



Richard Earl Sipes (1946 – 1966)

Richard Sipes was born in Chula Vista CA on October 16, 1946. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman C. Sipes of 1115 Cuyamaca St., Chula Vista. He was a 1965 graduate of Castle Park High School and an Eagle Scout.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army two weeks after graduation from high school, and died from hostile small arms fire on 29 Dec 1966 in South Vietnam. He attained the rank of PFC (E2)), and was just 20 years old and not married. His body was recovered.

He served in the 1st Cavalry Division as a Medic for less than a year. It should also be noted that 179 medics from the First Cavalry Division gave their lives in South Vietnam.

He is also survived by his brother, Lance Corporal Carl Sipes, USMC and a sister, Phyllis. He was a member of St Pius X Catholic Church in Chula Vista. He is buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in San Diego, CA. A street in Chula Vista was named in his honor.

His name appears on the WALL in Washington D.C and is located at Panel 13 East, Row 100. 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>

