

MICHAEL LEE WOODSIDE**Class 4-67**

is honored on Panel 30W, Row 59 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: MICHAEL LEE WOODSIDE
Wall Name: MICHAEL L WOODSIDE
Date of Birth: 11/9/1946
Date of Casualty: 3/6/1969
Home of Record: LONG BEACH
County of Record: LOS ANGELES COUNTY
State: CA
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: CAPT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: THUA THIEN



CPT Woodside was serving with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 320th Artillery when he was killed in action. He was an observer on an OH-6A Cayuse helicopter from Battery A, 377th Artillery that was shot down in bad weather while searching for another helicopter that had been downed earlier in the day. The pilot of the aircraft they were searching for was CPT John Terence McDonnell, a graduate of FAOCS Class 6-63.

During his time in Vietnam, CPT Woodside was awarded the Silver Star and the Army's highest award for personal courage in a non-combat situation: he was awarded the Soldier's Medal for entering a burning village and rescuing three Vietnamese children.

To a great friend and soldier

I served with Michael and was so saddened on the day of his passing. I recall having a cup of coffee with him on the morning of his death. Also, I have just read a Remembrance from Gary Parrish, another friend that I think about often. Gary and I went on R&R together in Hawaii.

Posted by: Robert L Bento
Relationship: We served together
September 26, 2003

Thanks Michael

Michael Woodside gave his life looking for my father and his copilot. The copilot, Ron Greenfield, was found and extracted the next day. My father, John McDonnell, is still MIA. Thanks Michael.

Posted by: John McDonnell
June 20, 1999

I WILL NEVER FORGET

My name is Gary Parrish. I went to OCS with Michael and served in Germany and Vietnam with him. He was a great soldier and a person who was well liked by all. He died while flying in a LOH helicopter during a mission one evening in I corp. He was the battalion air observer. I was on a nearby firebase when we got the word that his helicopter went down and we immediately knew the results of this tragic event. Mike was a person that got along with everybody and would have been a general some day, he was that good of a soldier. I think of him and his family (wife and four kids) often, I will never forget Michael Woodside.

Posted by: Garland (Gary) W. Parrish
Relationship: fellow soldier/friend
January 7, 1999

A Note from The Virtual Wall

Two men died when their OH-6A (tail number 67-16025) was shot down while conducting a low level search in bad weather for a downed AH-1G:

1LT Billy Gene Creech, pilot, A Btry, 377th Arty Rgt
CPT Michael Lee Woodside, observer, HHB, 2nd Bn, 320th Arty Rgt

The AH-1G (tail number 67-15845, A/4/77th Arty) had been shot down earlier in the day while conducting an attack. The two crewmen, CPT John T. McDonnell and 1LT Ronald Greenfield, had not been located at the time Creech and Woodside went down. Although Greenfield was picked up on 07 March, Captain McDonnell was not recovered.