



**Glen Thomas Hobbs (1946 – 1968)**

By Ragini Sarma

We live amongst many brave men. These men risk their lives everyday to fight for and honor our country. One such man is Sgt. Glen Thomas Hobbs, who died fighting in the Vietnam War. He is survived by his wife, Crystal, who lived at 1004 Barrett, Avenue, Chula Vista.

Glen Thomas Hobbs was born on March 20, 1946, in Logan, West Virginia, to Garland and Margie Hobbs. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps at the age of 17, and was transferred to California in 1966. In Chula Vista he met his wife, Crystal Harvey. They got married on November 4, 1967, and lived in the downtown Chula Vista area. He enjoyed watching sports on TV, and liked to go to the gun range and practice shooting. He had a really good sense of humor and was liked by everyone. He loved the Marine Corps and thought what he was doing was the right thing. Most people during that time didn't like fighting in the war, but he knew he was doing the right thing.

He and his wife lived together for only a month until December, when he was called for a third tour of duty. That was the last time he ever saw his wife and family.

Glen Hobbs fought in the Vietnam War for three tours of duty. He was the Platoon Sgt. for the first Platoon. His Platoon was fighting in the Quang Tn Province in South Vietnam. During an enemy artillery attack, he was giving orders to his soldiers. He pushed two soldiers into the trench hole and kept issuing orders, when the enemy artillery exploded near him damaging his brain. He died instantly, on the spot.

Glen Hobbs died on March 6, 1968, around 12 PM. This great man has been recognized for his brave patriotism by the various medals awarded to him. He received the Purple Heart and the Gold Star, which is marked on his Gravestone. He also received the National Defense Medal and two other medals for his service in the Republic of Vietnam.

Glen Hobbs was a patriot, a man of honor, bravery, and courage, who we should all look up to. The courage and bravery he displayed at the Vietnam War is something that everyone should be proud of His commanding officer and his wife said that everyone liked him because he was such a nice guy. I know that I can really use someone like him as a role model, who can show me the meaning of being a true citizen.

My thanks and appreciation goes out to Mrs. Flora Harvey, and Mrs. Crystal Davis for the information they have given me. My deepest sympathy goes out to them. A street in Chula Vista has been named in his honor.

He is buried at the Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego, CA and his grave is located at Plot: Q 2359. He was buried on March 22, 1968. His name is located on the Vietnam Wall in Washington DC at panel 43 East, Row 22. He is also listed as a veteran from Portsmouth, Ohio on the Internet. 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>

