

RICHARD MARTIN SCHNAKE

Class 33B-67

is honored on Panel 24W, Row 99 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: RICHARD MARTIN SCHNAKE
Wall Name: RICHARD M SCHNAKE
Date of Birth: 4/15/1947
Date of Casualty: 5/24/1969
Home of Record: SOUTH HAVEN
County of Record: VAN BUREN COUNTY
State: MI
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 1LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: BINH LONG



1LT Schnake was serving as the Executive Officer of Battery B, 1st Battalion, 5th Artillery, 1st Infantry Division when he was killed in action. He had less than two weeks left of his tour of duty at the time of his death.

Artillery OCS classmates

Rich was a good soldier, classmate and friend. Will always remember you.

Posted by: Mike Timmons
April 30, 2008

I served with him

Lt. Schnake was my XO for Battery B of the 1st of the 5th Artillery, 1st Division. He was a great guy. I remember that even though he was an officer, he liked to hang out in the gun pits and talk with the enlisted men. He would also pitch in and help with the manual labor when ammo needed to be loaded and sandbags needed to be filled. I also remember that he was very close to returning to the states when he lost his life. My thoughts are with his family. He truly was a wonderful individual.

Posted by: Donald Long
Relationship: We served together
October 25, 2001



This is a photo of LT Schnake taken while he was with the battery, B 1/5th Arty, 1st Inf Div. He is standing outside the FDC tent looking in. Since Arty officers typically went out as FOs for 6 months, he was with us less than 6 months when he was killed. God bless you, sir.

John Hurley
Served with him in Viet Nam
Cheyenne, WY 82009 US
February 05, 2005

Richard is buried at Lakeview Cemetery, South Haven, Michigan