

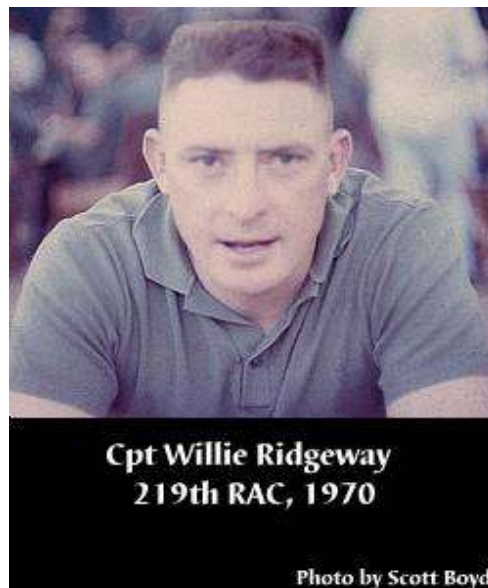
**WILLIE JAMES RIDGEWAY****CLASS 4-66**

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.

**CPT Ridgeway, 219th RAC, 1970**

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  
918 Reed Canal Road  
South Daytona, FL 32119  
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.**