



THOMAS FRANKLIN YOUNG SGT, USMC

Home of Record (Official):

Hot Springs, Arkansas

Date of Birth: June 18, 1946

Sex: Male

Race: Caucasian

Martial Status: Married

Military --

Branch: Marine Corps

Rank: SGT

Component: Regular

Pay grade: E5

MOS: (Military Occupational Specialty Code): 4312

Major Organization: MACV-OI American Forces Vietnam Network

Action --

Start of Tour: 1967

Date of Casualty February 3 (5), 1968

Age at time of loss: 21

Casualty type: (A1) Hostile, died

Reason: Gun, small arms fire (Ground casualty)

Country: South Vietnam

Province: Thua Thien

The Wall: Panel 37E – Row 016

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From the old Geocities Web Site

His friend SFC Harry Ettmueller writes, "I was right next to Tom when he was KIA in Hue and it was February 5th, 1968 not the 3rd as believed. Tom was killed by a burst of automatic weapons fire while trying to evade when the detachment was being overrun. We were in the streets of Hue fighting off a very large NVA force while heading towards MACV HQ and possible safety but alas we never made it. Three were killed that day to include one civilian a Courtney Niles, but the worst part was having Army SP5 Steve Stroub executed shortly after capture....Our detachment sustained 100% casualties, 3 KIA, 5 CIA, [Captured in Action] and 1 managed to evade. All of us sustained multiple wounds from either gunshot, grenade, and/or RPG's."

(Personal communication between Harry Ettmueller
and Bob Morecook, August, 2001.)

Sgt. Young's body was recovered by Marine Sergeant Dale Dye, Marine Corporal Rick Grimm and Marine Sergeant Steve Berenson.

**Message from Jean R. Miller—Sgt Young's widow and
mother of his only child, a daughter.
Dated July 28, 2014**

"I do not mind at all that you have contacted me....in fact I have wondered how I could add information about Thomas ("Tommy" to his friends & family) to your information site. I have kept photos, letters, medals & his obituary. I also keep flowers on his grave. He was extremely smart, handsome, brave & loving...I think he would have grown into an even more outstanding person if he had lived. Tommy's daughter is proud of her father and named her second son for his grandfather. Our daughter and I attended the April 2008 Public Affairs Hall of Fame Induction for the Detachment 5 members in Washington. I will revisit your web site to best understand what would be most appropriate to send you. Thank you for your efforts to tell about the lives of your friends. Jean Miller"

**Additional Information is available from the MACOI
Website.**

<http://www.maco.net/biographies.html>