

MARK HILLARY ZELDES**Class 12-64**

is honored on Panel 5E, Row 44 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: MARK HILLARY ZELDES
Wall Name: MARK H ZELDES
Date of Birth: 10/13/1944
Date of Casualty: 2/17/1966
Home of Record: NEW YORK
County of Record: NEW YORK CITY
State: NY
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 2LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: PR & MR UNKNOWN



2LT Zeldes was assigned to Battery B, 1st Battalion, 77th Artillery. He was serving as a Forward Observer with Company B, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division when he was killed in action.

A Generous Friend

Mark graduated with Class 1-65 and resided in my "house" as an upper-classman. An accomplished Gunner, Mark helped many fellow Candidates who were not as gifted as he in the Gunnery department get their gold bars. I will always fondly remember Mark's parody of the infamous "Call the Classes". (Eeeeeeeeeeechoooooo Baaaaaaateeeeeeryyyy ... evening meal formation in one zerooooo meeeenutes!) A joyful man who was a delight to spend time with. I first found out about his death when I was Sr Legal Counsel to the NYS Division of Veteran's Affairs and, in 1999; we were called upon to officiate at the posting of his name on the NYS Vietnam Honor Roll located at Corning Plaza in Albany, NY. It was a sad and ironic thing to attend the ceremony honoring a friend and classmate from so many years ago. It was a fresh wound to realize that he had passed away more than 30 years earlier. It was easier, somehow, to realize the death of good friends during the war ... but ... 30 years later? God rest you well, Mark. You are missed.

Posted by: Al Dunnem, Class 1-65
Relationship: We were friends and classmates
October 26, 2008

Fond Memories

I knew Mark since the start of OCS. We were close friends, and I remember his devotion and perseverance. I think of him often. God Bless.

Posted by: Joe Dworniczak, FA OCS 7-64

Relationship: We served together

February 19, 2007

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MY BROTHER MY FRIEND

Mark you will never be forgotten. I was one of the RTO's on the day you were lost. That day is one of many that I and others will keep with us till the end of time - it was one of the bad days and there were many of them for us. Then there were a few good days there because of your being there, so sorry we lost you on Feb.17 1965 11:00AM.

However you are with God now at peace. God bless you.

Your Friend Roger Bolin, 1st Cav trooper.

Roger Bolin

Eastbend, NC 27018

November 3, 2006

**Thank You to Dave Ellis USMA Class of 1967
for the photo of Mark from the
United States Military Academy Preparatory School (USMAPS)
1963 Yearbook.**