

Richard D. Weeder (1942 – 1967)

Richard Weeder was born on December 26, 1942. He graduated from Chula Vista High School in 1961. He excelled in track and basketball while in High School. His Social Security Number is 524-52-2268 and it was issued in Colorado. He had attended school at Greeley, CO prior to moving to Chula Vista in 1960. His parents, Mr. Winford C. Weeder lived at 402 James Court, Chula Vista, CA. He is also survived by brothers Gary and Calvin and two sisters, Becky and Jan.

Richard Weeder was assigned to C Troop, Unit 1/11 of the 11th Army Cavalry regiment. He was an SP5 (E5) when he was killed due to Hostile small arms fire on October 17, 1967 in South Vietnam while on a “search and destroy” mission that was part of Operation Bainbridge south of Saigon. . He was on a foot patrol in a battle 40 miles from Saigon when he was killed in action. He had been with his unit less than a year. He was not married and had served in the army for four years. He was originally assigned to the Third Tank Battalion, Third Armored division, and his specialty was tanks. He had a fascination for everything mechanical and loved to work on cars before joining the Army.

His home of record is listed as Chula Vista, CA. He enlisted in the Army in 1962 and had worked at the Rohr Company after graduation from high school. He had also worked at La Bella Pizza restaurant, as had his two brothers. SP5 Weeder is buried at the Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego, CA and his grave is located at Plot: PS-5 145. He was buried on October 23, 1967.

His name is listed on the WALL in Washington DC at location 28 East, Row 28 as well as the Vietnam Veterans Peace Memorial in San Diego, CA. 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> Besides the Purple Heart, Richard Weeder was awarded the Bronze Star, the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm and the Vietnam Military Merit Medal.



