

**CHARLES HAROLD EDWARDS JR****CLASS 9-66**

is honored on Panel 4W, Row 91 of  
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

**Full Name:** CHARLES HAROLD  
EDWARDS JR  
**Wall Name:** CHARLES H EDWARDS JR  
**Date of Birth:** 7/18/1943  
**Date of Casualty:** 3/29/1971  
**Date of Death:** 3/29/1971  
**Home of Record:** MINNEAPOLIS  
**State:** MN  
**Branch of Service:** ARMY  
**Rank:** CAPT  
**Casualty Country:** SOUTH VIETNAM  
**Casualty Province:** VINH BINH



CPT Edwards was on his second tour of duty in Vietnam when he was killed in action. He was serving with the 175th Assault Helicopter Company, 1st Aviation Brigade as the pilot of an AH-1G Cobra that was shot down during a night-time gun run. Prior to his time with the 175th AHC, he had been assigned to the 114th Aviation Company.

**Be at peace brother**

We served together in 5th Corps in Aschaffenburg Germany between our first and second tours in Vietnam. Neither of us wanted to go back to Vietnam, but we both responded to the call of our Country when it came. You are a fine human being, a great friend, soldier, and husband to your wife Gabby. You were always the professional in everything you did in life ... whatever you did, you did very well. Everyone who knew you respected you for who you are. We all knew that you did not want to go back to Vietnam in Cobra gunships, but you went because you were called to do so. I have shed many tears for you Chuck, and for Gabby, who lost her husband and best friend. I visited you at the Wall and have prayed for you and your family numerous times, and will continue to do so. I don't understand why such a fine man as you was taken so early... only God knows the answer to that question. After 35 years, I still have an aching heart and the tears flow freely, as I write these words to you. Be at peace brother, and know that you are missed and dearly loved. Eternally your friend and countryman, John.

Posted by: John H. Webb

Relationship: We served together in 1969-70

June 7, 2006

**From www.flyarmy.org**

**EDWARDS CHARLES HAROLD JR**

Name: CPT Charles Harold Edwards, Jr.

Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 03/29/1971 while performing the duty of Pilot.

Age at death: 27.7

Date of Birth: 07/18/1943

Home City: Minneapolis, MN

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

Unit: 175 AHC, 214 CAB

Prior Unit: 114 AHC

Major organization: 1st Aviation Brigade

Flight class: 67-12/67-10

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

The Wall location: 04W-091

Short Summary: Failed to pull out of a night gun run with WO1 Barry A. Rhash.

Aircraft: AH-1G tail number 67-15820

Country: South Vietnam

MOS: 1981 = 19 Rotary Wing Aviator (Unit Commander)

Primary cause: Hostile Fire

Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea

Compliment cause: vehicular accident

Vehicle involved: helicopter

Position in vehicle: aircraft commander

Vehicle ownership: government

Started Tour: 01/01/1971

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - other aircrew

The initial status of this person was: no previous report

Length of service: \*

Location: Vinh Binh Province IV Corps.

Military grid coordinates of event: XR173861

Reason: aircraft lost or crashed

Casualty type: Hostile - killed

married male U.S. citizen

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Methodist (Evangelical United Brethren)

The following information secondary, but may help in explaining this incident.

Category of casualty as defined by the Army: battle dead Category of personnel: active duty Army Military class: officer

This record was last updated on 08/23/2002

## **Helicopter AH-1G 67-15820**

Information on U.S. Army helicopter AH-1G tail number 67-15820

The Army purchased this helicopter 1168

Total flight hours at this point: 00001545

Date: 03/29/1971

Incident number: 71032999.KIA

Unit: 175 AHC

This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was LOSS TO INVENTORY for Close Air Support

While On Target this helicopter was Attacking at UNK feet and UNK knots.

South Vietnam

UTM grid coordinates: XR170871

Small Arms/Automatic Weapons; Gun launched non-explosive ballistic projectiles less than 20 mm in size.

Systems damaged were: MULTIPLE

Casualties = 02 DOI . .

The helicopter Crashed. Aircraft Destroyed.

Both mission and flight capability were terminated.

Burned

Original source(s) and document(s) from which the incident was created or updated:

Defense Intelligence Agency Helicopter Loss database. Survivability/Vulnerability

Information Analysis Center Helicopter database. Also: OPERA, CRAFX, CASRP

(Operations Report. Crash Facts Message. Casualty Report. )

Loss to Inventory

Crew Members:

P CPT EDWARDS CHARLES HAROLD JR KIA

P WO1 RHASH BARRY ARTHUR KIA

This record was last updated on 05/25/1998

***From thewall-usa.com***

I knew you, briefly, in Babenhausen, where I took command of Charlie Battery. You were a hard act to follow and I think of you often.

John Cassel

Friend, fellow, ARTY., Cpt.

Jun 19, 2009