



SP5 John Steinbeck, IV, USA

Died in 1991 at age 44.

[The following is taken from what was available from the old Geocities site.]

Suppose—You and your father are greatly distanced from each other—emotionally and physically. The physical distance between you and him becomes so great that while he is safe in America, you, a young Army soldier, go into the field during the Vietnam War. This happens even though stop and see

The President of the United States



Before going. You are posted to a remote site in Vietnam where you operate a portable radio station near an infantry base camp. Then you get a message from the Army. "Your father is coming to see you in the field." And he comes—and is there beside you. That night, VC sappers probe your position. You both arm yourselves with automatic weapons. Flares are lofted. You throw grenades into the night. And you and your civilian father are side by side, back to back, while the enemy probes you on the group—though the full attack never comes. Did I mention—your father has a Nobel Prize? A true story from AFVN.



Nancy and John—Chateau Lake Louise, 1979

His wife, Nancy Steinbeck and John in 1979.

