

LOYD VAN MCCARTHY JR**Class 23-66**

is honored on Panel 4W, Row 52 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: LOYD VAN MCCARTHY JR
Wall Name: LOYD V MCCARTHY JR
Date of Birth: 6/21/1943
Date of Casualty: 3/16/1971
Date of Death: 3/16/1971
Home of Record: BORGER
County of Record: HUTCHINSON COUNTY
State: TX
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: CAPT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: QUANG TRI



CPT McCarthy was serving with Battery B, 4th Battalion, 77th Artillery (Aerial Rocket Artillery), 101st Airborne Division at the time of his death. He was the pilot of an AH-1G Cobra helicopter, returning from a mission in northern I Corps that went down in marginal weather. The other pilot on board the aircraft was CPT Charles David Allen, a graduate of Field Artillery OCS Class 22A-67.

From www.flyarmy.org

Name: CPT Loyd Van McCarthy, Jr.

Status: Killed in Action from an incident on 03/16/1971 while performing the duty of Pilot.

Age at death: 27.7

Date of Birth: 06/21/1943

Home City: Borger, TX

Service: FA branch of the reserve component of the U.S. Army.

Unit: B/4/77 ARA 101 ABN

Major Organization: 101st Airborne Division

Flight class: 69-18

Service: FA branch of the U.S. Army.

The Wall location: 04W-052

Short Summary: Tried to beat weather. Crashed 4 - 5 k south of Quang Tri with CPT Charles D. Allen, Jr.

Aircraft: AH-1G tail number 66-15310

Service number: O5424027

Country: South Vietnam

MOS: 1982 = 19 Airfield Commander
Primary cause: A/C Accident WX
Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea
Compliment cause: vehicular accident
Vehicle involved: helicopter
Position in vehicle: aircraft commander
Vehicle ownership: government
Started Tour: 04/19/1970
"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - other aircrew
The initial status of this person was: no previous report
Length of service: *
Location: Quang Tri Province I Corps.
Military grid coordinates of event: XD357472
Reason: aircraft lost or crashed
Casualty type: Non-hostile - died of other causes
married male U.S. citizen
Race: Caucasian
Religion: Roman Catholic
The following information secondary, but may help in explaining this incident.
Category of casualty as defined by the Army: non-battle dead Category of personnel:
active duty Army Military class: officer
This record was last updated on 08/20/1995

Helicopter AH-1G 66-15310

Information on U.S. Army helicopter AH-1G tail number 66-15310
The Army purchased this helicopter 1167
Total flight hours at this point: 00001698
Date: 03/16/1971
Incident number: 710316341ACD Accident case number: 710316341 Total loss or
fatality Accident
Unit: B/4/77 ARA 101 ABN
The station for this helicopter was Camp Eagle in
Number killed in accident = 2 . . Injured = 0 . . Passengers = 0
costing 673318
Source(s) from which the incident was created or updated: Army Aviation Safety Center
database.

Crew Members:

P CPT MCCARTHY LOYD VAN JR KIA

P CPT ALLEN CHARLES DAVID JR KIA

Accident Summary: AIRCRAFT DEPARTED QUANG TRI, RVN, AT APPROX 2130
HOURS IN ROUTE TO CAMP EAGLE, RVN. THE WEATHER WAS MARGINAL.
AIRCRAFT STRUCK GROUND, UNDER POWER, IN A SHALLOW DESCENDING
RIGHT TURN DESTROYING THE AIRCRAFT.