

## Anastacio DeJesus Quilalang Jr (1947 – 1968)

Anastacio Quilalang was born November 20, 1947 in Chula Vista, CA. He was born in the republic of the Philippines and had lived in the United States since 1961. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anastacio Quilalang of 1206 Judson Way, Chula Vista. He had graduated from San Diego High School, and had moved to Chula Vista in January 1965. Anastacio Quilalang attended Southwestern College.

He joined the U.S. Marine Corps shortly after high school in 1967. He was a Private First Class (PFC/E2). He was assigned to Third Battalion, Ninth Marine regiment, Third Marine Division. He was an "ammunition man" with the 81<sup>st</sup> Millimeter Mortar Platoon, and was struck by lightning while the battalion was conducting a search on a clear operation in South Vietnam.

He had just left for duty in Vietnam on May 16, 1968. Anastacio had served less than a year in the Marine Corps and had two years of service in the Marines when he died on May 31, 1968 in Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam from non-hostile causes.

He was a Roman Catholic and was listed as single. His home of record was listed as Chula Vista, CA. He had also worked at the Family House Restaurant and Aunt Emma's Pancake House, both in Chula Vista. Requiem Mass was held for PFC Quilalang at St. Rita's Catholic Church. He is buried at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery, and the location of his grave is Plot: P 1930. He was buried on June 20, 1968. A street in the Sunbow community of Chula Vista has been named in his honor.

His name is listed on the WALL in Washington DC at location 62 West, Row 16. In addition, 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

