



**Gerald Martin (1947 – 1968)**

Gerald Martin was born in Chula Vista CA on September 12, 1947. He lived at 108 Halsey with his father, Mr. Clyde W. Martin. Also surviving are his two sisters, Phyllis and Cynthia who lived at home, and his mother who resided in San Francisco. Gerald Martin played football and track at (from 1961 – 1965) Hilltop High School and attended Southwestern College where he studied data processing and was a member of the track Team. .

He enlisted in the U.S. Army and was sent to Vietnam on February 15, 1968. He died from multiple wounds caused by small arms fire on October 28, 1968, at Tay Ninh, South Vietnam while in a hostile firefight with enemy forces. He attained the rank of PFC (E3), was 21 years old and not married. He was assigned to Company A, First Division, 26<sup>th</sup> Battalion. He had been in the army for less than a year. A street in the Sunbow community of Chula Vista is named in his honor.

PFC Martin is buried in the Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego, CA. His grave is located at Plot: P 1576. He was buried on November 12, 1968. His name also appears on the San Diego Peace Memorial in Balboa Park His name was also added to the Stardust Spacecraft in a NASA microchip as an outreach program. Further information can be found at: <http://stardust.jpl.nasa.gov/overview/microchip/faq.html>. His name appears on the WALL in Washington D.C and is located at Panel 40 West, Row 49.

