is honored on Panel 12W, Row 84 of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: WILLIE JAMES RIDGEWAY
Wall Name: WILLIE J RIDGEWAY
Date of Birth: 2/9/1940
Date of Casualty: 4/2/1970
Home of Record: MOBILE
State: AL
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: CAPT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: KONTUM

CPT Ridgeway was a fixed-wing aviator and lost his life in the crash of a 0-1 Bird Dog. He was serving with the 219th Aviation Company (Recon) "Headhunters". He had served his country for 14 years at the time of his death.

A photo remembrance by Scott Boyd, MACV, Advisory Team 41 from March 1970 at MACV compound, Kontum, RVN.
Great father, great officer and great pilot

I went to fixed wing flight school with Willie. As a ILT with only 18-months in the Army, I was in awe of him because he was mature, professional and everything I wanted to be as an US Army Officer. He loved his family, his country and the US Army. He was truly a hero.

Dan Oates
Flight School Classmate
3155 Brookfield Drive Newburgh IN 47630
Aug 6, 2007

NOT FORGOTTEN

I flew in the same unit as Willie, the U.S. Army's 219th Aviation Company (Recon), which was headquartered in Vietnam's Central Highlands city of Pleiku. I never knew Willie personally because I arrived in the unit after his death. However, I do know this, none of his fellow "Headhunters" (our unit call sign) either before him or after have forgotten his sacrifice. Willie lives on in our memories. Thank you Willie!

Robert Brewster
Pilot in Same Unit
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July 26, 2005

great soldier

Great soldier who never asked his soldiers to do anything he would not do first. We loved Willie.

Posted by: Charlie Mingus
Relationship: flight school classmate
October 4, 1999

Willie is buried at Mobile Memorial Gardens Cemetery
Tillman’s Corner, Mobile County, Alabama.