

is honored on Panel 38E, Row 62 of  
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

**Full Name:** DOUGLAS BUREM WADE  
**Wall Name:** DOUGLAS B WADE  
**Date of Birth:** 2/1/1948  
**Date of Casualty:** 2/9/1968  
**Home of Record:** KINGSPORT  
**County of Record:** SULLIVAN COUNTY  
**State:** TN  
**Branch of Service:** ARMY  
**Rank:** 2LT  
**Casualty Country:** SOUTH VIETNAM  
**Casualty Province:** QUANG TRI



2LT Wade was serving as a Forward Observer with 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry, 101st Airborne Division when he was killed in action during an early morning NVA sapper attack.

### **I miss you, my friend**

I met Doug in OCS in 1967. Just one story tells volumes about this kind and decent soul. As we were getting ready to graduate, many of us were buying new cars befitting our new status as "Officers and Gentlemen" in the US Army. All of us but one found a car to match what we believed was our new image. Mine was a brand new Olds 442, another's a new GTO, another a new Triumph sports car. Almost all of them ordered with "4 on the floor" for added speed and fun. Doug chose a 4 door Oldsmobile Cutlass with an automatic transmission. When I kidded him about his "grandma car", he rather shyly explained that if anything happens to him, he wanted to be sure his mother would have a car she would be comfortable with. This level of caring from a 19 year old. Needless to say, my cracks about his car stopped.

One of the few things I looked forward to when I got orders to Viet Nam was seeing Doug again. I even got orders to the same unit he was in when he left. It wasn't until I got to the unit that I found out he had been killed. Even now, I think of him from time to time and my heart swells with gratitude to have counted him as a friend at one time in my life. I miss you, Doug. Thomas B. Payne, Maj., US Army (former)

Posted by: Thom Payne  
Relationship: friend and comrade in arms  
April 21, 2000

## Buddies Forever



I was so heart broken when I got the news from your Mom. Rest in Peace my Buddy I will see you again one day my friend. A 10 3 Sand Hill

Posted by: Glenn Stingel

Relationship: We served together

### *From the wall-usa.com*

#### **In memory of the most heroic person I ever knew**

I only knew Lt. Wade for The last two months or so of his life, and he was only a year older than me, but his nobility of character made such an impression on me that he became and still is perhaps my foremost role model.

Wyman Edwards

his radio operator

1402 Converse Ave. Fayetteville NC 28303

Apr 7, 2011

**Douglas is buried at McKinney Cemetery in Rogersville, Tennessee**