969, from wounds received during enemy action in Vietnam. Pvt.

Fogleman, age 21, is the son of James Uriah Fogleman, Jr. and Mrs.

Makeline Wright Fogleman of Route 3, Graham. Pfc. Fogleman was a 1967 graduate of Southern High School and was employed by J. Spencer Love Hosiery Center in

Burlington before entering the service. Survivors in addition to his parents include a

sister, Miss Anna Jane Fogleman of the home, paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. J.U.

Fogleman, Sr. of Gore, Va., maternal grandmother Mrs. Annie Wright of Cedar Grove

and great-grandmother Mrs. Sarah Murray of Haw River. Burial was in the Mt. Herman

United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Source: Times-News May 23 and May 26, 1969

Garner, William R.

Sergeant, U. S. Army

died July 8, 1969, while serving with Company A, First Battalion, 502nd Infantry in

Vietnam. Sgt. Garner, age 20, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jane B. Garner, his mother,

Mrs. Doris Garner, both of Burlington, and his father, W. D. Garner of Robbins, North

Carolina. Sergeant Garner's widow was presented the Silver Star and the Bronze Medal

Star for his distinguished service. During a battle with North Vietnamese soldiers on a narrow jungle trail when his platoon leader and platoon sergeant were seriously wounded,

Sergeant Garner moved forward to the lead element and inspired his men to remain and

fight. He was struck by an enemy bullet and was mortally wounded.

Source: Times-News November 15, 1969

Graves, James Leroy

Private First Class, U. S. Army

died June 28, 1965, during hostile action in Vietnam. Private Graves, age 20, entered the

army in June 1964 after graduating from Central High School in Graham in 1963. He

completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and had completed a nine-week aircraft engine repair course at the Army Transportation School, Fort Eustis, Virginia.

Private Graves is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Graves of Route 5,

Burlington.

Source: Times-News June 28, 1965

Greeson, David C.

Warrant Officer, U. S. Army

died in November 1969 during hostile action in Vietnam. Warrant Officer Greeson, age

21, graduated from Melbourne High School in Melbourne, Florida, and was a member of

the Civil Air Patrol there. He attended the Florida Institute of Technology from 1966-

1968. He is survived by his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Charles .E. Greeson, formerly of

Burlington, who moved to West Melbourne in 1961. In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers, two sisters and a grandmother. Another brother, Specialist 5 John E. Greeson, died in Vietnam on July 22, 1968. Burial in Florida.

Source: Times-News November 13, 1969

Guthrie, Harold L.

Specialist 5, U. S. Army

died July 15, 1962, from enemy fire near Dak Rhode, Vietnam, during an aerial reconnaissance mission as crew chief of an H-21C helicopter. Specialist 5 Guthrie, age 33, was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in 1963. The medal was received by his seven-year-old son, Garland E. Guthrie, at a ceremony in the Zion Christian Church. Specialist 5 Guthrie is survived by his son, his mother, Mrs. Nettie T. Guthrie, and two sisters Mrs. Willie A. Smith and Mrs. Robert Satterfield.

Source: Times-News April 29, 1963

Hall, Dennis Lee "Jake"

Private First Class, U. S. Army

died June 28, 1967, in Vietnam from a gunshot wound received while he was on patrol. Pvt. Hall, age 19, was a member of the First Cavalry Division, Company B. 2nd Battalion. He was a native of Randolph County. He attended Western High School and was employed at the Williamsburg Plant of Burlington Industries prior to entering the service. Pfc. Hall was of the Baptist faith and attended Trollingwood Baptist Church. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Catherine Ragle Hall Aldridge of Burlington, his father Roy Lee Hall of Asheboro, two sisters, two half-brothers, maternal grandparents and step-father.

Source: Times-News July 1, 1967

Holman, Clarence Lenal

Private First Class, U. S. Marines

died November 4, 1969, of wounds from hostile fire in Quang Nam Province, Vietnam at the age of 21 years. A native of Durham County, Pfc. Holman was a 1966 graduate of Jordan Sellers High School. He was employed by Plaid Mills of Burlington Industries prior to entering the Marine Corps in February 1969. He is survived by his parents, Brodie and Berthenia Hightower Holman, one sister, six brothers and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Lillie Hightower of Route 3, Mebane. Funeral service was conducted at Sweet Gum Baptist Church with burial in the veterans section of North Lawn Cemetery in Burlington.

Source: Times-News November 5, 1969

Jackson, Wallace Michael

Specialist 4th Class, U.S. Army

died August 19, 1967 in Vietnam

Spc. 4 Jackson was attached to the 187th Military Police Battalion and was age 20 years at the time of his death.

Jenkins, Gregory Dale

Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class, U. S. Navy
died May 12, 1967, as a result of enemy action in Vietnam while participating in
“Operation Union” Born in Mebane, the petty officer, age 20, was a graduate of Graham
High School. He was employed by the Times-News mailroom while he was in school.
Prior to enlisting in the Navy on January 17, 1966, he was employed by Burlington
Industries. He had received the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, National Defense
Service Medal, and the Vietnam Service and Campaign medals. He is survived by his
parents, Fred M. and Nancy Perdue Jenkins, one brother, one sister, his maternal
grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Lee Perdue and his paternal grandmother Mrs. L.L. Jenkins.
Burial took place with full military honors at Graham Memorial Park.
Source: Times-News May 23, 1967

Jones, Morris Blaine
Specialist 5, U. S. Army
died January 3, 1968, of natural causes in Vietnam. Age 21, Specialist 5 Jones was a
1964 graduate of Graham High School. He had been employed by Sykes Foundry of
Burlington prior to entering the service. He is survived by his parents, Isaac and Doris
Ellis Jones, his wife, Mrs. Debbie Isley Jones, one brother, two sisters, paternal
grandfather Samuel Weldon Jones of Graham, a step-grandmother, and maternal
grandparents Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Ellis of Burlington. His brother, Specialist 5 Norris
Jones is serving with the U.S. Army at Fort Benning, Georgia.
Source: Times-News January 5, 1968

Kidd, Dennis Curtis
Master Sgt, U.S. Army
was killed by small arms fire on August 4, 1964 in an ambush on the jeep in which he
was traveling about 50 miles north of Saigon. M.Sgt. Kidd was a member of a Special
Forces unit and a 17-year Army veteran. He was a native of Graham, NC and a resident
of Fayetteville, NC at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hazel H.
Kidd of Fayetteville and by 2 daughters, 1 foster daughter, and by his father Dennis P.
Kidd, a retired Mebane furniture worker who served in World War I.
Source: Times-News August 5, 1964

King, Joseph Robert, Jr.
Private First Class, U.S. Marines
was killed in action near Da Nang, Vietnam on March 1, 1969
He was a native of Parris Island, S.C. and was the son of Joseph R. King, Sr., and Mrs.
Eva Lanier King of Raleigh, NC. Pfc. King was employed by Cum Park Plaza Shell
Service in Burlington at the time he entered the Marine Corps in June 1968 and was a
1963 graduate of William High School in Burlington and a former student at the
Technical College of Alamance. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife
Sandra Chandler King and by a 2-year-old daughter. The funeral was conducted by the
pastor of Bellemont Baptist Church and burial took place in Alamance Memorial Park.
Source: Times-News March 12, 1969

McDaniel, John L.

Major, U. S. Air Force

died April 26, 1968, while serving aboard a C-130 that was hit by hostile fire over Vietnam. Age 34, Major McDaniel was a 12-year veteran of the Air Force and had served as navigator of the C-130. He was a native of Georgia, a graduate of McLeansville High School and the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. He held a master's degree from the University of Arizona. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gloria Ann Bland, McDaniel, his parents, Reba Resse and Lacy Cook, two sisters, and 4 sons--Roger, Brett, Gregory, and Neal McDaniel, all of the home. A memorial service was held at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church.

Source: Times-News May 4, 1968

Meeks, Ricky Lee

Lance Corporal, U. S. Marines

died September 17, 1969, in action in Vietnam. Lance Corporal Meeks, age 20, is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Meeks, of the Hawfields community, and his wife, Teresa Sappenfield Meeks of Kannapolis. The funeral was held at Jackson Park Church in Kannapolis.

Source: Times-News September 26, 1969

Melton, Rodney W.

Private First Class, U. S. Marines

died May 5, 1968, in action in Vietnam. He attended Burlington elementary schools before moving to Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, where he graduated from high school. He completed two years at Morris Harvey College, Charleston, West Virginia, before enlisting in the Marines in September 1967. He was named outstanding recruit in his platoon at graduation following training at Parris Island. He also received the Leatherneck Magazine Dress Blue Uniform Award. After further training at Camp Lejuene, he was shipped to Camp Pendleton, California, prior to his assignment to Vietnam. He is survived by his parents, Mrs. Tressie Caton of Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, and Belvin W. Melton of Graham, two half-sisters and two half-brothers.

Source: Times-News May 11, 1968

Miles, John C.

Corporal, U. S. Army

died August 11, 1968, in an automobile accident in Vietnam. Corporal Miles, age 23, was a native of Caswell County. He attended Central High School in Alamance County before entering the army. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Miles. The funeral was held at Beulah Baptist Church in Caswell County with burial in the church cemetery.

Source: Times-News August 19, 1968

Morningstar, George Lee

Lieutenant, U. S. Navy

died March 16, 1970, when a Navy four-engine electronic spy plane crashed at Na Dang Air Base in Vietnam. A native of Virgilina, Va., the 27-year-old Lieutenant was a 1961

graduate of Elon College High School and a graduate of Wake Forest University. He entered the Navy in July 1966. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Eunice Morningstar of Burlington; his wife, Ms. Nell Morningstar; one stepson, Brad Morningstar; one sister, Mrs. Phyllis Moore; one brother, Dewey Morningstar; and an aunt, Miss Willie Bowen with whom he made his home.

Source: Times-News April 4, 1970

Pate, Robert L. III

Private First Class, U. S. Army

died September 22, 1967 in Vietnam. He is survived by his mother and father, Robert L. Pate, Jr. and Mrs. Polly Collier Pate; his wife, Mrs. Sue Pate; and his daughter, Denise. His wife was presented several posthumous medals for Pfc. Pate's heroism in Vietnam by Lt. Col. William S. Charles III during a ceremony in Burlington. The funeral for Pfc. Pate was held at Davis St. Methodist Church with burial at Alamance Memorial Park.

Source: Times-News September 22, 1967

Pulliam, Robert E., Jr.

Sergeant, U. S. Army

died July 21, 1966, as a result of wounds received while in combat action in Vietnam. A career soldier, Sgt. Pulliam attended Burlington schools, including Jordan Sellers High School, but received his high school by completing requirements for graduation while in Vietnam. He entered the Army in 1962. He was the son of Elder and Mrs. Robert E. Pulliam, Sr., of Burlington. In December 1966, his parents received his posthumous medal for meritorious achievement in ground operations against hostile forces in Vietnam from April 15 to July 21, 1966. Sgt. Pulliam was a member of the Holy Tabernacle of Jesus Christ Church.

Source: Times-News December 19, 1966

Richards, Stephen Ryan

Private First Class, U. S. Army

died July 31, 1968, from injuries received July 7, 1968, while on a reconnaissance mission in Vietnam. He was 20 years old. A native of Alamance County, he graduated from Western High School in 1965 and was employed by the local Western Electric plant prior to entering service November 1, 1967. He received his basic training at Ft. Bragg and additional training at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. He served as a medic with the infantry. Pfc. Richards is survived by his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Harold Richards of Winston-Salem. He was the husband of Mrs. Annette Coleman Richards. He is also survived by three brothers, one sister, maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Abernathy of Graham and paternal grandmother Mrs. Ivel Richards of Mebane. His wife accepted a plaque with the Silver Star Medal which was awarded posthumously to her husband for gallantry in action in Vietnam.

Source: Times-News July 31, 1968 and February 14, 1969

Reaves, Fred, Jr.

Sergeant, U. S. Army

died February 22, 1968, at the age of 24 from wounds received during combat with enemy forces in Vietnam. A native of Alamance County, he graduated from Jordan Sellers High School in 1962 and, prior to entering the service, he was employed at Huey's Seafood Restaurant. He is survived by his parents, Fred and Myrtle Wade Reaves, Sr.; his wife, Mrs. Norma Van Hook Reaves of Washington, D. C., formerly of Burlington; four sisters; and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Nannie Wade of Mebane. The pastor of the First Baptist Church on Apple St. in Burlington conducted the funeral in Washington, D.C. Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington.
Source: Times-News March 5, 1968

Roberson, Larry Michael

Corporal, U. S. Army

died March 22, 1968, in action in Vietnam. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Roberson, of N. Mebane St., Burlington. Posthumous medals were presented to the Robersons, including the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart, in a ceremony at their home in Burlington.

Source: Times-News July 17, 1968

Russell, Charles E. III "Bunny"

Private First Class, U. S. Army

died December 11, 1968. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Russell, Sr., of Graham. Posthumous medals for meritorious service with the 22nd Infantry Division during service in Vietnam were presented to his parents in June 1970. They included the Military Merit Medal, the Cross of Gallantry and the Bronze Star.

Source: Times-News June 30, 1968

Scoggins, Tony Eugene

Specialist 4th Class, U. S. Army

died September 14, 1969, in Vietnam at the age of 19. He was killed while a member of a military detail placing explosive charges on a defensive perimeter of an artillery firing position when an explosion occurred. A native of Alamance County, he was the son of Samuel G. and Rebecca Black Scoggins of Graham. He attended Graham High School and was employed with True Knit Hosiery Mill before he enlisted in the service May 16, 1968. In addition to his parents, he is survived by one brother, Gary Dean Scoggins; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Z. Black of Graham; and his step-grandmother, Mrs. Kathleen Scoggins of Mebane. Specialist Scoggins attended Graham Friends Church.

Source: Times-News October 4, 1968

Smith, Perry Monroe

Sergeant, U. S. Army

died January 17, 1971, during action against enemy forces in Vietnam at the age of 24. A Green Beret, he had served in the U. S. Army for seven years. An Alamance County native, he was the son of Raymond and Callie Perry Smith of Burlington. He is also survived by his daughter, Kimberly M. Smith; two brothers; and grandmothers Mrs. Rosie Lowe of Whitsett and Mrs. Ella Perry of Burlington. Sgt. Smith was a member of

West Burlington United Methodist Church. He is buried at Alamance Memorial Park in Alamance County.

Source: Times-News January 25, 1971

Strickland, Hiram D. "Butch"

Private First Class, U.S. Army

was killed in action on February 1, 1966 when the outfit he was supporting as an artillery radioman was ambushed. Pfc. Strickland, age 20, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Strickland of Route 2, Graham, was a 1964 graduate of Southern High School in Alamance County. At the time of his death, he was assigned to B Battery of the 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division. Pfc. Strickland had served in Korea prior to being assigned to Vietnam. His parents accepted the Bronze Star posthumously on his behalf. Strickland wrote a letter home shortly before his death that was featured in several national publications and predicted his death. Pfc. Strickland's family was notified of his death by a commercial taxi driver delivering a telegram to the home and negative publicity from this incident served to shape the military's current policy of in-person notification of death that remains to this day. In 1967, the N.C. General Assembly passed a resolution honoring the life and memory of Pfc. Strickland. In addition to his parents, Strickland is survived by 3 sisters, and his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Breaze.

Sources: Times-News Feb. 3, 1966, Feb. 25, 1966, April 7, 1966, April 29, 1966, May 9, 1966, Sept. 19, 1966, July 3, 1967

Thompson, William Nathaniel

Private First Class, United States Army

was killed in action in Vietnam on March 16, 1966

Pfc. Thompson, age 22, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Nathaniel Thompson of Route 1, Mebane. He was buried with full military honors at Hawfields Presbyterian Church.

Source: Times-News March 25, 1966

Underwood, Kenneth Frank

Private First Class, U. S. Army

died February 25, 1967, at the age of 18. A paratrooper, he was killed while in action against hostile forces in Vietnam. He had volunteered for service and trained at Ft. Gordon and Fort Benning in Georgia. He had been in Vietnam for seven months. He is survived by his parents, George Howard and Elsie Decie Siler Underwood; one sister, Mrs. Ernest Boone; one brother, Herman James Underwood; and a grandfather, C. B. Underwood. Pfc. Underwood was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Burlington.

Source: Times-News February 27, 1967

Wade, Frankie Don

Specialist 4th Class, U.S. Army

died Saturday March 25, 1967 in Vietnam from an accident. Sp. Wade, age 22, drowned in the Saigon River after falling from a pipeline over the river. He was the son of Mr.

and Mrs. O. Franklin Wade of Harden St. Wilkerson Funeral Home in Reidsville was in charge of funeral arrangements with burial at Alamance Memorial Park.

Source: Times-News March 31, 1967

Wagner, Jerry L.

Specialist 4th Class, United States Army

was killed in action in Vietnam on April 28, 1967. Spc. Wagner, of Mebane, was killed by small arms fire from a wooded area while driving a truck in a convoy. His widow, Mrs. Carolyn Soloman Wagner, accepted the Bronze Star on his behalf after his death. The citation said that his devotion to duty enabled him to maintain control of his vehicle and pull to the side of the road, even though mortally wounded, so that his fellow soldiers in the convey behind him would not be endangered and could deploy in a defensive position. Spec. Wagner was a veteran of 4 years in the Army and was 8-months into his second tour of duty at the time of his death. He was the son of Leonard Wagner of Efland and Mrs. Ellen Clark of Hillsborough. He attended Hillsborough High and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Burlington. He is survived by 2 sons, Charles and Jerry Jr., in addition to his wife.

Source: Times-News July 19, 1967

Webster, John Thomas "J.T."

Private First Class, U. S. Army

died January 10, 1968, at the age of 19. His family had been notified that he was wounded and missing in action in Vietnam. Then word was received of his death of a metal fragment wound. Pfc. Webster attended Western High School prior to entering the service in June 1967. He had been stationed in Vietnam since November 1967. Survivors include his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Fred W. Webster, Sr. of Route 4, Burlington.; one brother, Fred W. Webster, Jr.; four sisters and his grandmother, Mrs. John A. Carter of Star Route, Yanceyville. His parents were presented with posthumous medals, including the Purple Heart, in May 1968.

Source: Times-News January 15, 1968

Wilson, Harold Thomas "Tommy"

Private First Class, U.S. Army

was killed in a vehicle accident in Vietnam on January 2, 1967. Pfc. Wilson, age 20, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Wilson of the Buckhorn community on Route 2, Mebane in Orange County. He died when the military vehicle in which he was riding went out of control, overturned, and burned. Pfc. Wilson spent his early years in Hillsborough and attended Hillsborough schools. The family moved to the Buckhorn community 5 years ago and Pfc. Wilson was employed by the Throwing Corp. of America of Virginia Mills in Swepsonville prior to entering the service in December 1965. In addition to his parents, Pfc. Wilson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Patricia Doby Wilson, 2 sisters, 4 brothers, paternal grandmother Mrs. Sara Wilson of Hillsborough and maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Overman Sr., also of Hillsborough. One brother, Airman 3rd Class Wayne Wilson, is stationed in Florida.

Source: Times-News January 7, 1967

