

KENNETH ROGER RUSHING

Class 5-69

is honored on Panel 5W, Row 32 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: KENNETH ROGER RUSHING
Wall Name: KENNETH R RUSHING
Date of Birth: 8/19/1946
Date of Casualty: 1/7/1971
Home of Record: BAXLEY
County of Record: APPLING COUNTY
State: GA
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 1LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: LONG KHANH



1LT Rushing served with the 118th Aviation Company. He was killed when the UH-1H helicopter he was flying was hit by a rocket propelled grenade (RPG) near Xaun Loc.

From a fellow 2LT from Fort Sill

Ken - thank you so much for your sacrifice.
I did not know you but respect and appreciate the effort it took from you and all the rest of us to complete OCS and become 2LT's.
May you rest in Peace.
You are a real hero

Posted by: Al Davis, OCS Class 3-68A
Relationship: We served together
January 20, 2006

We served together

I served with Ken in the 118th Assault Helicopter Company (Combat) in Bien Hoa during 1970-1971. We were great friends. He often spoke of his family. I remember well the moment I heard of his death. He was on a temporary assignment to Xuan Loc as a Liaison Officer. He wasn't thrilled about the assignment, as he wanted to stay at Bien Hoa and fly with our unit; however, orders were orders. Ken was flying with another unit when he was KIA. I have often wondered what happened to his family.

Posted by: CW4 Wayne S. Guffy, Jr. U.S. Army (Ret)
Relationship: We were close friends
October 3, 2011

From www.flyarmy.org

RUSHING KENNETH ROGER

Name: 1LT Kenneth Roger Rushing

Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 01/07/1971 while performing the duty of Pilot.

Age at death: 24.4

Date of Birth: 08/19/1946

Home City: Baxley, GA

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

Unit: 118 AHC, 145 CAB

Major organization: 1st Aviation Brigade

Flight class: 69-42/69-40

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

The Wall location: 05W-032

Short Summary: Hit by RPG near Xuan Loc while getting flight time w/Roy Gibson 25 INF 2 BDE. He was liaison officer to Xuan Loc from Bien Hoa.

Aircraft: UH-1H tail number 69-15557

Country: South Vietnam

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

Primary cause: RPG

Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea

Compliment cause: vehicular accident

Vehicle involved: helicopter

Position in vehicle: co-pilot

Vehicle ownership: government

Started Tour: 07/29/1970

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - other aircrew

The initial status of this person was: no previous report

Length of service: *

Location: Long Khanh Province III Corps.

Reason: aircraft lost or crashed

Casualty type: Hostile - killed

married male U.S. citizen

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Baptist - other groups

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 07/17/1993

Helicopter UH-1H 69-15557

Information on U.S. Army helicopter UH-1H tail number 69-15557

The Army purchased this helicopter 0770

Total flight hours at this point: 00000198

Date: 01/07/1971

Incident number: 71010726.KIA

Unit: 2 BDE 25 INF

South Vietnam

UTM grid coordinates: YS478910

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

Defense Intelligence Agency Helicopter Loss database. Also: OPERA (Operations Report.)

Loss to Inventory

Crew Members:

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This record was last updated on 05/25/1998