

LESLIE DEWAYNE CROUSE

CLASS 11-52

is honored on Panel 45W, Row 13 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: LESLIE DEWAYNE CROUSE
Wall Name: LESLIE D CROUSE
Date of Birth: 9/25/1931
Date of Casualty: 8/31/1968
Home of Record: FT DODGE
State: IA
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: LTC
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: KONTUM



LTC Crouse was the S-3 Operations Officer, 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery, 4th Infantry Division. He was killed in action at a Special Forces A-Team location north of Ben Het, while coordinating fire support. He was a Major at the time of his death and was posthumously promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

Leader, Teacher and Example

As a new officer in Alaska, I saw Les as the three things noted. He was a true professional as I learned much from him in three years. When I saw his name on the casualty report, I sat stunned in my bunker in The Nam.

Posted by: Gary M. Perryman
Relationship: We served together
April 9, 2007

Thanks

A sincere "Thank you" from all our family for the kind and thoughtful words of remembrance.

Dad was a truly dedicated soldier and family man. He was proud of the caption beneath his OCS Class 11 photo, which reads: "Born in Iowa, raised in the Army"

Posted by: DeWayne O. Crouse
Relationship: He is my father
April 5, 2007

Thank you for remembering

I only just heard about this today; can't tell you how much it means to me that our father is honored and remembered by those with whom he served. I have something to show my sons and grandsons. It has been almost 40 years, and he still lives as long as there are those who remember him with love.

Posted by: Marjorie Crouse
Relationship: He is my father
March 30, 2007

A fine man, good officer, and a good friend

I knew Les when we served together in Alaska. He was a damned fine officer, man, husband, and father. He left a lovely family. His kind are few and far between. Thank God that Les was among us, not long enough, but among us.

Posted by: John Williams
Relationship: We served together
September 21, 2001

A fine man.

I remember my officer fondly as one of the "old men" in the 6/29th unit as most of us were only 20, or so. He was somewhat of a fatherly figure to us, but not in an overbearing way. He looked out after me, seeming worried that my youthful vigor might get me killed. He was a good and kind man, and I took a rubbing from the wall several years ago, and placed it in the frame which houses those worthless medals. I recall the day he was killed, and how I sobbed. God bless Leslie Crouse and his family.

Gone, But Not Forgotten

This hero served as the S-3 Operations Officer of the 6th Battalion, 29th Field Artillery. At the time of his loss, he was on an artillery direct support coordination mission to a Special Forces A-Team camp, north of Ben Het, South Vietnam. A tragic loss of a truly fine man.

Posted by: Dan Fisher
Relationship: Regimental Webmaster
March 1, 2000

From thewall-usa.com

Tribute to the finest leader

When Maj. Crouse, was XO, of 1/37, FA., in Alaska, I was the greenest Lt., he ever straightened out. On a field maneuver, he ordered me, into the woods, locked my heels and told in private, me how badly, I had, just screwed up. Ten minutes later, I encountered him, again and he acted, like we had just left, the O Club, together, after good food and good company. He was, a bootstrap officer, started as a private and later went to OCS. Nine months, after he was KIA, I was on the ground, in the same area and learned the details. He was, no rear echelon commander. He was on the ground, with the troops, when hit, by a mortar.

Jerald Stroebele
Served under LTC Crouse
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Dec 30, 2007

No One Like Less

Les Crouse was one of a kind who taught me a great deal as a young battery commander in the 1st of the 37th Field Artillery. The first learned of his loss the day the Stars and Stripes was delivered to my unit in Phu Loi and his name was the first of the list of casualties for the day. This was a blow to me as there was no soldier like him. He always was pro-active and got the job done, no matter how unpleasant or difficult. Not always the easiest to get along with, but very fair and honorable in his dealings. I salute you always, Les

Gary Perryman
Fellow Soldier
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