

GREGORY GERALD FUCHS

Class 13-67

GREGORY GERALD FUCHS
is honored on Panel 23W, Row 63 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: GREGORY GERALD FUCHS
Wall Name: GREGORY G FUCHS
Date of Birth: 10/16/1946
Date of Casualty: 6/4/1969
Home of Record: BRECKSVILLE
County of Record: CUYAHOGA COUNTY
State: OH
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: CAPT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: QUANG TIN



CPT Fuchs served with Company A, 101st Aviation Battalion, 101st Airborne Division. He was the pilot of a UH-1D helicopter that was brought down by an unidentified explosive round causing the aircraft to crash, killing all five men on board.

A salute to Greg

Greg,
We served together in Helicopter Flight School before our respective tours in Vietnam. I enjoyed flying with you Greg, but unfortunately, I didn't tell you that at the time. Though we were all young, you were a strong young man in every sense of the word, never shying away from the job that had to be done. You served your fellow man and your Country well, when it counted the most. I salute you Greg, and I miss your smiling good natured disposition. You are a fine human being, a great friend and pilot. I visited you at the Wall and have prayed for you and your family. After 35 years, I still have an aching heart as I write these words to you. Be at peace, and know that you are missed and loved. Your friend, and fellow pilot, John

Posted by: John H. Webb
Relationship: We served together in 1967-68
June 7, 2006

Gregory is buried at Maple Shade Cemetery in Independence, Ohio

From the wall-usa.com

I remember once at Ft. Wolters, Texas that Greg was asked how to pronounce his last name. His response was, "Carefully."

Martin Dahl
Friend - Flight Class 68-4
June 14, 2002

From www.flyarmy.org

FUCHS GREGORY GERALD

Name: CPT Gregory Gerald Fuchs
Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 06/04/1969 while performing the duty of Pilot.
Age at death: 22.6
Date of Birth: 10/16/1946
Home City: Brecksville, OH
Service: AD branch of the reserve component of the U.S. Army.
Unit: A/101 AVN 101 ABN
Major organization: 101st Airborne Division
Flight class: 68-4
Service: AD branch of the U.S. Army.
The Wall location: 23W-063
Short Summary: Fuchs was in C/158 when it formed at Ft. Riley. He was infused into A/101 "Comancheros" at Chu Lai. See Sholar.
Aircraft: UH-1D tail number 66-00819
Call sign: Comancheros
Service number: O5426591
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: fire or burns
Vehicle involved: helicopter
Position in vehicle: aircraft commander
Started Tour: 01/02/1969
"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - other aircrew
Length of service: 03
Location: Quang Tin Province I Corps.
Reason: aircraft lost or crashed
Casualty type: Hostile - killed
single male U.S. citizen
Race: Caucasian
Religion: Friends (Quaker)

Helicopter UH-1D 66-00819

Information on U.S. Army helicopter UH-1D tail number 66-00819

The Army purchased this helicopter 1066

Total flight hours at this point: 00001368

Date: 06/04/1969

Incident number: 69060444.KIA

Unit: A/101 AVN

South Vietnam

UTM grid coordinates: BT266225

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

Defense Intelligence Agency Helicopter Loss database. Also: OPERA, Op LAMAR PLAIN (Operations Report.)

Summary: Hit by an unidentified type explosive round, crashed, killing all five passengers aboard.

Loss to Inventory

Passengers and/or other participants:

SP4 JENNINGS ROBERT LEE, AR, PX, KIA

War Story:

The Op LAMAR PLAIN report states: At 1455H, a UH-1H from A/101 AHB vicinity BT265125 was hit by an unidentified type explosive round from an undisclosed location and crashed, killing all five people on board. The mysterious incident was immediately investigated but the findings were inconclusive.

Additional information about this casualty:

On 5/23/69, I was aircraft commander training Greg to be an aircraft commander. I was shot going into medevac wounded from 501 Inf Bn west of Tam Ky. Greg saved my life and all other crew members when I was shot off of the controls. Because I was evaced, Greg was immediately made aircraft commander. Two weeks later Greg was flying the mission that took his life and that of everyone on board. It was one of the few crashes that was investigated by the safety board out of Ft. Rucker. The board determined that the helicopter was blown up in flight when a fragmentation grenade that the door gunner was handling blew up. They did this by having the ordnance people at Aberdeen inspect the gunners chicken plate. Jim Furman, Austin, TX. July 1998