

Charles Lee Myers (1947 – 1967)

Charles Myers was born on May 19, 1947 in Chula Vista, CA. He is the son of Mrs. John C. McDaniel of 30 East Prospect St, Chula Vista and a 1965 graduate of Castle Park High School. He is also survived by his twin brother, Richard, an Army Specialist 4th class stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC and two half brothers, David and John McDaniel Jr. He was a 1965 graduate of Castle Park High School and a member of the DeMolay in Chula Vista.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army and attained the rank of SGT (E5). He was assigned to the B Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division (airmobile), as a paratrooper. He died on Feb 13, 1967 at Binh Dinh, South Vietnam as a result of friendly fire. The Pentagon announced that an American artillery shell landed among the men of his unit, while the brigade was attacking elements of the Viet Cong northwest of Saigon. He was 19 years old and not married. He had been in the Army for a year. His body was recovered.

He was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart and a Medal of Commendation from the Republic of Vietnam. His name appears on the WALL in Washington D.C and is located at Panel 15 East, Row 25. 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>.

He was buried at Glen Abbey Memorial Park, and received full military honors at his funeral. As one young friend said at the funeral, he was “the kind of boy we’d like our son to be when he grows up”.

